

IX SIENA THINK TANK

A VISION OF I-O CALL FOR ACTIONS

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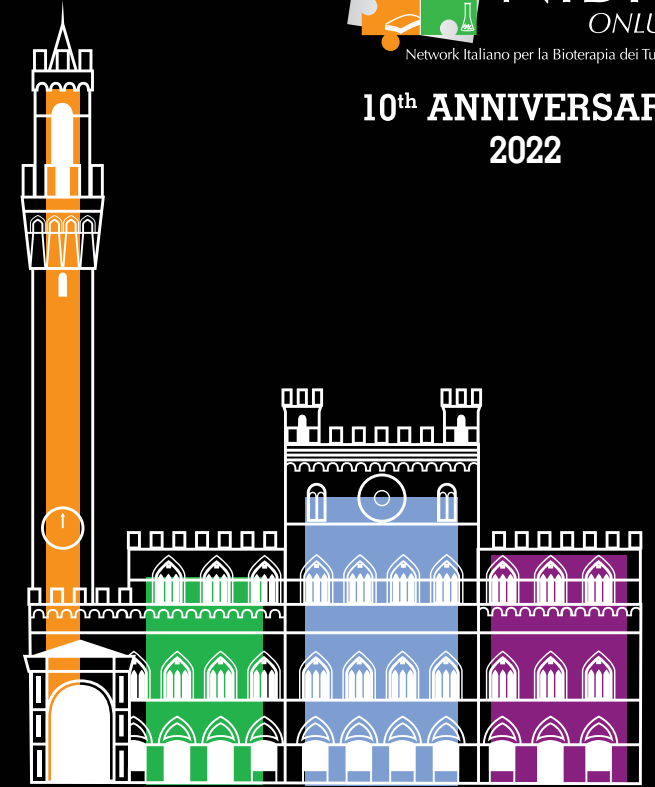
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The **IX Think Tank of the Italian Network for Tumor Bio-Immunotherapy (NIBIT) Foundation** is focused on sharing with the enlarged scientific community the research findings and initiatives of the **NIBIT Foundation** research team in the context of the rapidly evolving field of cancer immunotherapy worldwide. A great opportunity of professional exchange and scientific update for all participants.

As for the past editions, the Meeting is organized in collaboration with **The Parker Institute for Cancer Immunotherapy (PICI)** in San Francisco and the **World Immunotherapy Council (WIC)**. During the event worldwide acknowledged scientists in the field of cancer immunotherapy will debate about pre-selected scientific, translational and clinical research topics, engaging the attendees in highly interactive discussions.

Aims of the meeting will be:

1. Sharing the vision on highly selected I-O topics
2. Implementing new collaborations (pre-clinical/clinical/educational) among participants and with the organizational (and financial) support of the scientific Co-Organizing entities
3. Presenting research projects/ideas by pre-selected (also through WIC) young investigators in the identified topics of the meeting to be discussed and eventually hosted in Institutions participating to the Think Tank
4. Generating a white paper manuscript

PROGRAM

Thursday **October
2nd
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17:30 - 18:00 **Welcome to the IX Siena I-O Think Tank**
Michele Maio (Siena, Italy), Bernie Fox (Portland, USA), Ramy Ibrahim (San Francisco, USA)

18:00 - 18:30 **The AIRC 5x1000 program** | Anna Mondino (Milan, Italy)

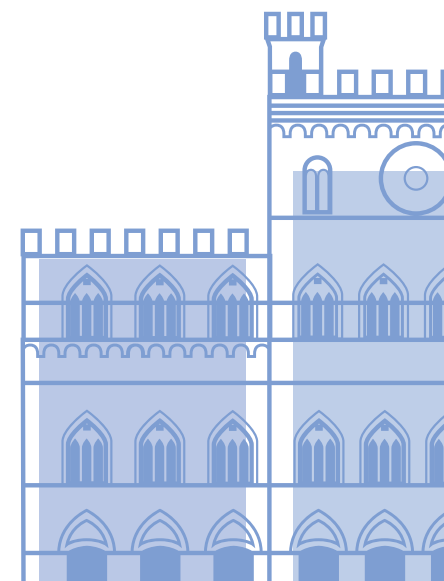
18:30 - 20:00 **Advancing I-O therapies**
Chairs: Michele Maio (Siena, Italy), Bernie Fox (Portland, USA), Ramy Ibrahim (San Francisco, USA)

18:30 - 18:50 **The current landscape of I-O therapy** | Asthika Goonewardene (New York, USA)

18:50 - 19:20 **Interview: How Pharma is approaching I-O development and commitment**
Paolo Paoletti (Genmab, Plainsboro)

19:20 - 20:00 **Panel and audience discussion led by Asthika Goonewardene**
Panelists: Chairs, Speakers, Interviewer, Audience

20:00 **Wine and Cheese**



Friday
**October
3rd
2025**

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08:45 - 13:00 SESSION 1 | Focus on the PICI and NIBIT Foundation research: opportunities for joint actions?

