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## 12<sup>th</sup> EHA Pediatric Hematology Oncology Course

Grand Hotel Riviera, Sorrento

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## PROGRAM

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## **April 8**

**2.00 pm** *Welcome and presentation of the Course. Aims, expectations and brief look back*

**2.30-5.30 pm: RED CELL AND CONSULTATIVE**

**Chair: Irene Roberts**

**2.30-3.15 pm:** Subarna Chakravorty, London: Difficult management problems in sickle cell disease

**3.15-4.00 pm:** Antonis Kattamis, Athens: Transfusional iron overload- why does it matter and how do we treat it?

**4.00 pm: Coffee break**

**4.30-5.15 pm:** Anne Kelly, London: Investigation and management of difficult bleeding and thrombosis cases in pediatrics

### **6-7 pm: EVENING LECTURE**

Irene Roberts, London: Neonatal hematology - a Sherlock Holmes approach

## **April 9**

**8.30-9.00 am: What did you learn yesterday?**

**Re-cap by participants - coordinated by Anna Avagyan**

**9.00-12.30 am: BONE MARROW FAILURE AND CYTOPENIA**

**Chair: Arndt Borkhardt**

**9.00-9.45 am:** Carlo Dufour, Genoa: Classical and new forms of neutropenia in children and adults

**9.45-10.30 am:** John Grainger, Manchester: Challenges in childhood immune thrombocytopenia

**10.30 am: Coffee break**

**11.00-11.45 am:** Thierry Leblanc, Paris: Fanconi Anemia, a pleiotropic disease

**11.45-12.30 pm:** Cases from participants: Mystery cytopenias

and how to solve them

**2-5.30 pm: LYMPHOMAS AND HISTIOCYTOSIS**

**Chair: Josef Vormoor**

**2.00-4.00 pm: The pediatric EHA FORUM: the experts reply to the young investigators**

**Online (if possible) for EHA:** A. Attarbaschi, Vienna: NHL: challenging cases (T-cell, Burkitt, DLBCL, ALCL)

**4.00 pm: Coffee break**

**4.30-5.15 pm:** J. Donadieu, Paris: Langerhans and Non Langerhans Histiocytosis

### **6-7 pm: EVENING LECTURE**

Virtual tour: Drink, eat...and enjoy - Local geology, Italian food and wine

## **April 10**

**8.30-9.00 am: What did you learn yesterday?**

**Re-cap by participants - coordinated by Anna Avagyan**

**9.00-12.30 am: LEUKAEMIA**

**Chair: André Baruchel**

**9.00-9.45 am:** Josef Vormoor, Utrecht: How leukemic cells reprogram their bone marrow micro-environment - how AI can help us to understand cell communication

**9.45-10.30 am:** Brenda Gibson, Glasgow: Clinical management problems in AML

**10.30 am: Coffee break**

**11.00-11.45 am:** Michel Zwaan, Utrecht: How to incorporate new drugs in AML

**11.45-12.30 pm:** Charlotte Niemeyer, Freiburg: Hypercellular, hypocellular or just dysplastic? JMML and MDS

**2-5.30 pm: LEUKAEMIA**

**Chair: Andrea Biondi**

**2.00-2.45 pm:** Shai Izraeli, Tel Aviv: Molecular pathogenesis of childhood ALL

**2.45-3.30 pm:** André Baruchel, Paris: Immunotherapy of ALL: current and future role

**3.30 pm: Coffee break**

**4.00-4.45 pm:** Marion Strullu, Paris: Difficult management questions in ALL

**4.45-5.30 pm:** K. Schmiegelow, Copenhagen: How to assess the burden of ALL Therapy?

### **6-7 pm: EVENING LECTURE**

Arndt Borkhardt, Düsseldorf: Prevention of childhood acute lymphoblastic leukemia: aspiration or pie in the sky?

## **April 11**

**8.30-9.00 am: What did you learn yesterday?**

**Re-cap by participants - coordinated by Anne Avagyan**

**9.00-12.30 am: HEMATOPOIETIC STEM CELL TRANSPLANTATION AND INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES**

**Chair: Adriana Balduzzi**

**9.00-9.45 am:** Adriana Balduzzi, Monza: Novel developments in transplantation of childhood ALL

**9.45-10.30 am:** Maria Ester Bernardo, Milano: Gene-therapy for sickle cell disease and thalassemia

**10.30 am: Coffee break**

**10.30-11.45 am:** TBA: CAR-T and beyond: case management

### **11:45-12:15 pm: CLOSURE LECTURE**

Andrea Biondi, Monza: The changing landscape of ALL treatment: a successful journey in middle income countries

**12:30 pm: CONCLUSION OF THE COURSE**