3rd INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FUTURE TRENDS IN THE TREATMENT OF BRAIN TUMORS

March 11th -12th 2005, Aula Morgagni, University Hospital, Padua (Italy)

CHAIRPERSON
Alba A. Brandes
Dear Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Welcome to Padua and to the Third International Conference on Future Trends in the Treatment of Brain Tumors.

In the year 2001 the First International Conference was held in Padua and, in the short space of four years, much has changed. In recent years few areas of cancer treatment have shown such rapid progress in knowledge and treatment as that made in brain tumors, and new options are now offered to our patients.

This conference provides us with an important opportunity to discuss the state of the art and to raise important questions. The standard treatment of glioblastoma has changed but are we ready to transfer these results to anaplastic gliomas? Traslational research is allowing us to tailor therapy according to the risk in the individual patient so should the new trials be designed on the basis of genetic profile rather than histology? Elderly cancer patients are becoming more and more numerous and we should design new randomized trials in order to better define treatment, but how are we to do this? Moreover we must ask ourselves whether we are treating our young patients with low grade gliomas in the best possible way.

New horizons have been opened in the treatment of brain tumors, thanks to the discovery of novel targeted therapies and new trials are underway while others are forthcoming. These fascinating issues will be discussed during the meeting. More than three dozen cutting edge presentations will update us on the most recent data in brain tumor therapy and will provide us with precious insight on future trends in research.

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FACULTY

L. E. Abrey (New York, U.S.A.)
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L. Fariselli (Milan, I)
L. Fatigante (Pisa, I)
G. Finocchiaro (Milan, I)
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P. Mennonina (Florence, I)
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G. Oliveri (Siena, I)
A. Pace (Rome, I)
G. Palu’ (Padua, I)
F. Perrone (Naples, I)
J. R. Perry (Toronto, CA)
M. Prados (San Francisco, U.S.A.)
M. Reni (Milan, I)
F. Rola (Perugia, I)
G. Rosti (Ravenna, I)
A. Rotilio (Padua, I)
G. Salar (Padua, I)
M. S. Skrap (Udine, I)
G. Sotti (Padua, I)
F. Spagnolli (Bologna, I)
M. J. Taphoorn (The Hague, NL)
A. Tosoni (Padua, I)
S. Turazza (Verona, I)
M. Van den Bent (Rotterdam, NL)
C. J. Vecht (The Hague, NL)
L. Volpin (Vicenza, I)
A. Von Deimling (Berlin, G)
W. K. A. Yung (Houston, U.S.A.)
P. L. Zorat (Treviso, I)
9.00 a.m. Welcome address
   A. Cestrone, Director of the University Hospital of Padua, President of the IOV Consortium
   G. Palù, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine-University of Padua
   G. Galan, President of the Veneto Region

9.30 a.m. Introductory remarks: A.A Brandes (Padua, I)
   Chairpersons: A. Amadori (Padua, I) - G. Finocchiaro (Milan, I)

9.35 a.m. Translational research in brain tumors: from bench to bedside
   A. von Deimling (Berlin, G)

9.50 a.m. Discussion

9.55 a.m. GLIOBLASTOMA: State of the art and future trends in the adjuvant setting
   Chairpersons: M. Mehta (Madison, U.S.A.) - R. Mirimanoff (Lausanne, CH)
   A. Yung (Houston, U.S.A.)

10.00 a.m. Lessons and open questions arising from the EORTC-NCIC trial
   M. van den Bent (Rotterdam, NL)

10.15 a.m. Prognostic and predictive factors
   T. Gorlia (EORTC - Brussels, B)

10.30 a.m. Is only concomitant radio-chemotherapy sufficient?
   R. Cortmann (Leipzig, G)

10.40 a.m. Is long-term chemotherapy in malignant glioma better than waiting for recurrence?
   U. Bogdahn (Regensburg, G)

10.50 a.m. Do intensive schedules improve survival?
   L. Abrey (New York, U.S.A.)

11.00 a.m. Strategies for tailored treatments in elderly patients
   O. Chiniot (Marseilles, F)

11.20 a.m. Future international cooperative group trials
   W. Mason (Toronto, CA)

11.30 a.m. Expert opinions on clinical cases
   Patient 1 - presented by J. Perry (Toronto, CA)
   Patient 2 - presented by A. Tosoni (Padua, I)


12.10 p.m. Setting the limits of surgery
   M. Skrap (Udine, I)

12.25 p.m. The watch-and-wait policy for low grade gliomas
   S. Turazzi (Verona, I)

12.40 p.m. Expert opinions on clinical case
   Patient 1 - presented by D. D’Avella (Messina, I)
   Patient 2 - presented by A. Rotilio (Padua, I)
   G. Andrioli (Genoa, I) - M. Fornari (Milan, I) - M. Frattarelli (Cesena, I)
   R. Galzio (Aquila, I) - P. Mennonna (Florence, I) - G. Oliveri (Siena, I)
   G. Salar (Padua, I) - L. Volpin (Vicenza, I)

1.10 p.m. LUNCH

2.00 p.m. Lecture
   Gene therapy: cell or virus therapy?
   G. Palù, L. Barzon (Padua, I)

