Report 2014

Scientific Working Group
Bleeding & Thrombosis in Onco-Hematology

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Main objectives of this SWG are: 1) To increase the awareness of patients and physicians about the hemostatic imbalance associated to malignant diseases, which leads to an increase in both thrombotic and hemorrhagic complications; 2) To improve, more in general, the education and culture in the field of thrombosis and hemostasis; and 3) To provide new insights in the pathogenesis, diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of thrombotic and bleeding disorders.

Activities 2014

On May 9-11, 2014, Anna Falanga was the co-chair with F.R. Rickles (George Washington University, Washington DC, US) and B. Brenner (Rambam Institute, Haifa, Israel) of the 7th International Conference on Thrombosis and Hemostasis Issues in Cancer. The majority of members of this EHA SWG were involved as a chairmen or speakers in this conference activities. More than 570 attendees from 39 countries from all over the word actively participated in this event. An issue of the journal Thrombosis Research with all lectures and abstracts was published and distributed at the meeting (Thrombosis Research Volume 133, Supplement 2, Pages S1-S228 Available online: www.sciencedirect.com). This has been a very important tool for dissemination of the new research and clinical trial results presented and also for eliciting the interest of those, physicians or researchers, who want to approach the field of coagulation.

On June 12, 2014, during the 19th EHA Congress in Milan, a public session of the SWG on B&T in Onco-Hematology was organized (chairpersons: Anna Falanga and Cheng Hog Toh). Title of the session was “Establishing clotting studies in patients with malignancies”. Speakers were: 1. J. Thaler (Medical University of Vienna, Austria), title “The significance of testing for thrombotic markers in malignant disorders”; 2. B. Brenner (Rambam Health Care Campus, Haifa, Israel), “The role of heparanase in hematological malignancies”; 3. M. Marchetti (Hospital Papa Giovanni XXIII, Bergamo, Italy), title “Thrombin generation by malignant cells”; and 4. M. Di Nisio (Gabriele D'Annunzio University, Chieti, Italy), title “Ongoing clinical trials on cancer-associated thrombosis”. The Session was well attended and, particularly there was much discussion.

Starting from June 2014, much efforts have been dedicated to the proposal and program organization of a EHA joint symposium of the SWG on B&T in Onco-hematology together with the SWG on Thrombocytopenias and Platelet Function Disorders (Chair: C. Balduini). The program was accepted and confirmed by the EHA education Committee in December 2014. The date will be Sept. 18-20, 2015, in Barcelona, Spain. In addition to the regular sessions, some
interactive sessions are planned, including one session on ‘Anticoagulant treatments’ with patient organizations and industry representatives.

A session of the SWG on B&T in Onco-hematology will also take place during the 20\textsuperscript{th} EHA Congress, in Vienna, June 2015.

Other activities:
All the members of this SWG or their collaborators have presented data at ASH 2014 or to other meetings (National and International congresses relevant to the field of Hemostasis and Thrombosis)

In 2014, A. Falanga has been elected on board of the International Society of Thrombosis and Haemostasis (ISTH) for the terms 2014-2020, and has chaired (for EHA) the committee for evaluating and granting the EHA-ISTH fellowship 2015.

Selected publications 2014: