



Neuro Oncology Center of Southern Switzerland

NEURO-ONCOLOGY MEETING 2026

**Aula Magna,
Ospedale Regionale di Lugano, Civico Lugano**
Thursday, 23 April, 15h00 - 18h00
Friday, 24 April, 09h00 - 16h15



Invitation

Dear Colleagues and friends,

We are delighted to welcome all participants to this special edition of a Swiss Neuro-Oncology Society Meeting held in Lugano. This meeting is especially meaningful as we honour the retirement of Gianfranco Pesce, a great friend of our community, who has dedicated over 20 years to advancing neuro-oncology in Switzerland. Throughout his remarkable career, Gianfranco has played a vital role in the clinical management of patients, facilitated groundbreaking research studies, and helped shape the field within the Swiss neuro-oncology community.

This meeting offers a unique opportunity to exchange the latest scientific insights and clinical experiences within neuro-oncology, bringing together experts from across Switzerland and beyond. Alongside productive discussions and presentations, we also look forward to enjoying time together, celebrating Gianfranco's impactful career and the strong community spirit that unites us all.

Thank you for joining us in this meaningful gathering where knowledge, collaboration, and friendship come together to shape the future of neuro-oncology.

Michael Weller

Past President Swiss Neuro-Oncology Society

Programme

Thursday afternoon, April 23

15h00 **Welcome on behalf of EOC-IOSI & SwissNOS**
Silke Gillessen, Gianfranco Pesce, Michael Weller

15h15 **Keynote Lecture**
A vision about oncology development in the next 10 years: are there special needs for different countries?
Franco Cavalli. Chair: Gianfranco Pesce

Debate

Chairs: Philippe Schucht & Roger Stuppr (Chairs)

16h00 **Break**

16h30 **When is new treatment technology for cancer too good to be true?**
Michael Brada. Chair: Michael Weller

17h00 **Systemic therapy of brain tumors**
Roberta Rudà. Chair: Emilie Le Rhun

17h30 **Immunotherapy in gliomas: has there been any progress?**
Michael Weller. Chair: Michael Brada

18h00 **Apero riche**

Programme

Friday, April 24

- 09h00 **How technology will help neurosurgeons to safely treat patients with gliomas in the next decade**
Andrea Cardia. Chair: Marian Neidert
- 09h30 **Radiotherapy accuracy and safety in difficult situations – is re-irradiation feasible and useful?**
Giuseppe Minniti. Chair: Brigitta Baumert
- 10h00 **Multidisciplinary management of BrainTumors: Experience in Ticino**
Barbara Muoio. Chair: Andrea Cardia
- 10h30 **Break**
- 11h00 **When therapy is not only chemotherapy: TTF and more**
Andreas Hottinger. Chair: Monika Hegi
- 11h30 **Lower grade gliomas are not the same as HGG: how we generated a guideline for lower grade glioma irradiation**
Brigitta Baumert. Chair: Monika Hegi
- 12h00 **IDH mutant gliomas and the role of new drugs: where are we with the development of IDH inhibitors?**
Patrick Roth. Chair: Cristiana Sessa
- 12h30 **Standing lunch**

- 13h00 **Getting to the core of patient and caregiver management**
Caroline Hertler. Chair: Annalisa Cassarino
- 13h30 **Upfront palliative care team involvement in glioblastoma management**
Tania Fusi-Schmidhauser. Chair: Caroline Hertler
- 14h00 **The Specialist nurse perspective: development of patient's advocacy in Ticino**
Annalisa Cassarino. Chair: Tania Fusi-Schmidhauser
- 14h30 **Break**
- 15h00 **Evolution of brain metastases therapy**
Emilie Le Rhun. Chair: Riccardo Soffietti
- 15h30 **How I remained so long time with radiotherapy to treat brain metastases...**
Gianfranco Pesce. Chairs: Franco Cavalli, Cristiana Sessa
- 16h00 **Laudatio & Conclusion**
Michael Weller
- 16h15 **Get together and farewell**

Scientific Committee

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Information and registration

Participation is free of charge.

Registration by March 21 via the following link or QR code

<http://eventi.eoc.ch/neuro-oncology26/indexnew.php>



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