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Over the past twenty years, thoracic oncology has made significant progress, with a major impact on patients' survival and quality of life. The congress promoted by WALCE Aps aims to provide a structured and multidisciplinary update on the main scientific and clinical developments in this field.

The programme is divided into sessions focusing on the key aspects of the patient care pathway. The prevention session will address new patterns of tobacco use and smoking cessation strategies, as well as the current status of lung cancer screening programmes. The diagnosis session will focus on improvements in the diagnostic work-up, the role of molecular profiling and liquid biopsy, as well as emerging applications of artificial intelligence.

The following sessions will focus on the personalization of treatment based on the biological characteristics of the tumour, including small cell lung cancer. The growing role of supportive interventions, such as vaccinations, nutrition and physical activity, will also be highlighted as an integral part of comprehensive patient care.

The congress aims to encourage discussion among healthcare professionals, institutions and stakeholders, with the goal of sharing effective and up-to-date strategies for patient care. The event is part of a broader awareness project addressed to the general public, patients and caregivers.

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09:00 Opening remarks - Silvia Novello

I SESSION - PREVENTION
Moderator: Enrica Capelletto

09:10 New ways to smoke, new strategies to quit - Roberta Pacifici

09:25 Twenty years and finally we are: lung cancer screening ready for primetime? - Ugo Pastorino

09:40 Round table with associations, institutions, scientific societies, stakeholders
Moderator: Lucio Buffoni
Discussants: Massimo Di Maio (Presidente AIOM), Gian Piero Bandelli (Responsabile GdS Educazionale, Prevenzione ed Epidemiologia AIPO), Piergiorgio Muriana (IRCCS Ospedale San Raffaele, Università Vita-Salute San Raffaele), Rappresentante Regione Piemonte, Roberta Pacifici (Istituto Superiore di Sanità), Giuseppina Maria Gasparro (Salute Donna ODV)

10:40 Coffee break

II SESSION - DIAGNOSIS
Moderators: Luisella Righi, Roberta Buosi, Marco Busso

11:00 No better way to say it: 20 years of evolution, but still a lot to improve
- In diagnostic work up - Rocco Trisolini
- In molecular profiling - Angelo Paolo Dei Tos
- In liquid biopsy - Umberto Malapelle

11:45 Discussion

11:55 Lecture: Artificial Humans - Rethinking human experience in the age of Artificial intelligence - Mara Pometti
Introduction by Diego Cortinovis

12:15 Old ways and new ways...which are the ways talking about lung cancer
Manuela J. Procaccia
Introduction by Silvia Novello

12:30 Round table
Moderator: Domenico Galetta
Discussants: Vera Martinella, Paola De Crescenzo, Letizia Gabaglio, Tiziana Moriconi, Valentina Ronzo

13:30 Lunch

III SESSION - TREATMENT and FUNDAMENTAL ANCILLARIES (1)

14:30 Vaccination is part of the cure - Roberta Siliquini

14:45 Transversal changes and epoch-making turning points
Moderators: Antonio De Filippis, Carlo Genova
- Early stages - Alessandra Curioni-Fontecedro
- Locally advanced disease - Sara Ramella
- Advanced stage with addiction - Ben Solomon
- Advance stage without addiction - Giuseppe Banna

15:45 We do not forget SCLC - Pilar Garrido

16:00 Discussion

IV SESSION - TREATMENT and FUNDAMENTAL ANCILLARIES (2)

16:10 Eat to prevent, eat to cure – "Eat your food as medicine, or one day you'll have to eat medicine as food" Steve Jobs - Cloè Dalla Costa
Introduction by Sara Pilotto

16:25 Physical activity tailored for everyone - Mauro Berruto
Introduction by Riccardo D'Elicio

16:40 Discussion

16:50 Lecture: On the shoulders of giants to better see the future: what the coming years have in the box for us - Giorgio Vittorio Scagliotti
Introduction by Silvia Novello

17:10 Conclusions and take home message - Silvia Novello

