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CONGRESS

Multiple Myeloma and Related Malignancies

8th Edition 2026

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PRESENTATION

In the last 20 years remarkable advancements in the understanding of the pathophysiology of multiple myeloma and related malignancies have paved the way to the identification and the subsequent adoption of new effective and safe therapies. Following the 6th edition which was held on November 5-7th, 2020, the time has come for a thorough biological and clinical update. Like in the previous editions, we aim to provide hematologists, oncologists, internists, radiologists, and other medical specialists as well as young researchers, residents, doctoral and undergraduate students with an invaluable opportunity to deepen and update their knowledge on the already acquired and emerging developments in the biology and treatment of multiple myeloma and related malignancies.

A number of internationally renowned speakers have been invited to deliver *state-of-the-art* lectures on cutting edge topics. These will include genetic and epigenetic features of myeloma biology, molecular and biological mechanisms of disease progression, new prognostic markers and novel approaches to assess the response to therapy, new single or combined therapeutic molecules specifically targeting tumor cells and/or their microenvironment. Autologous and allogeneic stem cell transplantation, bispecific monoclonal antibodies, and CAR-T cells will also be the object of intensive scrutiny. Finally, supportive therapy, emerging toxicity, and infectious complications will be discussed in their many facets.

We are confident that at the end of the meeting all of us will be enriched with fresh stimuli and renewed enthusiasm, with the deep awareness that the enduring challenges posed by multiple myeloma and cognate tumors may now be approached with more rational and more effective achievements.

Angelo Vacca, Roberto Ria and Antonio Giovanni Solimando

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PROGRAMME

THURSDAY, **NOVEMBER 5, 2026**

- 13.30-14.15 Registration of participants
- 14.15-14.30 Welcome speech and orientation
Angelo Vacca, Roberto Ria, Antonio Giovanni Solimando
- 14.30-15.00 Opening Lecture
- Chairperson: **Roberto Ria**
- The Bone Marrow Microenvironment: A History of Over 30 Years
Angelo Vacca
- 15.00-16.40 **Workshop 1**
Biology: Genomic, Epigenetic and Proteomic of Multiple Myeloma and Precursors
- Chairpersons: **Michele Cea, Francesca Lazzaroni, Eugenio Morelli**
- 15.00-15.25 Genetics of Multiple Myeloma: From Founder Events to Dominant Clones
Leif Bergsagel
- 15.25-15.50 Stromal-Immune Interactions Orchestrate Disease Adaptation
Tom Cupedo
- 15.50-16.15 Metabolic Vulnerabilities of Multiple Myeloma
Simone Cenci
- 16.15-16.40 Multiple Myeloma Models: the Paradigm of Immunocompetent Murine Approaches
Marta Chesi
- 16.40-17.00 *Coffee break*

17.00-19.30	Workshop 2 Prognostic Stratification of Plasma Cell Dyscrasias
Chairpersons:	Matteo Claudio Da Vià, Anna Furlan, Carmine Liberatore
17.00-17.25	Development and Validation of Novel Machine Learning- and AI-Based Approaches Adrián Mosquera Orgueira
17.25-17.50	MGUS Screening in Practice: From Early Detection to Risk-Adapted Decisions Jon Thorir Oskarsson
17.50-18.15	Smoldering Myeloma: When Risk Becomes Disease Francesco Maura
18.15-18.40	Modern Risk Stratification in Newly Diagnosed Multiple Myeloma Mattia D' Agostino
18.40-19.05	Functional High Risk Claudio Cerchione
19.05-19.30	Circulating Myeloma: The Emerging Role of cfDNA and CTCs Marina Martello

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2026

08.30-10.35 **Workshop 3**
First Line Therapy

Chairpersons: **Sara Bringhen, Danilo De Novellis, Giuseppe Mele**

08.30 – 08.55 Evolving Treatment Pathways for Transplant-Eligible Multiple Myeloma
Francesca Gay

08.55 - 09.20 Maintenance Therapy in Multiple Myeloma: Patient Selection and Treatment Duration
Elena Zamagni

09.20 - 09.45 Individualizing Frontline Treatment in Transplant-Eligible Multiple Myeloma
Xavier Leleu

09.45 - 10.10 Optimizing Quadruplet-Based First-Line Therapy in Non-Transplant-Eligible Multiple Myeloma (CEPHEUS and IMROZ Legacy)
Vittorio Montefusco

