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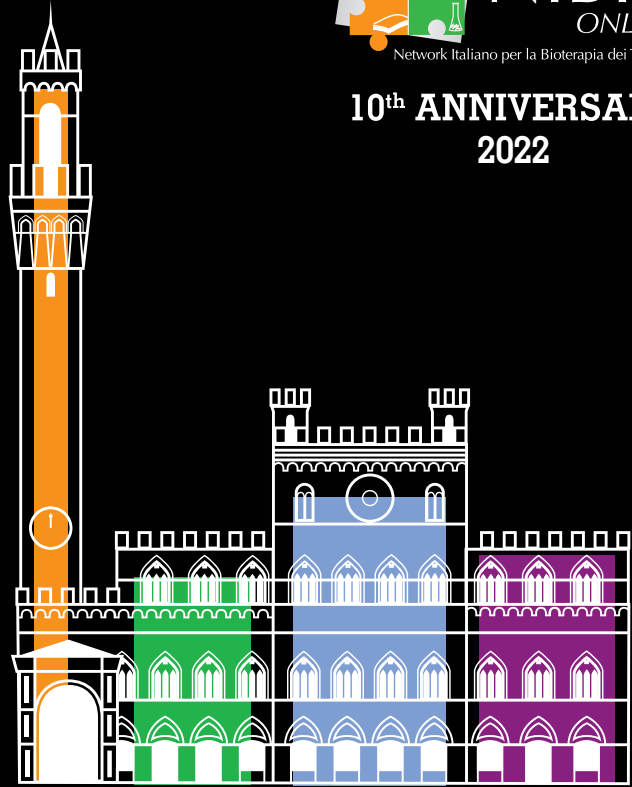
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**10th ANNIVERSARY
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IX SIENA THINK TANK

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The IX Think Tank of the Italian Network for Tumor Bio-Immunotherapy (NIBIT) Foundation is focused on sharing with the enlarged scientific community the research findings and initiatives of the **NIBIT Foundation** research team in the context of the rapidly evolving field of cancer immunotherapy worldwide. A great opportunity of professional exchange and scientific update for all participants.

As for the past editions, the Meeting is organized in collaboration with **The Parker Institute for Cancer Immunotherapy (PICI)** in San Francisco and the **World Immunotherapy Council (WIC)**. During the event, worldwide acknowledged scientists in the field of cancer immunotherapy will debate about pre-selected scientific, translational and clinical research topics, engaging the attendees in highly interactive discussions.

Aims of the meeting will be:

1. Sharing the vision on highly selected I-O topics
2. Implementing new collaborations (pre-clinical/clinical/educational) among participants and with the organizational (and financial) support of the scientific Co-Organizing entities
3. Presenting research projects/ideas by pre-selected (also through WIC) young investigators in the identified topics of the meeting to be discussed and eventually hosted in Institutions participating to the Think Tank
4. Generating a white paper manuscript



Thursday
**October
2nd
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18:00 - 18:30

Welcome to the IX Siena I-O Think Tank

Michele Maio (Siena, Italy), Bernie Fox (Portland, USA), Ramy Ibrahim (Siena, Italy)

18:30 - 20:00

Advancing I-O therapies

Chairs: Bernie Fox (Portland, USA), Ramy Ibrahim (Siena, Italy), Michele Maio (Siena, Italy)

18:30 - 18:50

The current landscape of I-O therapy | Ramy Ibrahim (Siena, Italy)

18:50 - 19:20

The coming renaissance of cancer immunotherapy | Ira Mellman (San Francisco, USA)

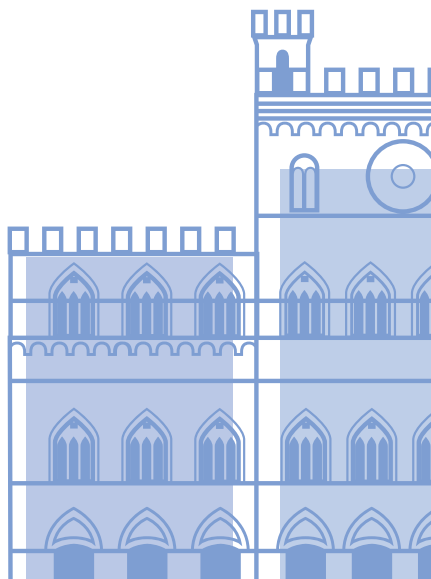
19:20 - 20:00

Panel and audience discussion led by Bernie Fox (Portland, USA)

Panelists: Chairs, Speakers, Audience

20:30

Wine and Cheese



Friday
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3rd
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09:00 - 13:00 **SESSION 1 | Focus on the PICI and NIBIT Foundation research: opportunities for joint actions?**

09:00 - 09:15 *Chairs:* Ramy Ibrahim (Siena, Italy), Lorenzo Moretta (Rome, Italy), Michele Maio (Siena, Italy)