2.15 p.m. THE FRONTIERS OF RESEARCH
   Chairpersons: A.A. Brandes (Padua, I) - R. Labianca (Bergamo, I)

2.15 p.m. The government commitment to research and health
   M.E. Alberti Casellati (Under-Secretary of Health)

2.30 p.m. Adjusting Europe’s drug regulation to public health needs
   S. Garattini (Milan, I)

2.45 p.m. The role of the European Organization for the Research and Treatment of Cancer
   D. Lacombe (EORTC - Brussels, B)

3.00 p.m. Non-profit research in Italy
   F. Roila (Perugia, I)

3.15 p.m. Round table
   D. Amadori (Forlì, I) - L. Crinò (Bologna, I) - F. de Braud (Milan, I)
   G. Rosti (Ravenna, I) - F. Perrone (Naples, I)

CHEMOTHERAPY IN BRAIN TUMORS
   Chairpersons: D. Amadori (Forlì, I) - R. Labianca (Bergamo, I)

3.30 p.m. Recurrent gliomas: practical aspects of management and assessment of efficacy of treatments
   C. Vecht (The Hague, NL)

3.45 p.m. The rationale of temozolomide re-challenge
   L. Abrey (New York, U.S.A.)

4.00 p.m. Fotemustine a ‘new’ nitrosourea
   M. Reni (Milan, I)

4.15 p.m. Chemotherapy in neoplastic meningitis
   A. Pace (Rome, I)
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TARGETED THERAPIES
Chairpersons: L. Crinò (Bologna, I) - F. de Braud (Milan, I)

4.45 p.m. Targeted therapies: rationale and clinical potential
M. Prados (San Francisco, U.S.A.)

5.00 p.m. PTK 787/ZK 222584 a novel angiogenesis inhibitor.
A.A. Brandes (Padua, I)

5.15 p.m. Imatinib. Rationale and review of clinical trials in Europe and U.S.A.
M. van den Bent (Rotterdam, NL)

5.30 p.m. Epidermal growth factor receptor-tyrosine kinase inhibitors:
rationale and review of clinical trials
L. Crinò (Bologna, I)

5.45 p.m. Enzastaurin: rationale and review of clinical trials
L. Marini (Florence, I)

6.00 p.m. DISCUSSION

RADIATION THERAPY IN BRAIN TUMORS
Chairpersons: S. Magrini (Brescia, I) - S. Maluta (Verona, I)
G. Sotti (Padua, I)

8.30 a.m. Therapeutic management of metastatic brain tumors
M. Mehta (Madison, U.S.A.)

8.45 a.m. New perspectives in radiation therapy
M. Brada (London, UK)

9.00 a.m. Expert opinions on clinical cases
Patient 1 - presented by L. Fariselli (Milan, I)
Patient 2 - presented by N. Laperriere (Toronto, CA)

8.30 a.m. Expert opinions on clinical cases
B. Baumert (Maastricht, NL) - V. Donato (Rome, I)
R. Kortmann (Leipzig, G) - R. Mirimanoff (Lausanne, CH)
F. Spagnolli (Bologna, I) - R.L. Zorat (Treviso, I)

LOW GRADE GLIOMA
Chairpersons: J.Y. Delattre (Paris, F) - R. Mirimanoff (Lausanne, CH)

9.30 a.m. Low grade gliomas
R. Mirimanoff (Lausanne, CH)

9.45 a.m. Molecular genetic based management
J.Y. Delattre (Paris, F)

10.00 a.m. Is cognitive deficit still a problem in second millennium radiotherapy?
M. Taphoorn (The Hague, NL)

10.15 a.m. Future trials in Europe, Canada and U.S.A.
B. Baumert (Maastricht, NL)

10.30 a.m. Expert opinions on clinical cases
Patient 1 - presented by L. Fatigante (Pisa, I)
Patient 2 - presented by E. Franceschi (Bologna, I)

ANOCEF: J. Honnorat - CBTC: N. Laperriere - EORTC, Brain Tumor Group:
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M. Brada - NOA: R. Kortmann - RTOG: M. Mehta
ANAPLASTIC GLIOMAS
Chairpersons: M. Mehta (Madison, U.S.A.) - M. van den Bent (Rotterdam, NL)

11.00 a.m. Anaplastic gliomas: current outcomes; unanswered questions
J. Buckner (Rochester, U.S.A.)

11.15 a.m. Can patients with anaplastic oligodendroglioma be spared upfront radiotherapy?
R. Kortmann (Leipzig, G)

11.30 a.m. Should concomitant and adjuvant treatment with temozolomide be used as standard therapy in patients with anaplastic glioma?
M. Mehta (Madison, U.S.A.)

11.45 a.m. Future trials in Europe, Canada and USA
A. Yung (Houston, U.S.A.)

12.00 p.m. Expert opinions on clinical cases
Patient 1 - presented by G. Gardin (Genova, I)
Patient 2 - presented by M. Krengli (Novara, I)


12.25 p.m. Future trends in the treatment of brain tumors
S. Grossman (Baltimore, U.S.A.)

12.45 p.m. Closing remarks
A.A. Brandes (Padua, I)
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