2006 ACTIVITIES AND HIGHLIGHTS 2007
Microarray data generation and analysis
Brussels Feb 28th - March 1st
Mission of the WG is to promote:

- OECI-PARTNERS BOTTOM-UP INITIATIVES
- TOP DOWN ACTIVITIES –Board-Projects-WGs
- OECI-INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE
- FIXED-TERM AND PERMANENT STAFF POSITIONS
- FELLOWSHIPS AND RETURN GRANTS PROGRAMME

Main Key Goals:

- TRAINING AND INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY FOR YOUNG SCIENTISTS AND CLINICIANS
- CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR EXPERIENCED SCIENTISTS AND CLINICIANS
- CONTRIBUTE TO THE BUILDING OF THE ERA FOR CANCER

Some Benefits to the OECI Community:

- IMPROVE S&T CAPABILITIES, STIMULATE COMPETITION, ENCOURAGING
- THE COORDINATION OF NATIONAL CANCER TRAINING POLICIES, PROMOTE THE OECI
- AMONG THE MEMBERS AND VIS A VIS TO INTERNATIONAL BODIES AND ORGANISATIONS, INDUSTRIES, GENERAL PUBLIC.
- PROMOTE THE EXCELLENCE AND THE DEFINITION OF A CCC
2007 PLAN OF ACTIVITIES

Code: OECI.07.EDU.01  Genoa, May 28th Accreditation course

Code: OECI.07.EDU.02  Brux Oct-Nov.2007 INFO-Day 7th FP

Code: OECI.07.EDU.03  Nov.2007 Meet. WG Board Members
Define consensual quality standards and develop a tool for professionals enabling performances of the institutions to be assessed. The objectives are constant quality improvement, benchmarking and defence of the centre model within each country and through further European labelisation.

The final objective is also to foster policies that will provide clear and sound information for patients wishing to choose where they may obtain appropriate treatment throughout Europe.

**The OECI accreditation project is now running the second pilot phase testing the experimental informatics tool on 4 volunteers Cancer Centres selected among the OECI members.**

**Speakers**

C. Lombardo: IST- National Institute for Cancer Research of Genoa –Italy  
R. Otter: CCC North-Netherlands Groningen cancer quality management system:  
H. Hummel: CCCNN, Groningen Accreditation project, objectives, state of art and future plan of activities  
B. Koot: Compusense Technical description of the tool

[http://oeci.selfassessment.nu](http://oeci.selfassessment.nu)
ACCREDITATION COURSE PARTICIPANTS

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- Dr. Chriss HARRISON – Christie Hospital NHS Fundation Trust Manchester (UK)
- Dr. Francesco ROMEO – Cancer Institute of Mediterranean Catania (Italy)
- Dr. Maria Cristina SCUDIERI - Cancer Institute of Mediterranean Catania (Italy)
2008 PLAN OF ACTIVITIES

• Microarray data generation and analysis: practical course
  • 2nd training accreditation
  • 1st introduction to activities of guidelines WG
PRACTICAL TRAINING ON MICROARRAY DATA GENERATION

(5 days)

The practical training will be carried out at a site where a microarray platform is available, likely the IRCC in Candiolo, Italy (www.ircc.it) for the Illumina platform, and to the Jules Bordet Institut in Brussels, Belgium (to be agreed), for the Affymetrix platform. Participants will have to send their RNA samples in advance to the facility.

A preliminary program of the training course can be outlined as follows:

Day 1: QC of RNA with Agilent bioanalyzer;
Day 2: cDNA-cRNA synthesis and purification;
Day 3: QC of cRNA with Agilent bioanalyzer;
Day 3-4: hybridization to microarrays;
Day 4: staining, washing and scanning of the arrays;
Day 4-5: QC on the array data and preliminary analysis.

The total cost for OECI to train four “students”, running 2 microarrays each, would be of €1600.
• **Costs to be supported by the OECI**
  - Travel and stay for the speakers
  - Training room location and equipments (if needed)
  - Lunches, coffee-breaks

• **Costs to be supported by the participants**
  - Travel and stay

• **Funding Sources**
  - OECI WG Budget
  - National and/or international bodies and organisations
  - Private Sponsors (industries – benevolts) OECI members aiming to organize in house training activities
WG Staff

- **Claudio Lombardo** with the support of:
- the Brussels Office to advertise the activities
- the Scientific Coordinator of the course for the programme definition and selection of the speakers

**More support is required from Members aiming to collaborate in the organisation and hosting of training activities**
WG Composition
Claudio Lombardo: Chairman

Representatives and/or participants to the WG suggested by Members answering the 2006 questionnaire:

**Italy:** Nicola Mozzillo

**Serbia-Montenegro:** Dusan Jovanovic

**Hungary:** Kasler, Miklos and Maria GODENY

**Turkey:** Özlem Ataman

**Ukraina:** V.F.Chekhun

**Belgium:** Dirk Verellen and Dominique De Valeriola
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THE SPEAKERS!!!

Exiting course!!

To be comprehensive

THE CHAIRPERSONS!!!
Requests of training activities received from Members

- **Prevention, diagnosis, prognosis and pain control**
  - Principles of Cancer Prevention / Molecular profile of malignant tumours: relevance for diagnosis / Molecular prognosis for cancer / Sentinel node biopsy in colon and cervical cancer / Pain management in cancer patients / Minimal residual disease

- **Imaging**
  - Breast imaging-MR mammography / Liver imaging-MRI in differential diagnosis of focal liver lesions

- **Radio-treatment**
  - Treatment planning and delineation for conformal RT / Dosimetry and calibration of RT equipment

- **Surgical-approaches**
  - Radical surgery in ovarian cancer / Liver surgery for primary and metastatic cancer / Surgical treatment of thyroid cancer / Importance of laparoscopic procedures in gynaecol. Oncology / Fertility spearing operative procedures in early invasive cervical cancer

- **Chemotherapy**
  - Neoadjuvant/adjuvant chemotherapy in ovarian cancer / Neoadjuvant therapy of rectal cancer

- **Other therapeutical approaches**
  - Peripheral blood stem cell transplantation in solid cancers / HPV vaccination / Radio-immunotherapy of lymphoma
Offers of Training activities coming from Members

Bottom-up proposals from the members matching the requests of needs

- Breast imaging-MR mammography
- Image guided radiotherapy: decrease of side effects and increase of cure?
- Liver imaging-MRI in differential diagnosis of focal liver lesions
- Molecular Imaging in Oncology: Apoptosis, proliferation hypoxia, angiogenesis, radiolabeled antibodies, dosimetry, targeted therapy: from lab to bedside.
- Multidisciplinary approach of sentinel node procedure: applications, methods, …
- Molecular basis of cancer prevention
- Melanoma, from research to clinical practice
- Breast imaging-MR mammography
- The modern technologies of cancer vaccines production and using in experimental and clinical oncology