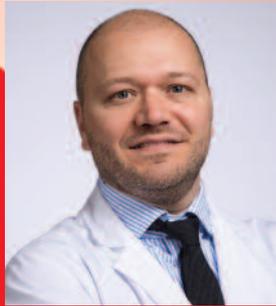
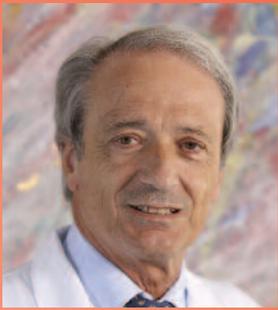


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A STORY OF VISION AND GENEROSITY

Umberto Veronesi †
Founder



The European School of Oncology was founded due to the innovative idea of the Italian surgeon Umberto Veronesi who in the late seventies of the last century started to think of a way to preserve the great tradition of medical culture and knowledge on cancer generated by universities and hospitals all over Europe.

This vision fortunately met with the generosity of four outstanding private donors who approved the idea and who much preferred, for personal reasons, to support education rather than research: Princess Laudomia Del Drago, member of a historical Roman family, breast cancer survivor and first President of the School, Mr. Jost Reinhold, a German citizen who developed his business in Italy and served as member of the ESO Board of Directors for many years, Mr. Hans Wyder, a successful businessman located on the border between Italy and Switzerland, and Mr. Necchi Campiglio, an Italian entrepreneur without children or heirs, whose metastatic prostate cancer was misdiagnosed as arthritis and who decided in full agreement with his wife to establish an endowment which would guarantee ESO permanent financial stability and unique scientific independence.

Thirty-eight years later we are very proud and honoured to continue to transform the dream of our Founders into real educational activities.



Laudomia Del Drago †
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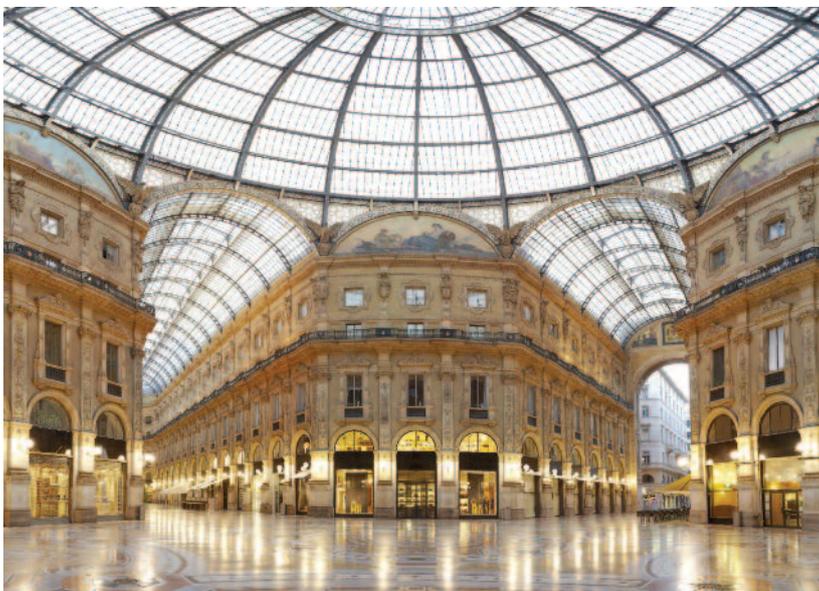
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FFO President

The Fondazione per la Formazione Oncologica (FFO) was established in 1986 thanks to the effort of Professor Umberto Veronesi and the generous support made available by private donors to ensure financial stability to ESO.

The main purpose of the FFO, whose headquarters are in Milan, is the financial sustainability of ESO's activities. The Foundation, as well as the School, was conceived after a dramatic finding - according to the American Medical Association, up to an estimated 20% of all cancer deaths result from incorrect or delayed diagnosis or inadequate treatment. In other words, one in five people could be saved simply by applying knowledge and resources that are available today.