09:15 - 09:30 **PICI: Update on PICI organization** | Ira Mellman (San Francisco, USA)

09:30 - 10:00 **PICI: Mapping and exploiting the human T cell epigenome for therapeutic benefit**
John Wherry (Philadelphia, USA)

10:00 - 10:30 **PICI: New biology** | Samir Khleif (Washington DC, USA)

10:30 - 11:00 **PICI: Deep data analysis and checkpoints** | Katie Campbell (Los Angeles, USA)

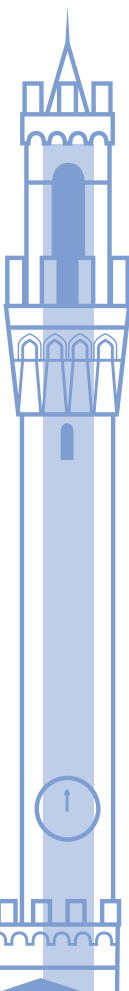
11:00 - 11:30 ***Coffee Break***

11:30 - 12:00 **NIBIT Foundation/EPICA Consortium: Epigenetic remodeling in the NIBIT-ML1 study**
Anna Maria Di Giacomo (Siena, Italy)

12:00 - 12:30 **NIBIT Foundation/EPICA Consortium: Transcriptional and spatial landscape of melanoma treated with epigenetic-based CTLA-4 therapy**
Michele Ceccarelli (Miami, USA)

12:30 - 12:45 **Conclusions and call for actions** | Chairs

12:45 - 14:00 ***Lunch***



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14:00 - 16:40 **SESSION 2 | Therapeutic TAA: are we facing
a paradigm shift?**

14:00 - 14:15 *Chairs:* Katherine Chiappinelli (Washington, USA), Pedro Romero (Lausanne, Switzerland),
Andrea Anichini (Milan, Italy)

14:15 - 14:40 **Setting the stage for a paradigm shift** | Andrea Anichini (Milan, Italy)

14:40 - 15:05 **Retrovirally-regulated TAA** | Katherine Chiappinelli (Washington, USA)

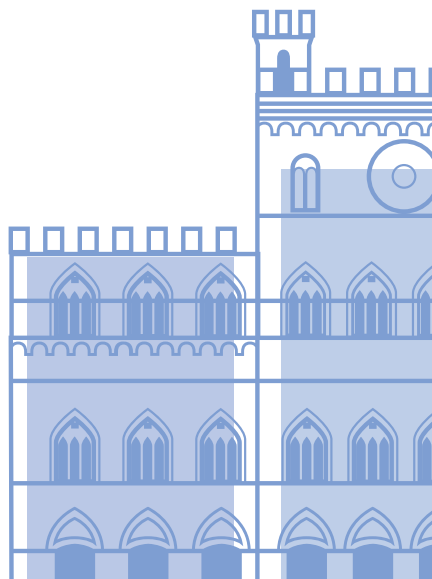
15:05 - 15:30 **Dark matter-derived TAA** | Bernie Fox (Portland, USA)

15:30 - 15:55 **Epigenetically-regulated TAA** | Teresa Noviello (Miami, USA)

15:55 - 16:25 **Panel and audience discussion led by the Chairs** | Panelists: Chairs, Speakers, Audience

16:25 - 16:40 **Conclusions and call for actions** | Chairs

16:40 - 17:10 ***Tea Break***



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17:10 - 18:55 **SESSION 3 | Difficult to treat tumors**

17:10 - 17:25 *Chairs:* Michael Lahn (iOnctura, Switzerland), Emilie Le Ruhn (Zürich, Switzerland), Marco Merlano (Turin, Italy)

17:25 - 17:50 **Glioblastoma** | Michael Weller (Zürich, Switzerland)

17:50 - 18:15 **Mesothelioma** | Arnaud Sherpereel (Lille, France)

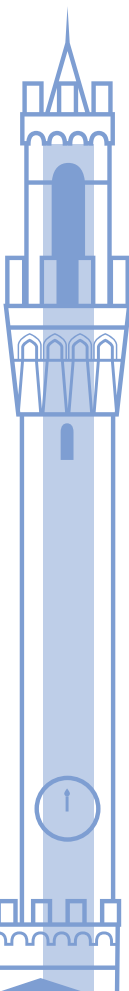
18:15 - 18:40 **Ocular melanoma** | Paul Nathan (London, United Kingdom)

18:40 - 18:55 **Conclusions and call for actions** | Chairs

18:55 - 19:25 **The NIBIT Foundation Annual Lecture: The future of I-O**
Alexander Eggermont (Utrecht, The Netherlands)

Introduced by Barbara Seliger (Brandenburg, Halle, Leipzig, Germany)

20:30 ***Social Dinner***



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08:30 - 10:40 **SESSION 4 | Novel strategies in early clinical development**

