

General Information

Registration

- Each participant is kindly requested to register
- The participation at the conference is free of charge
- The number of participants will be limited to 200 (first come first served basis)
- For registering please reach: www.semm.it/meeting/DDP2010

Registration deadline

- March 25, 2010

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Innovation in Drug Discovery: a new role for Basic Research and Academia

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New and more powerful drugs are urgently needed for our patients. Traditionally, basic research on diseases and disease-mechanisms has been conducted in academic institutions, while its application to drug discovery has been the responsibility of the pharmaceutical industry. In recent years, a strong need has emerged for molecularly-targeted drugs that are based on knowledge of disease-mechanisms. This need has exposed the limitations of conducting basic and applied research separately and has created the basis for new interactions between academia and the pharmaceutical industry. To address this problem, the European Institute of Oncology has launched today a new Drug Discovery Program, which is fully intertwined with ongoing basic research at the IFOM-IEO Campus. One important aim of the program is to establish collaborations with private and public institutions whose mission is to cure disease.

Invited speakers

- **Prof. Giulio F. Draetta**
Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Boston (US)
- **Prof. Stephen Hanessian**
UCI, Irvine (US)
- **Prof. Steve Jackson**
Cambridge University and Cancer Research UK, Cambridge (UK)
- **Prof. John McCall**
PharMac LLC, Boca Grande (US)

Scientific program

14 — 14.30	Registration	
14.30 — 14.35	Opening remarks	
14.35 — 15	John McCall	Translational R&D in Academia and Industry: A Changing Environment
15 — 15.25	Giulio F. Draetta	From cancer target discovery to cures in an academic setting
15.25 — 15.50	Mario Varasi	The Drug Discovery Program at IEO
15.50 — 16.10	Coffee break	
16.10 — 16.35	Steve Jackson	The DNA-damage response: new molecular insights and new approaches to cancer therapy
16.35 — 17	Stephen Hanessian	Vorinostat-like molecules as structural, stereochemical, and pharmacological tools
17 — 17.25	Saverio Minucci	Mitochondrial medicine: the permeability transition pore as a drug target for aging-associated diseases
17.25 — 17.50	Pier Paolo Di Fiore Pier Giuseppe Pelicci	Cancer stem cells: a new target for drug discovery