The Foundation is recognized as a public utility by the Lombardy Region and donations to it are tax deductible.



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The ESO Foundation was established in 1988 thanks to the legacies of Mrs. Gigina and Nedda Necchi to support and implement the project conceived in 1982 by Professor Umberto Veronesi and Princess Laudomia Del Drago: a European school of oncology. The mandate of the Foundation is to secure resources that enable the School to develop initiatives that increase the skills of physicians and nurses in the field of oncology, to support training projects and to accelerate the transfer of scientific advances to clinical practice.

ESOF is based in Lugano and is governed by a Board of Trustees. Together with the Italian sister foundation, the Fondazione per la Formazione Oncologica, ESOF annually assesses ESO's activities and initiatives, supporting their implementation and monitoring their effectiveness.

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Franco Cavalli

The governance of the European School of Oncology is extremely simple: ESO is not a scientific society, has no membership and no elected members. It is a self-monitored and self-controlled independent organisation, established in Milan in 1982, supported by two Foundations, one in Italy (Fondazione per la Formazione Oncologica) and one in Switzerland (ESO Foundation).

The School is led by a Board of Directors, chaired by the President, for all the administrative and management issues, and by a Scientific Committee, chaired by Professor Franco Cavalli, who took over this position from the founder Umberto Veronesi in 2011.



The surroundings of the Monte Verità in Ascona, Switzerland.

Franco Cavalli is a distinguished onco-haematologist, internationally renowned for his scientific work in the field of lymphomas. He has been part of the leading group of ESO since its establishment in 1982 and the first founding session of the Scientific Committee of the School was organised by him, together with Michael Peckham, Bob Pinedo, Louis Denis and Emmanuel Van Der Schueren in the enchanting surroundings of the Monte Verità in Ascona, Switzerland.

MANAGING ESO

Alberto Costa



Dr. Alberto Costa, a breast cancer surgeon from Milan with previous research activity in the field of cancer chemoprevention, was appointed Director of ESO in 1982, with the task of establishing the School, its offices and its first activities. He has managed ESO since then, reporting at the same time to its Board of Directors and to the Scientific Committee, and designing the annual programme of activities for over thirty years. In 2017 the Board confirmed his position as CEO and appointed Dr. Fedro A. Peccatori as Scientific Director. Together they are responsible for the management of the School and for the scientific content of its activities.



An ESO Task-Force meeting in Villa Verganti Veronesi (Inveruno, Milan Malpensa Airport area)

ESO receives an annual unrestricted grant from its two Foundations as a result of the endowment decided by its founders. On the basis of the available funds, ESO prepares its educational programme which is submitted for approval to the Board, the Scientific Committee and the Foundations. From 2020 ESO has become totally independent from any industrial and commercial sponsorships.



SCIENTIFIC DIRECTOR

Fedro A. Peccatori

Dr. Fedro A. Peccatori is a senior medical oncologist and gynaecologist at the European Institute of Oncology in Milan, Italy with a keen interest in women's cancer. He has a strong scientific curriculum, with more than 200 publications in International Journals. After many years of collaboration with ESO, he was appointed Scientific Director of the School in 2017. He contributes to the development and expansion of most of the ESO educational initiatives in different geographical areas and supervises the activities of the programme coordinators, together with the Academic entities that collaborate with the School. He has given momentum to the Eurasian programme, where he coordinates the activities within Russia, Baltic Countries and Kyrgyzstan. He's in charge of the Clinical Training Programme, that integrates the theoretical learning process with 3 to 6 months' residency in a restricted group of European cancer centres. These centres have accepted an agreement with ESO to ensure high standard clinical practice and scientific tutorship to its fellows.



