



14 June 2021

## Drug Discovery Symposium on Targeted therapeutic approaches against cancer and ageing

International Virtual meeting

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### Invited Speakers

**Dr. Gideon E. Bollag**, CEO, Plexxikon Inc, Berkeley, CA, USA  
**Prof. Mark Bradley**, The University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK  
**Prof. Ian Collins**, Institute for Cancer Research, London, UK  
**Prof. Maria Paola Costi**, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Italy  
**Prof Nissim Garti**, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel  
**Dr Maria Koufaki**, National Hellenic Research Foundation, Athens, Greece  
**Prof. Stefano Mangani**, University of Siena, Siena, Italy  
**Dr. George N. Pavlakis**, National Cancer Institute, Frederick, MD, USA  
**Dr Alex Pintzas**, National Hellenic Research Foundation, Athens, Greece  
**Dr. Chris Torrance**, CEO, Phoremest Ltd, Cambridgeshire, UK  
**Dr. Valerie Vanhooren**, CEO ONA Therapeutics, Barcelona, Spain

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**Monday 14 June 2021**

Session 1. Chairpersons: Dr E. Gonos (NHRF) - Dr A. Xenakis (NHRF)	
09:00 -09:10	<b>Dr Vasilis Gregoriou</b> (welcome) NHRF Director & Chairman of the Board, Athens, Greece
09:10- 10:20	NHRF/ICB STHENOS-b project outlines
09:10- 09:50	<b>Dr Alex Pintzas, NHRF/ICB</b> , “Drug discovery for targeting cancer drivers”
09:50-10:20	<b>Dr Maria Koufaki, NHRF/ICB</b> , “Targeting proteasome as anti-ageing strategy”
10:20-11:10	<b>Prof Nissim Garti, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel</b> “Novel nano delivery vehicles for cannabinoids for medical applications”
11:10-11:20	Coffee break
Session 2. Chairpersons: Dr T. Calogeropoulou (NHRF)- Dr S. Zografos (NHRF)	
11:20-12:10	<b>Prof. Maria Paola Costi, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Italy</b> “Triggering homodimeric protein dissociation for design of anticancer leads”
12:10-13:00	<b>Prof. Stefano Mangani, University of Siena, Siena, Italy</b> “Silencing Thymidylate Synthase, new strategies for an old target”
13: 00-13:20	Light lunch break
Session 3. Chairpersons: Dr N. Chondrogianni (NHRF)- Dr G. Skretas (NHRF)	
13:20-14:10	<b>Prof. Mark Bradley, The University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK</b> “Using Photons to Image and Destroy Cancers”
14:10-15:00	<b>Dr Valerie Vanhooren, CEO ONA Therapeutics, Barcelona, Spain</b> Transforming academic cancer research into a drug: from bench to bedside
15:00-15:10	Coffee break
Session 4. Chairpersons: Dr T. Katsila (NHRF)- Dr P. Georgiadis (NHRF)	
15:10- 16:00	<b>Dr Chris Torrance, CEO, Phoremest Ltd, Cambridgeshire, UK</b> “Drugging the Undruggable with Protein-interference”
16:00-16:50	<b>Dr George N. Pavlakis, National Cancer Institute, Frederick, MD, USA</b> “The promise of cancer immunotherapy”
16:50-17:00	Coffee break

<b>Session 5.</b>	<b>Chairpersons: Dr A. Pintzas (NHRF)- Dr M. Zervou (NHRF)</b>
<b>17:00-17:50</b>	<b>Dr Gideon E. Bollag, CEO, Plexxikon Inc, Berkeley, CA, USA</b> "Structure Guided Strategies to Optimize Cancer Therapies"
<b>17:50-18:40</b>	<b>Prof. Ian Collins, Institute for Cancer Research, London, UK</b> "Design and discovery of selective inhibitors of tumour stress responses"
	<b>Closing remarks</b> Prof Ian Collins, Dr Alex Pintzas, Dr Theodora Calogeropoulou

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