08:30 - 08:45 *Chairs:* Patrick Garcia (GSK, Switzerland), Roberto Camerini (Rome, Italy), Bernie Fox (Portland, USA)

08:45 - 09:05 **Expanding horizons: Dostarlimab and the AZUR approach to immunotherapy**
Gargi Patel (GSK, USA)

09:05 - 9:25 **Advancing Immunotherapy beyond checkpoint inhibition: Co-stimulating the T-cell**
Dennis Yoon (Regeneron, USA)

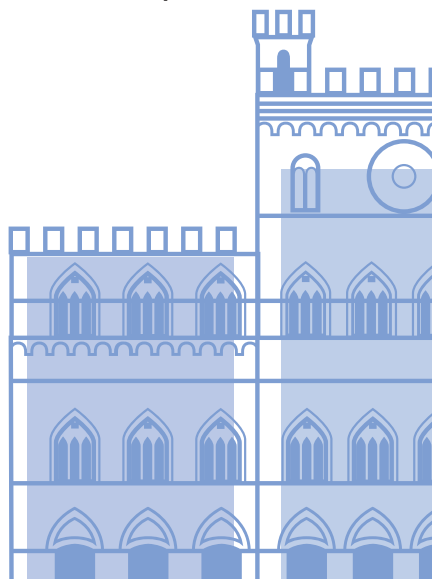
09:25 - 09:45 **What's New With IL-2** | David Cohan (Fortvita Biologics, USA)

09:45 - 10:05 **Nous-209 immunotherapy: from treatment of MSI CRC to cancer interception in Lynch Syndrome Patients** | Elisa Scarselli (Nouscom, Switzerland)

10:05 - 10:25 **Quantitative imaging and radiomics to better understand novel therapies**
Andrea Corsi (Radiomics.Bio, Belgium)

10:25 - 10:40 **Conclusions and call for actions** | Chairs

10:40 - 11:10 **Coffee Break**



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11:10 - 13:20 **SESSION 5 | Novel technologies to dissect the tumor-host ecosystem: single-cells, spatial transcriptomics and AI**

11:10 - 11:25 *Chairs:* Zlatko Trajanoski (Innsbruck, Austria), Michele Ceccarelli (Miami, USA), Elisabetta Ferretti (Rome, Italy)

11:25 - 11:50 **Plasma B cells in colorectal cancer: effectors or bystanders**
Noel De Miranda (Leiden, The Netherlands)

11:50 - 12:15 **Predicting TCR-epitope recognition: how can we bridge the two sites of the equation?**
David Gfeller (Lausanne, Switzerland)

12:15 - 12:40 **Spatial omics technologies for translational cancer research and precision oncology**
Christian Schürch (Tübingen, Germany)

12:40 - 13:05 **The use of AI-designed protein mini-binders to direct T cell recognition**
Sine Reker Hadrup (Lyngby, Denmark)

13:05 - 13:20 **Conclusions and call for actions** | Chairs

13:20 - 13:45 **SESSION 6 | The X Siena I-O Think Tank 2026**

Chairs: Michele Maio (Siena, Italy), Bernie Fox (Portland, USA), Ramy Ibrahim (Siena, Italy)

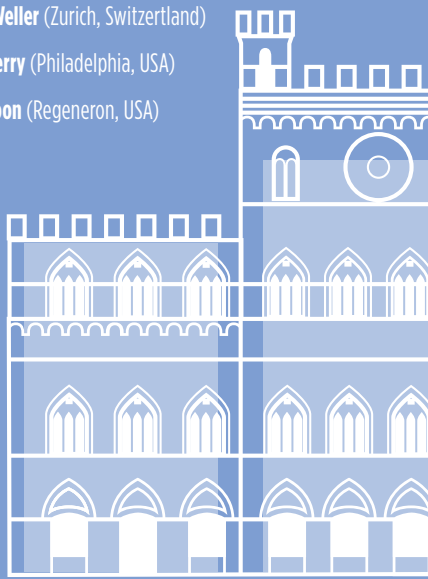
Ideas and topics for the X Siena 2026 Think Tank (October 8-10, 2026)

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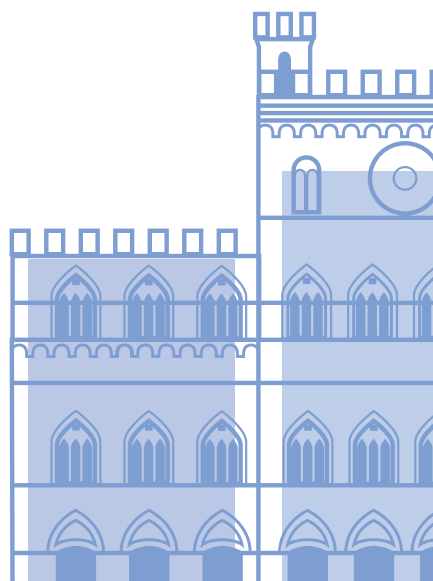


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