A fellow of the CTC programme

The CTC centres are current the following:

- **Asklepios Tumorzentrum**, Hamburg, Germany
- **Centre Hospital of South-Pest**, Budapest, Hungary
- **Centre Leon Berard**, Lyon, France
- **Chamalimaud Clinical Centre**, Lisbon, Portugal
- **Clinical Center University of Sarajevo**, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- **Clínica Universidad de Navarra**, Pamplona/Madrid, Spain
- **Comprehensive Cancer Centre**, Ulm, Germany
- **European Institute of Oncology (IEO)**, Milan, Italy
- **Institut Gustave Roussy**, Villejuif, France
- **Istituto Nazionale dei Tumori**, Milan, Italy
- **Oncology Institute of Southern Switzerland (IOSI)**, Bellinzona, Switzerland
- **Royal Marsden Hospital**, London, UK
- **Split Clinical Hospital Center**, Split, Croatia
- **St Vincent Hospital**, Dublin, Ireland
- **The Christie**, NHS Foundation Trust, Manchester, United Kingdom

DEPUTY SCIENTIFIC DIRECTOR

Alexandru Eniu



Dr. Alex Eniu is a medical oncologist at Hôpital Riviera-Chablais, in Rennaz, Switzerland. He is an internationally recognized breast cancer expert, with a prestigious publication track and also a keen interest in public health and access to oncological care. He was appointed Deputy Scientific Director in 2018 with the task of supervising the breast, lung, rare tumours programmes and collaborating with the Scientific Director. He is the coordinator of the Eastern Europe, Balkan and Mediterranean Regions programme. This geographical area has attracted increasing attention from ESO mostly for its strategical position and for the strong educational need of doctors and nurses. The main focus of activity has been the implementation of a Masterclass in Clinical Oncology, together with courses, seminars and visiting professorship programmes. Furthermore, Dr. Eniu will be in charge of coordinating the activities of the ESCO - The ESO College.





e-ESO

Marco Siano



Dr. Marco Siano is the head of the Interdisciplinary Cancer Service (SIC) and the Medical Oncology Unit of the Hôpital Riviera-Chablais (HRC) in Rennaz, Switzerland and the Coordinator of the e-ESO Department.

The European School of Oncology offers oncology e-learning courses and sessions via e-ESO (www.e-ESO.net), a platform dedicated to providing distance learning material in the form of:

- **E-sessions** (live and recorded) and **Slides and videos from ESO's events**.

The material is divided into three categories:



Recorded

Recorded sessions (live sessions that have been recorded and can be viewed online);



Slides only

Downloadable PDF presentations from past ESO events;



Future

Future live sessions (scheduled sessions that will be presented live online at an indicated date and time - participants can interact with the speakers during the sessions).

e-ESO sessions are free, educational sessions conducted live on the internet and are offered without any commercial sponsorship. Selected sessions have CME accreditation.



Selected e-ESO educational materials have been organised into **PATHWAYS**: a series of sessions on a specific topic that provide a general overview. After completing a pathway, the attendee will be able to download a specific certificate of attendance.

e-ESO sessions are categorised both by topic and by type: **Grandround Sessions** (sessions on hot-topics), **Highlights Sessions** (key takeaways from major international events), **From ESO Events** (speeches given during selected ESO conferences), **Debate Sessions** (discussions about differing opinions), **Oncoreview Sessions** (balanced and comprehensive overview of a specific topic), **Clinical Case Sessions** (discussions of clinical cases), **Oncology Basics** (sessions on the basics of oncology), **Social Media Sessions** (streamed sessions organised in collaboration with [We Oncologists & ESO Presents](#)).

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Nicholas Pavlidis



ESO's mission is reflected in its motto "Learning to Care", which emphasizes the importance of the learning process, and the goal of caring for the patient in a holistic sense, in contrast to focusing purely on treating the disease.

By far, the most structured ESO educational activity is the Masterclass, the natural evolution of those residential and full immersion courses which marked the start of the School in the early eighties. Designed for those who are defining and orientating their professional career, these events are characterised by the extraordinary cohesion of the faculty, which has developed a consistent programme after many years of working together.

