Welcome Letter

We are pleased to welcome you to Marseille for the 9th Annual Brain Metastases Research and Emerging Therapy Conference. Last year’s successful edition encouraged us to once again organize this conference. This year the meeting will be held under the auspices of EORTC, EANS, EANO, the French neuro-oncology group (ANOCEF) and the French society of neuro-surgery who are all partners of this event.

This initiative brings the multidisciplinary approach needed to develop Brain Metastases projects across several tumor types and disciplines such as breast cancer, lung cancer, melanoma, imaging, radiation oncology, pathology and molecular. It is expected that this cross-sectional meeting will stimulate innovative and insightful research in a collaborative environment and improve the standard of care and methodology of clinical research.

For this 9th edition, a special session will be dedicated to challenges in precision medicine and potential of liquid biopsies in CNS Metastases. Highlighted topics will also cover the increasing place of combined treatment in the era of targeted therapies and controversies in therapeutic management of BM.

One of the objectives of this edition will be to describe the clinical problem, identify the critical points of therapeutic failure and summarize the current state of knowledge of the genetics and biology of Brain Metastases. The overarching goal of the meeting is to generate a set of research priorities that would stimulate integrated scientific and clinical investigation directed at understanding basic processes of Brain Metastases and translating such insights to clinical care.

The organizing committee hopes that this meeting will provide an exceptional opportunity for you to share your collective expertise ranging from basic science to new treatments in order to facilitate ongoing studies and lay the foundation for future collaborative projects.

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Call for abstracts
Details and submission on www.brain-mets.com
Deadline: June 28th, 2019

Posters and oral communications
The best oral communication will be awarded with a 500€ prize and so will be the best poster. The awards will be given on Saturday, October 4th, 2019, during the conclusion of the conference.

Young Investigator Travel Grant
The Young Investigator Travel Grant is awarded to the top Young Investigators who are selected to present an oral or plenary poster presentation at the Brain Mets Annual Meeting. Young Investigator Travel Grant recipients will receive 600€ (USA), 600€ (ASIA) & 300€ (Europe) to support travel to the Meeting. These grants will be officially announced. The awards will be given on Saturday, October 5th, 2019, during the conclusion.

Eligible applicants must:
- Be the first and presenting author of the abstract
- Be a student/trainee or within five years of completion of a Ph.D., M.D., residency training or equivalent.

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM
9th Annual Brain Metastases Research and Emerging Therapy Conference
October 4-5, 2019
Marseille, France
Friday, October 4th

08.30 Welcome coffee

08.45 Welcome address, Philippe Mételius (FR)

09.00 Preclinical research in brain metastases

Chair: Andreas Von Deimling (DE) & David Reardon (USA)

09.00 NC Manuel Valiente (SP)

09.30 NC Brundide Gré (USA)

10.00 Challenges in clinical practice

Chair: Manfred Westphal (DE)

10.00 Steroids in Neuro-Oncology, Manfred Westphal (DE)

10.20 VTE in brain metastases patients, Christine Marosi (AU)

10.40 Seizures in brain metastases patients, Martin van den Bent (NL)

11.00 Coffee break and visit of the exhibition

11.20 Controversial treatments for CNS Metastases

Chair: Norbert Galldiks (DE)

11.20 SRS should be a first-line treatment

Pro (5 min): Frédéric Dhermain (FR)

Cons (5 min): Giuseppe Minniti (IT)

Discussion (10 min)

11.40 Intra-CSF therapy is standard of care

Pro (5 min): Michael Weller (CH)

Cons (5 min): Dieta Brandsma (NL)

Discussion (10 min)

12.00 Tumor-treating fields

Pro (5 min): Michael Weller (CH)

Cons (5 min): Martin van den Bent (NL)

Discussion (10 min)

12.20 Keynote lecture

Chair: Emilie Le Rhun (FR)

12.20 Challenges and pitfalls in designing clinical trials in the CNS metastases field. Thierry Gorlia (BE)

12.50 Lunch

14.00 Controversies in Radiation Oncology

Chair: Philippe Mételius (FR) & David Reardon (USA)

14.00 Prophylactic Cranial Irradiation

Pro (5 min): Matthias Guckenberger (CH)

Cons (5 min): Linda Driven (NL)

Discussion (10 min)

14.20 Hippocampal sparing

Pro (5 min): Giuseppe Minniti (IT)

Cons (5 min): Linda Driven (NL)

Discussion (10 min)

14.40 Combined Immunotherapy and Radiation Therapy

Pro (5 min): Frédéric Dhermain (FR)

Cons (5 min): Christine Marosi (AU)

Discussion (10 min)

15.00 Interactive case reports (Electronic voting system)

Chair: Philippe Mételius (FR)

15.00 Case 1 - Axel de Bernardi (FR)

15.15 Case 2 - Aurelien Maurelle (FR)

15.30 Case 3 - TBD

15.45 Coffee break and visit of the exhibition

16.15 Keynote lecture

Chair: Michael Weller (CH)

16.15 Immuno-oncology approaches to brain metastases. David Reardon (USA)

17.00 Activities of EORTC BTG CNS Metastases Committee, Emilie Le Rhun (FR)

17.15 Guided poster walks with the Scientific Committee

20.00 Gala dinner

Saturday, October 5th

08.00 Welcome coffee

08.30 Selected oral presentations

Chairs: Frédéric Dhermain (FR)

& Agnès Tallet (FR)

10.10 Coffee break and visit of the exhibition

10.30 Highlights 2018-2019

Chairs: Andreas Von Deimling (DE)

& Martin J. Van den Bent (NL)

10.30 Liquid biopsy, Danijela Koppers-Lalic (NL)

10.50 Molecular Neuropathology, Andreas Von Deimling (DE)

11.10 Molecular imaging, Norbert Galldiks (DE)

11.30 Neurosurgery, Philippe Mételius (FR)

11.50 What’s hot in melanoma CNS metastasis?

Dieta Brandsma (NL)

12.10 What’s hot in breast cancer CNS metastasis?

Emilie Le Rhun (FR)

12.30 What’s hot in lung cancer CNS metastasis?

Matthias Guckenberger (CH)

12.45 Awards – Best communication and poster – Conclusions

13.00 Lunch