



**European network for Gynaecological Rare Cancer research:
From Concept to Cure
Gynocare COST Action (CA18117)
Conference, Core Group & Management Committee Meetings**

Location: Valletta Campus, Malta
<https://www.um.edu.mt/campuses/valletta/>

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Meeting ID: 981 1064 1566

23-24 May 2022

Day 1 - 23 May 2022

8.30 - 9.00 Registration

9.00 - 9.30 Welcome addresses

Prof Jean Calleja-Agius - Action Chair

Prof Simon Fabri - Pro Rector for Research and Knowledge Transfer

Mr Stephen Borg - Executive R & I Programmes, National COST representative

9.30–10.00 Prof David Faraggi (Israel) - Introducing eMODUS: A novel modular computer web platform for multisite clinical trials

10.00 – 10.30 Prof Antonio Giordano (USA) – Personalised Cancer Medicine

10.30 – 11.00 Dr Gemma Gatta (Italy) - The contribution of the European rare cancer projects to the field of rare gynaecological tumours

11.00 - 11.30 Coffee Break

11.30 – 12.00 Prof Alex Felice (Malta) – BioBanking tools for BioMedicine

12.00 – 12.20 Dr Olga Tzortzatou (Greece) – Legal issues in Biobanking

12.20–12.40 Dr Bridget Ellul (Malta) – Ethical issues in Biobanking: A Clinical Perspective

12.40–13.00 Dr Sara Casati (Italy) – Ethical issues in Biobanking: An Ethicist’s Perspective

13.00–13.30 Prof Charles Savona-Ventura (Malta) – Gynaecological cancer: historical perspectives in the Maltese population

13.30 - 14.30 - Lunch

14.30-15.00 Prof Francesca Pentimalli (Italy) - New translational opportunities for gynaecological cancers

15.00-15.30 Dr Sharon O’Toole (Ireland) – ENGAGE: the role of patient engagement

15.30–16.00 Prof Evzen Amler (Czech Republic) - Functionalized nanofibers for modern theragnostics and personalized medicine

16.00–16.30 Dr Afshin Beheshti (USA) – Bioinformatics in Cancer – Lessons learnt from outer space

16.30-17.00 – Coffee Break

17.00 – 18.00 Core group meeting

18.30 Tour of Valletta followed by Dinner (details on specific portal)

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Day 2 - 24 May 2022

9.00 Welcome address - Prof Jean Calleja-Agius (Action Chair)

9.05-9.35 Dr Miriam Azzopardi (Malta) - Rare gynae cancers in Malta: analysis of trends in the past 10 years

9.35-10.05 Dr Klejda Harasani (Albania) - Clinical Trials on Rare Gynaecological Cancer

10.05-10.35 Dr Maja Sabol (Croatia) - Genetic and epigenetic regulation of the Hedgehog-GLI signaling pathway in ovarian cancer

10.35 - 11.00 - Coffee Break

11.00 -11.30 Dr Nikolai Pace (Malta) - Population-based biobanking and the genomes of Malta

11.30-12.00 Dr Neil Conlon (Ireland) - A pre-clinical platform to investigate novel therapies for ovarian cancer

12.00-12.30 Dr Mariela Vasileva-Slaveva (Bulgaria) - The unused resources of rare gynecological cancers in Eastern Europe

12.30-13.00 Dr Paul Kubelac (Romania) - A longitudinal research perspective in ovarian cancer in Romania

13.30 - 14.30 – Lunch

14.30–15.00 Dr Vera Dimitrievska (North Macedonia) - Fertility issues in women with rare gynae cancers: B2- Inf project

15.00-15.30 Dr Federica Orтели (Brussels) – Overview of COST

15.30-16.00 Dr Aldona Gembalik (Brussels) – Administrative issues and Reimbursement

16.00 - 16.30 Coffee Break

16.30 – 18.00 Management Committee Meeting

18.30 Tour of Mdina followed by Dinner (details on specific portal)

Management Committee Meeting May 24 from 16.30 to 18.00
(by invitation only to MC members and substitutes)

1. Welcome to participants, verification of the quorum and adoption of agenda
2. Information to the MC
 - a) Recap of the minutes of the last meeting, e-votes and matters arising since the last meeting
 - b) Core Group: report from the Core Group, including delegated decisions
 - c) Action Membership: New Specific Organisations and COST Members represented in the MC
 - d) Action Participation: WG membership and applications, New MC members/Observers and provisional substitution.
 - e) Budget status: summary from the Grant Holder.
 - f) Update from the COST Association:
Dr Federica Ortelli and Dr Aldona Gembalik from COST Office, Brussels
3. Follow up and discussion on the
 - a) Action management: structure, leadership positions and other supporting roles. Mandates to the Core Group
 - b) Implementation of the COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy
 - c) Grant Awarding by the Action
 - d) Progress of each working group
 - e) Science Communication Plan – Dr Vera Dimitrievska
 - f) Progress on MoU Objectives, WG tasks, deliverables, and Goals for the current GP.
4. Planning
 - a) Revision of Work and Budget Plan of the current GP
 - b) Draft plans for the following GP(s).
 - c) Upcoming activities
5. Monitoring and Reporting to the COST Association
6. AOB
7. Summary of MC decisions
8. Closing