Admission to the Masterclasses is by competitive application based on the candidate's curriculum vitae, his/her clinical experience and level of support from his/her mentor.



Participants at the 16th ESO-ESMO Masterclass in Clinical Oncology and 10th ESO-EONS Masterclass in Oncology Nursing, 25-30 March 2017 - Nauen OT Groß Behnitz (Berlin area), Germany.



DOMIETTA DEL DRAGO FELLOWSHIP FUND

Donella Bossi Pucci

The European School of Oncology (ESO) was established in Milan, Italy, on the 8th October 1982. Its two principle founders were Professor Umberto Veronesi, the visionary surgeon who had just published his seminal paper on conservative surgery for breast cancer in the New England Journal of Medicine, and Princess Laudomia (Domietta) Del Drago, distinguished member of the Roman aristocracy and a breast cancer survivor. Veronesi had the original idea of a school of oncology for Europeans inspired by European medical knowledge and tradition. He became the first chair of the School's Scientific Committee, which initially included the Swiss medical oncologist and haematologist Franco Cavalli, the Belgian urologist Louis Denis, the British radiotherapist Michael Peckham and the Dutch medical oncologist Bob Pinedo.

Del Drago gave the School its first donation (first of a long series!) and became President of the School's Board of Directors. She continued to support ESO throughout her life and when she passed away in 2019 she asked her daughter, Donella, to ensure their family continued its financial commitment to the European School of Oncology, together with our private European donors.

The Domietta Del Drago fellowship fund was established in January 2020 in her memory and has the scope of providing financial aid to doctors and nurses who have successfully passed the selection process for one of ESO's educational programmes, but have difficulties in covering the costs of their participation.

Priority for financial aid will be given to participants in the Clinical Masterclasses in Oncology and in the Certificates of Competence Programme. For further information please contact chall@eso.net.



ESCO - THE COLLEGE OF THE EUROPEAN SCHOOL OF ONCOLOGY



College of the European
School of Oncology

As ESO approaches its 40th year of existence, it has decided to embark on a new adventure with the creation of a new structure within the School, **the College of the European School of Oncology - ESCO** (www.esco.org). ESCO's aim is to **guide oncologists** through their career and provide them with an **educational pathway** of existing ESO activities to help them become great oncologists. By following this pathway, oncologists will gain experience in skills that will span their complete career from medical student to oncology leader. The educational pathway is structured in levels, in accordance with **career development targets**. When each level is achieved, members will be able to access dedicated benefits that are targeted to help them reach the following level and eventually graduate from ESCO.

These benefits include:

- **Online subscription to Critical Reviews in Oncology/Hematology**
- **Access to members only e-learning sessions/courses**
- **Priority selection for ESO Clinical Training**
- **Centres Fellowship Programme**
- **Grants for ESO's Certificate of Competence programme**
- **Career advice via Mentorship programme**
- **Dedicated leadership Masterclass**
- **Grants for further education**
- **Access & participation in ESCO's Directory**
- **Access & participation in ESCO's Library**



The HRC - Hôpital Riviera-Chablais in Rennaz, Switzerland

Oncologists, selected to participate in ESO activities through a competitive application in the last 10 years, are eligible to enroll at ESCO, as well as any oncologists who are selected for these type of events in the future. ESCO is committed to guiding oncologists through their career and enabling them to achieve and maintain a high standard of care and professional success.



THE BREAST CANCER PROGRAMME

Olivia Pagani

Breast cancer is traditionally a high priority field for ESO due to the strong scientific and medical profile of his founder, Professor Umberto Veronesi.

In breast cancer, efforts will continue to be concentrated on two very specific aspects, advanced cancer and the disease in young women, a rare disease with several aspects still poorly understood, is the focus of the BCY international conference.

Furthermore, in cooperation with Ulm University and following the structure of the Certificate of Competence in Lymphoma, a similar curriculum of studies was developed in breast cancer and ESO is currently running the third co-hort.

