



# FOCUS on

# TOP

**T**ranslational  
**O**ncology and  
**P**recision Medicine  
in Breast Cancer

3<sup>rd</sup> Edition

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Breast cancer management is rapidly evolving, driven by new therapies and emerging technologies that challenge scientific, sustainability, and governance paradigms.

The Focus on TOP symposium provides an innovative space to discuss and co-develop these advances at the intersection of research and care.

The 2026 edition emphasizes the need for interdisciplinary, cross-sector collaboration, bringing together clinicians, translational researchers, digital scientists, patient advocates, and other stakeholders in a dynamic precision oncology community.

Over two days of scientific exchange, the program promotes both practical engagement and interdisciplinary dialogue. Day 1 will focus on building a shared foundation for inclusive and impactful research discussing both regulatory and sustainability aspects, while Day 2 will feature expert presentations and critical analysis of current developments in clinical and translational oncology.

A highlight of Day 1 is the PORTRAIT/PMAC Workshop, a translational hackathon where participants develop practical solutions to real research challenges, building on ideas initiated during pre-congress online sessions on the Focus on TOP augmented platform. The Networking Lunch on Day 2 is a signature session of the symposium and further extends this momentum, offering informal yet structured, thematic discussions that connect disciplines through guided conversation.

This edition further expands its digital ecosystem, seamlessly blending on-site interaction with online tools, interactive content, and post-event resources. Voices on TOP, the event's original podcast series, complements the live sessions with exclusive interviews and in-depth perspectives, extending the conversation well beyond the in-person symposium.

PROGRAMME

			Session	Title		
DAY 1	10	00	Investigators meetings	PORTRAIT investigators meeting		
	10	45		GIM38/interSECT investigators meeting		
	11	45	Introduction			
	12	00	Advocates & Scientists for Research (GRASP)	Co-guided Discovery: Shaping Research Priorities and Methodology Together		
	12	20		Round table		
	13	00	Light lunch			
	14	00	Policy, Access, and Funding for Sustainable and Innovative Research	Drug and Diagnostic Regulation Unlocked: Navigating Pathways and Opportunities		
	14	20		Policy Making in Action: Shaping Research Through Stakeholder Engagement		
	14	40		Fueling Innovation: Funding and Collaborative Pathways in EU		
	15	00		Round table		
				Marzia Del Re		
				Fruzsina Molnár-Gábor		
	15	45	The PORTRAIT/PMAC Workshop	Translational Hackathon		
	17	30				
Round table						
18	15	Adjourn				
20	00	Connecting Minds Over Dinner				

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DAY 2	8	30	Introduction	
	8	40	Liquid Biopsy Unfolding: The rise of Personalized Monitoring and Novel Biomarkers (ISLB)	From Personalized Therapy to Personalized Monitoring in the metastatic setting
	9	00		From Biology to Care: Liquid Biopsy as tool to bridge Unmet Clinical Needs
	9	20		CTC-Based Biomarkers: Capturing Tumor Heterogeneity
	9	40		Discussion
	10	00	Coffe break	
	10	20	Focus on Lobular Breast Cancer (LBCA)	Personalizing Early Invasive Lobular Carcinoma Care: Advanced Imaging and Genomic Targets to Refine Therapy
	10	40		Advanced Invasive Lobular Carcinoma: Emerging Targets, Novel Trials, and a Roadmap for Biomarker-Driven Care
	11	00		Discussion
	11	20	Emerging Dimensions in Cancer: Metabolism, Microbiome, and Volatilome	Mapping Tumor Metabolism for Personalized Therapy
	11	40		Beyond Blood: Volatilomics in Precision Oncology
	12	00		The Microbiome Switch: A Hidden Layer of Tumor Control
	12	20		Discussion
	12	40	Lunch & Link	Liquid biopsy and precision medicine
				Organoids and non canonical CTCs applications
				Immunotargets and Microbiota
				Tailored approaches for specific subtypes
				Metabolism and pharmaco-personalization
				Non canonical CTCs biomarker
				Germiline alterations and precision medicine
	14	00	Coffe break	
	14	15	Learning from Complexity: Big Data and AI for Translational Oncology	New opportunities and insights in multidimensional data integration for translational research
	14	35		From Scale to Clinical Meaning: AI as a Catalyst for Translational Cancer Research
	14	55		Discussion
	15	15	From Slide to Strategy: Tissue Biomarkers in Precision Oncology	Digital Pathology: From Pixels to Clinical Insight
	14	35		Transcriptomics: Uncovering the Missing Layer
	15	55		Discussion
	16	15	Closing remarks	

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## CONGRESS VENUE

### Hotel Là di Moret

Viale Tricesimo 276, Udine - Italy

## OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

English. Simultaneous translation will not be provided

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## REGISTRATION

Registration should be made on the [ecm.meetingsrl.eu](http://ecm.meetingsrl.eu) website  
"Catalogue of courses" page - Congress card

## ECM CREDITS

The event has been accredited for 70 participants (at national level) for the following Professions: Biologist, Chemist, Medical Surgeon.  
Disciplines: Medical Genetics, Oncology, Nuclear Medicine, Clinical Biochemistry, Medical Genetics Laboratory, Radiodiagnostics, Radiation Oncology, Pathological Anatomy, Analytical Chemistry, Chemist