08:45 - 09:00 *Chairs:* Ramy Ibrahim (San Francisco, USA), Catherine Sautès-Fridman (Paris, France), Barbara Seliger (Halle/Brandenburg, Germany)

09:00 - 09:30 **PICI: The PICI environment** | Ira Mellman (San Francisco, USA)

09:30 - 10:00 **PICI: Translational Therapeutics in I-O** | John Wherry (Philadelphia, USA)

10:00 - 10:30 **PICI: I-O resistance** | Sumit Subudhi (Houston, Texas)

10:30 - 11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:00 - 11:30 **NIBIT Foundation/EPICA Consortium: The NIBIT-ML1 study**
Anna Maria Di Giacomo (Siena, Italy)

11:30 - 12:00 **The EPICA Consortium: Intratumoral and circulating immune subsets in epigenetic therapy: the NIBIT-ML1 study** | Andrea Anichini (Milan, Italy)

12:00 - 12:30 **NIBIT Foundation/EPICA Consortium: cfDNA methylation in melanoma brain metastases: the NIBIT-M2 study** | Teresa Noviello (Miami, USA)

12:30 - 13:00 **Conclusions and call for actions** | Chairs

13:00 - 14:30 **Lunch**

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14:30 - 16:30 SESSION 2 | Therapeutic TAA: are we facing a paradigm shift?

14:30 - 14:45 *Chairs:* Sergio Abrignani (Milan, Italy), Pedro Romero (Lausanne, Switzerland), Bernie Fox (Providence, USA), Andrea Anichini (Milan, Italy), Katherine Chiappinelli (Washington, USA)

14:45 - 15:00 **Setting the stage for a paradigm shift** | Andrea Anichini (Milan, Italy)

15:00 - 15:20 **Retrovirally-regulated TAA** | Katherine Chiappinelli (Washington, USA)

15:20 - 15:40 **Dark matter-derived TAA** | Bernie Fox (Providence, USA)

15:40 - 16:00 **Epigenetically-regulated TAA** | Michele Ceccarelli (Miami, USA)

16:00 - 16:15 **Panel and audience discussion** led by Andrea Anichini (Milan, Italy), Katherine Chiappinelli (Washington, USA) - Panelists: Chairs, Speakers, Interviewer, Audience

16:15 - 16:30 **Conclusions and call for actions** | Chairs

16:30 - 17:00 **Tea Break**

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17:00 - 19:15 SESSION 3 | Difficult to treat tumors

17:00 - 17:15 *Chairs:* Patrick Garcia (GSK, Switzerland), Michael Lahn (iOnctura, Switzerland), Roberto Camerini (Rome, Italy)

17:15 - 17:35 **Glioblastoma** | Michael Weller (Lausanne, Switzerland)

17:35 - 17:55 **Mesothelioma** | Arnaud Sherpereel (Lille, France)

17:55 - 18:15 **Ocular melanoma** | Paul Nathan (London, United Kingdom)

18:15 - 18:30 **Conclusions and call for actions** | Chairs

18:30 - 19:15 **The NIBIT Foundation Annual Lecture: Cancer metagenomics** | Nicola Segata (Trento, Italy)

Introduced by Michele Maio (Siena, Italy)

20:15 ***Social Dinner***

Saturday
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09:00 - 10:50 SESSION 4 | Novel strategies in early clinical development

09:00 - 09:15 *Chairs:* Alexander Eggermont (Utrecht, The Netherlands), Kim Young (Regeneron, USA), Harold Keer (Taiho Oncology, USA)

09:15 - 09:35 **The GSK vision of I-O** | Zeshaan Rasheed (GlaxoSmithKline, UK/USA)

09:35 - 09:55 **Bispecific antibodies in development** | Young Kim (Regeneron, USA)

09:55 - 10:15 **PD1/IL2-conjugated antibodies** | David Cohan (Fortvita Biologics, USA)

10:15-10:35 **MSI Vaccines** | Elisa Scarselli (Nouscom, Switzerland)

10:35 - 10:50 **Conclusions and call for actions** | Chairs

10:50 - 11:20 ***Coffee Break***

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11:20 - 13:10 **SESSION 5 | Novel technologies to dissect the tumor-host ecosystem: single-cells, spatial transcriptomics and AI**

11:20 - 11:35 *Chairs:* Zlatko Trajanoski (Innsbruck, Austria), Michele Ceccarelli (Miami, USA/Naples, Italy), Elisabetta Ferretti (Rome, Italy)

11:35 - 11:55 **TLS updates** | Wolf Hervé Fridman (Paris, France)

11:55 - 12:15 **High resolution single-cell atlases in cancer** | Zlatko Trajanoski (Innsbruck, Austria)

12:15 - 12:35 **The spatial transcriptomic landscape of experimental inflammation-induced colorectal cancer** | Eduardo Villablanca (Stockholm, Sweden)

12:35 - 12:55 **Mapping the spatial architecture of the TME in lung tumour evolution**
Mihaela Angelova (London, UK)

12:55 - 13:10 **Conclusions and call for actions - Chairs**

13:10 - 13:30 **SESSION 6 | The X Siena I-O Think Tank 2026**

Chairs: Michele Maio (Siena, Italy), Bernie Fox (Portland, USA), Ramy Ibrahim (San Francisco, USA, Siena, Italy)

Ideas and topics for the X Siena 2026 Think Tank (October 8-10, 2026)

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