The programme also runs the ESO breast cancer observatory - a group of international experts presenting their views on what can be expected to happen in the field in the coming 12 months - and the website www.breastcentresnetwork.org promoting quality certification of breast units/centres and listing 200 dedicated centres around the world.



THE GASTROINTESTINAL CANCER PROGRAMME

Demetris Papamichael



The Gastrointestinal Cancer Program has been implemented in 2020 by Demetris Papamichael, a prominent medical oncologist in the field of gastro-intestinal cancer and cancer in the elderly, who is Director of Medical Oncology at the Bank of Cyprus Oncology Centre in Nicosia, Cyprus.

Gastro intestinal cancers represent almost 1/4 of all cancers diagnosed in adults and include colorectal cancer, stomach cancer, pancreatic cancer and liver cancer. During the ESO Masterclass in Clinical Oncology, a full day is usually devoted to these tumour. A dedicated coordinator was needed, to revise and select the relevant topic including early diagnosis, screening, molecular pathology and genetics, treatment of early and advanced disease and to adapt the lectures to the specific regional situation.

The ESO Gastrointestinal cancer program will continue the collaboration with ESMO and present the gastrointestinal observatory within the ESMO GI conference that will be held in Barcelona every year. A forecast of what will be relevant for the next year will be presented including in the discussion Surgeons, Medical Oncologists, Pathologists, Patients and Nurses.





THE GYNAECO-ONCOLOGY PROGRAMME

Cristiana Sessa

A gynaeco-oncology programme was launched in 2019 because of the relevance of the related pathologies and following the increasing activities that ESO is undertaking in this field. The main objectives of the programme are:

- 1) increase multidisciplinary in the respect of the relevance of the specific therapeutic approach in each tumour type;
- 2) introduce new topics of general interest regardless of each tumour type (either in the masterclass, as well as in the e-learning platform and case discussions);
- 3) reach consistency among the different educational products (presentations at events, e-platform material) for specific tumour type and topics of general interest.

The first objective will be pursued through the collaboration with other European scientific societies active in the field of gynaecological cancer. The collaboration with the European Society of Gynaecologic Oncology (ESGO), includes joint organization of events, involvement of ESGO speakers, in particular in the Balkan and Russian masterclasses, exchange of videos and e-learning presentations and the organization of the "observatory in ovarian cancer" during the biannual ESGO congress.

The second objective will be implemented introducing new issues which are related to gynaecological cancers, including palliative care and symptoms control, relevance of molecular pharmacology, role of screening and vaccination in cervical cancer control.

The third objective will be pursued through a coordinated revision and selection of the available material and the acquisition of specific needed components. Adherence to European clinical practice guidelines for diagnosis and treatment should be one of the criteria followed in the preparation of the educational material.



THE LUNG CANCER PROGRAMME

Alessandra Curioni



The lung cancer programme was launched as a consequence of the considerable scientific progress in the field, of the increasing availability of early detection measures and new treatment approaches which improve patient 'survival as well as the growing demand for advocacy initiatives in favour of these patients.

The establishment of the programme is also consistent with the effort made by ESO to launch LuCe (Lung Cancer Europe), the first European patients advocacy organisation in lung cancer. The model of the Certificate of Competence in Breast Cancer and in Lymphoma will be the basis for a new cooperation established with the University of Zurich: a Certificate of Advanced Studies in Lung Cancer was launched in 2018.

The programme also runs the ESO observatory on lung cancer - a group of international experts presenting their views on what can be expected to happen in the field in the coming 12 months.





THE LYMPHOMA PROGRAMME

Emanuele Zucca

Lymphomas are also a traditionally high priority field for ESO, as Prof. Franco Cavalli, a key authority in the field, has been involved in the ESO activities from the very beginning.

