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OFFICIAL ANNUAL MEETING OF IQN PATH

# EXTERNAL QUALITY ASSESSMENT IN MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY



**NAPLES,**  
**8-9 MAY, 2026**

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# PROGRAM

Friday, May 08, 2026



09:00	<b>Welcome and opening</b> <i>Nicola Normanno, Massimo Di Maio</i>
<b>09:30 - 11:00</b>	<b>Innovation in Precision Oncology</b> <i>Chairs: Nicola Normanno, Xavier Matias-Guiu</i>
09:30	Next-Generation biomarkers and new therapeutic strategies in precision oncology ( <i>Andrea Sartore-Bianchi</i> )
09:50	A Global Perspective on Implementation and Policy Development for precision oncology ( <i>Denis Horgan</i> )
10:10	Consequences of inaction: the cost of not testing and diagnostic delays ( <i>Dave Smart</i> )
10:30	Real-world strategies for implementing precision oncology programs ( <i>Stephane Samudio</i> )
10:50	Panel discussion
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee break
<b>11:30 - 12:45</b>	<b>IQN Path ongoing projects: an update</b> <i>Chairs: Peter Schirmacher, Emina Torlakovic</i>
11:30	EQAMET project ( <i>Paul Hofman</i> )
11:40	Adoption of Cancer Omics and Precision Oncology in the patient's journey: an update ( <i>Nicola Normanno</i> )
11:50	MMRd/MSI ( <i>Xavier Matias-Guiu</i> )
12:00	Molecular Tumour Board project ( <i>Francesca Fenizia</i> )
12:10	ECGP project ( <i>Matias Olsen</i> )
12:20	Panel discussion
12:45 - 14:00	Lunch
<b>14:00 - 15:40</b>	<b>AI and Pathology: advancing precision diagnostics</b> <i>Chairs: Ales Ryska, Emily Meserve</i>
14:00	Using AI for IHC Biomarker Readout ( <i>Paul van Diest</i> )
14:20	Proficiency Testing (PT) via AI ( <i>Emina Torlakovic</i> )
14:40	The New Frontier: c-MET and Claudin 18.2 ( <i>Irene Gullo</i> )
15:00	Global Quality Perspectives – Update on Australian PT Programs ( <i>Toni Badrick</i> )
15:20	Panel discussion

15:40 - 17:00	<b>New technologies</b> IQN Path corporate members are invited to present new technologies/assays. <i>Chairs: Etienne Rouleau, Rasmus Røge</i>
17:00 - 17:15	Tea break
<b>17:15 - 18:15</b>	<b>General Meeting of IQN Path</b> All IQN Path Academic and Corporate Members are invited to participate.

Saturday, May 09, 2026

<b>09:00 - 11:45</b>	<b>Liquid biopsy implementations: current and future challenges</b> <i>Chairs: Simon Patton, Sandy Deans</i>
09:00	Current and emerging technologies ( <i>Nicola Normanno</i> )
09:15	Clinical implementation of LB in clinical practice: current and future perspective ( <i>Gennaro Daniele</i> )
09:30	Implementation of a national program with a CGP panel applied to liquid biopsy - reports and interpretation ( <i>Etienne Rouleau</i> )
09:45	LUPO project ( <i>Blanca Iciar Indave Ruiz</i> )
10:00	EQA in liquid biopsy ( <i>Jenni Farley</i> )
10:15	Bridging the Gaps: accelerate implementation through leveraging collaboration ( <i>Lauren Leiman</i> )
10:30	Masterclasses in liquid biopsy (implementation in other countries and in other fields) ( <i>Francesca Fenizia</i> )
10:45	Discussion
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee break
<b>11:30 - 12:30</b>	<b>New projects proposals</b> <i>Chairs: Nicola Normanno, Francesca Fenizia</i>
11:30	IQN Path new projects proposal
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch
<b>13:30 - 14:00</b>	<b>Meeting closure</b>