10.10 - 10.35 When Cell Death Becomes Immunogenic: Predictors and Modifiers of Anti-Tumor Immunity
Annamaria Gullà

10.35-11.00 *Coffee break*

11.00-13.05 **Workshop 4**
Clinical Features: Focus on Secondary Immunodeficiency and Clinically Meaningful Modern Adverse Events

Chairpersons: **Alessandra Romano, Giuseppe Tarantini, Ella Willenbacher**

11.00 - 11.25 Why Secondary Infection Cannot be a Secondary Consideration
Silvia Sánchez-Ramón

11.25 - 11.50 Secondary Immunodeficiency in Multiple Myeloma
Stephen Jolles

11.50 - 12.15 Early Red Flags and Long-Term Adverse Event Management
Roberto Ria

12.15 - 12.40 Infections After Current Treatments: The Role of Registries
Wolfgang Willenbacher

12.40 - 13.05 CHIP and Secondary Neoplasm
Johannes Waldschmidt

13.05 - 14.30 *Lunch*

14.30 - 15.00	Keynote Lecture
Chairperson:	Antonio Giovanni Solimando
	Disease Biology Guiding Therapy Nikhil Munshi
15.00 – 16.40	Workshop 5 Evaluation of Response and Role of Minimal Residual Disease
Chairpersons:	Francesco Albano, Bernardo Rossini, Renato Zambello
15.00-15.25	NGS for Risk Assessment at Diagnosis and MRD Measurement Carolina Terragna
15.25-15.50	NGF for Risk Assessment at Diagnosis and MRD Measurement Paula Tabares Gaviria
15.50-16.15	Imaging to Response Evaluation Angelo Belotti
16.15-16.40	MRD Spotlight - Measuring, Researching, and Directing Validated and Future Avenues Cirino Botta
16.40-17.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
17.00 - 18.40	Workshop 6 Relapsed/Refractory Myeloma
Chairpersons:	Benedetto Bruno, Gabriele Buda, Silvia Mangiacavalli
17.00 - 17.25	How to Select the Appropriate Therapy for RRMM in the Real-World Setting Kwee Yong
17.25 - 17.50	Resistance to Anti-BCMA Paola Neri
17.50 - 18.15	Resistance to Anti-GPRC5D Nizar Bahlis
18.15 - 18.40	Future T-Cell Based Approaches in Myeloma Hermann Einsele
18.40 - 19.30	Poster session Selected poster presentation
Chairpersons:	Nicola Amodio, Matteo Marchesini, Paola Storti

SATURDAY, **NOVEMBER 7, 2026**

- 08.30 - 10.10 **Workshop 7**
Latest Therapeutic Options: Pro and Contra
- Chairpersons: **Claudio Cerchione, Monica Galli, Antonio G. Solimando**
- 08.30 - 08.55 Ten Years of Carfilzomib in Multiple Myeloma: Optimizing its Role from Relapsed Disease to Early-Line Positioning and Bridging Approaches
Gregorio Barilà
- 08.55 - 09.20 The Paradigm of Extramedullary Multiple Myeloma: from Resistance to Identification of Novel Therapeutic Targets and Strategies
Matteo Claudio Da Vià
- 09.20-09.45 Novel Immunotherapeutic Approaches Beyond CAR-T and BiTEs
Andreas Beilhack
- 09.45-10.10 Next-Generation Myeloma Therapies Outside T-Cell-Engaging Platforms
Paul Richardson
- 10.10-10.35 *Coffee break*
- 10.35-12.15 **Workshop 8**
Special conditions
- Chairpersons: **Daniele Derudas, Angela Maria Quinto, Aldo Rocco**
- 10.35 - 11.00 POEMS Syndrome and Related Conditions
Arnaud Jaccard
- 11.00 - 11.25 Primary Plasma Cell Leukemia
Pellegrino Musto
- 11.25 - 11.50 Heart and Neuropathy: the Dual Burden of AL vs ATTR Amyloidosis
Paolo Milani
- 11.50-12.15 Waldenstrom Macroglobulinemia: Novel Insights on Biology and Therapy
Francesco Piazza
- 12.15-12.40 Closing Remarks
Angelo Vacca, Roberto Ria, Antonio Giovanni Solimando
- Congress Closure and CME questionnaire

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