The educational offer in lymphomas, focuses on constant updates in a fast-growing field with close interaction with the International Conference in Malignant Lymphoma (ICML), which includes the traditional pre-conference course on leukaemia and lymphoma in Lugano.

Furthermore, the programme includes the Certificate of Competence in Lymphoma, an academically recognised curriculum of studies, that is held in cooperation with Ulm University and developed with the contribution of internationally renowned physicians and scientists. The School is currently running the fourth cohort.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCE IN LYMPHOMA
FIFTH COHORT 2021-2022

The European School of Oncology in co-operation with Ulm University is presenting a structured Certificate of Competence in Lymphoma Programme, an academically recognised curriculum of studies, that was developed with the contribution of internationally recognised physicians and scientists in the field of haemato-oncology.

ADMISSION AND DEADLINES

- by competitive application only
- Attendance is limited to 20 participants per cohort
- Applications will open in May 2020. Submission deadline: 31 September 2020

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COURSES AND SEMINARS

THE RARE TUMOURS PROGRAMME

Paolo Casali



ESO joins the worldwide movement on rare cancers by being actively involved in the European rare cancer community and being part of Rare Cancers Europe (RCE).

In 2016 the School established a programme with specific focus on rare adult solid cancers. There is a growing demand for medical education of young oncologists willing to devote their professional life to some or all rare adult solid cancers.



In partnership with ESMO, Rare Cancers Europe and the Istituto Nazionale Tumori, Milan, an annual Clinical Update on Rare Adult Solid Cancers course is presented as a regular appointment for updating clinical oncologists.

Participants at the "ESO-ESMO-RCE Clinical Update on Rare Adult Solid Cancers" held on November 2016, in Milan, Italy.



THE EURASIA PROGRAMME

Fedro A. Peccatori / Maria del Grande

ESO has been active in Russia since the late eighties, when a number of "Red Square Seminars" were organized. The programme has been recently renewed with a strong presence also outside Russia, including Bielorrussia, Latvia and Estonia. Masterclasses and visiting professorships have been established, and ESO will continue to be present with dedicated sessions during the White Nights Congress in St Petersburg and the RUSSCO congress in Moscow.

In 2016, a cooperative programme in Kyrgyzstan was started, with the aim of improving breast cancer diagnosis and treatment in the country. Dr Maria Del Grande, medical oncologist at the Oncology Institute of Southern Switzerland (IOSI), is coordinating the efforts for the School. The project has already achieved the remarkable result of setting up an up-to date immunohistochemistry laboratory in Bishkek, with personnel exchange and shared educational programmes between Kyrgyzstan, Switzerland and Italy. The next step will be to implement an educational exchange programme to increase knowledge about radiation therapy with last generation linear accelerators. This successful experience will serve as a model to set up diagnostic and treatment packages in other countries in the region by providing structured educational pathways to doctors, nurses and patients advocates.



ESO delegation visiting an hospital in Kyrgyzstan

THE LATIN-AMERICAN PROGRAMME

The cultural and linguistic link to Europe is the key element of this increasing "return to the origins": in the words of a Latin-American oncologist, technological development in medicine mostly comes from the US, but still a lot of thinking and knowledge in care comes from Europe. And they want both.



In 2015, a pilot project was developed with the first edition of the Latin-American Masterclass in Clinical Oncology, held in Brazil and based on the same model used in the European Masterclass. This first edition proved extremely successful and showed that the effort to return to the region has been worthwhile. It was therefore decided to confirm ESO's presence in the region and establish a Latin-American Programme within the organisation.

The yearly Masterclass will rotate among the Latin-American sub-regions and further expansion of the programme was implemented by including past Masterclass participants in the European Clinical Training Centres Fellowship programme.

