



EORTC – NCI – ASCO Annual Meeting on “Molecular Markers in Cancer”

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Dear Colleagues,

We are delighted to welcome you to the third EORTC – NCI – ASCO Annual Meeting on “Molecular Markers in Cancer” here in Brussels, Belgium.

“Shaping the Future of Biomarker Research” is the main theme of this 2009 Annual Meeting, a meeting whose goal is to foster a patient centred approach to translating clinically useful information from the laboratory bench to the bedside. This goal can be reached by strengthening scientific collaborations among researchers and clinicians throughout the world, and the EORTC, NCI and ASCO are hosting this series of meetings to support this effort.

As the Chairs of the Scientific Committee, we are pleased to be able to offer you an outstanding program featuring breakthroughs in translational research. During the next few days, stakeholders, including laboratory scientists, pathologists, clinicians, statisticians, industry representatives, healthcare providers, regulatory agencies and patient advocates, will discuss the use of cancer biomarkers to assess drug efficacy and toxicity, technology improvement to perform comprehensive molecular analyses on blood and tumour biopsies for prognostic and predictive evaluation, molecular and functional imaging, new endpoints for clinico-genomic trials and ethical–legal issues in biomarker research.

Once again, welcome to Brussels and to the 2009 EORTC – NCI – ASCO Annual Meeting!



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