The Pezcoller Foundation Symposia

XI Pezcoller Symposium Molecular Horizons in Cancer Therapeutics

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The XI Pezcoller Symposium will be held in Rovereto, Italy, from 5 - 7 June, 1999. It will be entitled "Molecular Horizons in Cancer Therapeutics" and will be focused on cutting edge approaches to the development of new ideas and methodologies in cancer therapeutics. It will include a discussion of new strategies in developing chemical knowledge and compounds of potential interest in cancer therapeutics. A session will be devoted to modern technologies used in drug discovery, new screening strategies and the identification of gene determinants of drug action. A session will be devoted to discussion of immunological and biological approaches to cancer theraputics with particular emphasis on mechanisms of antigen presentation and of non-invasive imaging technology for the study of antiangionesis compounds. A session will be devoted to discussions of immunological and biological approaches to cancer therapeutics with particular emphasis on mechanisms of antigen presentation and on noninvasive imagin technology for the study of anti-anglonesis compounds. A session will be devoted to interference with signaling including the effects of small chemical inhibitors. A final session will be devoted to interference with cell regulatory function including the role of P300/CDP, E2F, F-box protein p45SKP2, the regulation of p53 and clinical studies of signal transduction inhibition.

The multidisciplinary discussions to be held at this Symposium are expected to clarify issues pertinent to the topics mentioned above. Because equal time is allocated to presentation and to discussion, opportunities are provided for intensive interactions and cross stimulation among participants. In addition to the presentation by invited speakers, there will be also a session of posters with submissions relevant to the topics discussed.

Program

June 5

8:30	Registration	
9:00	Pezcoller Foundation Officers	Welcome & Introductory Remarks
9:15	Enrico Mihich	Focus & Goals

AM, Session I, New Chemical Strategies

Co-Chairmen: Joel Huberman and Michael Eck

9:30 10:00	Roland Burli Discussion	Regulation of transcription by synthetic DNA binding ligands
10:30	Coffee Break	
11:00 11:30	Alfred Wittinghofer Discussion	The GTPase reaction of Ras: A new target for anti-cancer therapy
12:00 12:30	Ernest Laue Discussion	Structure of the INK4/Cdk6 complex: Control of the G1 phase of the cell-cycle
13:00	Lunch	

PM, Session II, Drug Discovery Technologies

Co-Chairmen: Brian Leyland-Jones and Andrew Simpson

14:00	Scott Lowe	Control of apoptosis and senescence by cancer genes
14:30	Discussion	
15:00	Andrew Pakula	New approaches for anticancer drug discovery: Affinity-based high throughput screening technology provides access to novel targets
15:30	Discussion	
16:00	Rakesh Jain	Non-invasive monitaring of gene expression and function in vivo
16:30	Discussion	
17:00	Adjourn	

June 6

AM, Session III, Biologicals

Co-Chairmen: Elizabeth Repasky and Jonathan Howard

8:30	James Allison	Manipulation of T cell activation in tumor immunotherapy
9:00	Discussion	
9:30	Antonio Lanzavecchia	The role of dentritic cells in antigen presentation and T cell activation
10:00	Discussion	
10:30	Coffee Break	
11:00	Giorgio Trinchieri	Proinflammatory and immune mechanisms in the antitumor effect of IL-12
11:30	Discussion	

12:00	Ell Gilboa	Immunotherapy of cancer with RNA transfected dentritic cells
12:30	Discussion	
13:00	Lunch	

14.00 Poster Session

PM, Session IV, Signaling

Co-Chairmen: Paul Workman and P.Giuseppe Pellicci

15:00	Paolo Comoglio	Signal transduction for invasive growth
15:30	Discussion	
16:00	Coffee Break	
16:30	Frank McCormick	Regulation of E2F and p53 in cancer cells and during viral infection
17:00	Discussion	
17:30	Nicholas Lydon	Structure-based discovery and development of selective protein kinase inhibitor drugs
18:00	Dicussion	
18:30	Adjourn	

June 7

AM, Session V, Cell Regulatory Functions

Co-Chairmen: Giulio Draetta and Alex Matter

8:00	David Livingston	P300/CDP as molecukar targets
8:30	Discussion	
9:00	William Kaelin, Jr	Selective killing of cancer cells based on deregulation of E2F1
9:30	Discussion	
10:00	Coffee Break	
10:30	Maria Laura Avantaggiati	Post-translational regulation of p53 by acetyltransferases: Novel targets for cancer therapy
11:00	Discussion	
11:30	Wilhelm Krek	Cell cycle control in normal and neoplastic cells: the F-box protein p45SKP2 displays its many talents
12:00	Discussion	
12:30	S.Kaye	Signal transduction inhibition, its role in cancer therapy
13:00	Discussion	
13:30	Lunch	
14:30	Adjourn	