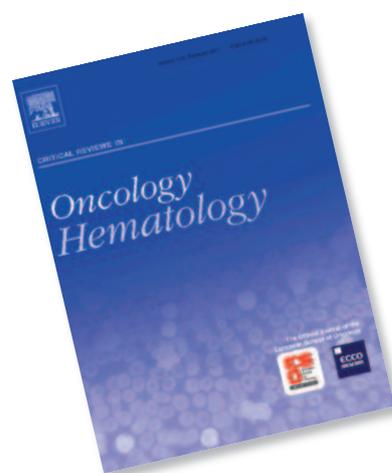


THE ESO OFFICIAL JOURNAL

Christian Rolfo

The School's official journal is Critical Reviews in Oncology/Hematology (CROH), whose editor-in chief is Dr. Christian Rolfo (Baltimore).

ESO has always given particular attention to scientific journals as a key tool to follow up the investment made by participants in attending its educational activities. CROH was selected as the School's official journal thanks to its strong educational content.





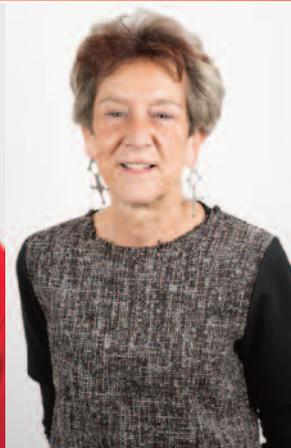
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THE WORLD ONCOLOGY FORUM®



The success of the World Oncology Forum®, originally conceived and designed to celebrate the 30th anniversary of ESO's foundation, went well beyond the expectations and was unanimously recognized as a very special effort to give cancer the visibility it deserves on the global health policy agenda.

The World Oncology Forum® held in Lugano in October 2012 was cautiously announced as a one-off event but it quickly became very clear that the 10 points of its final statement (written and published in partnership with The Lancet) would require further discussion and thoughts. Two smaller editions were held in 2014 and 2015, focusing on "Treat the Treatable" and "Prevent the Preventable".

The 2017 edition intended not only to discuss the situation of the global fight against cancer, but also to devise models of funding, which could allow us to tackle the challenge more effectively - its mandate being Cancer and Global Health: From Research to Policy.

In November 2018 a special task force of 12 experts involved in the previous editions will prepare a summary position paper.

**The next edition will be held in Ascona (Monte Verità), Switzerland.
The tentative date will be March 2022.**





OUR FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE

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The European School of Oncology (ESO) was established in Milan in 1982, on the initiative of a group of private donors who wanted to support the project of a school of oncology inspired by the European medical knowledge and tradition. The leader of this group was Princess Laudomia Del Drago from Rome, who also involved other generous philanthropists like Mr Jost Reinhold and Mr Hans Wyder in Milan.

The turning point was the support of the family Necchi Campiglio, who wrote in their will that the sole heir of their patrimony would be ESO, via a foundation which would receive appropriate funding every year: the Fondazione per la Formazione Oncologica (Foundation for education in cancer). A second foundation was subsequently established with the same task, in Lugano, the European School of Oncology Foundation.

ESO rapidly developed its annual programme of courses and attracted the attention of the pharma industry. Their financial contribution was organized in a special programme, called Sharing Progress in Cancer Care (SPCC) directed by dr Matti Aapro from Geneva. For several years different pharma companies have given to ESO an annual contribution (sustaining membership fee) to cover the costs of the Clinical Masterclasses, the magazine *Cancerworld* and other minor initiatives.

Since January 2020, SPCC is a fully independent organization, based in Switzerland entirely dedicated to the collaboration with the industry in oncology. SPCC has also taken over the management of the scientific magazine *Cancerworld*.

Today, all ESO activities are exclusively supported by private donations. The Veronesi dream is now true.



Villa Necchi Campiglio in Milan, Italy.



ESO BOUNDARIES

A Specific Mission

ESO's teaching activities are focussed in Europe in a broad sense, including non EU Countries and going East until Eurasia, and in those areas who have a closer link with European culture and languages, like the Mediterranean area and Central and Latin America.

e-ESO is directed to anybody interested in oncology anywhere in the world.





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