

**PATIENT ADVOCATES COURSE
“THE METHODOLOGY OF CLINICAL TRIALS IN RARE CANCERS”**

based on the “RCE Methodological recommendations for clinical studies in rare cancers” (Ann Oncol 2015;26:300)

20th July 2015, University of Milan, Italy
“Sala Napoleonica”, Via S. Antonio 10, Milan

08:30-09:00	Registration, Coffee & Networking
09:00-09:40	Welcome from RCE About the Rare Cancers Europe initiative: previous – current – planned projects <i>Speaker: P.G. Casali & M. Wartenberg</i>
09:40-10:00	Welcome from the Milan University Empowering patient’s decision-making autonomy <i>Speaker: G. Pravettoni</i>
10:00 – 10:30	The principles of frequentist and Bayesian medical statistics The conceptual principles of medical statistic Questions & Discussion <i>Speaker: P. Bruzzi</i>
10:30-11:00	Coffee
11:00-11:30	The Consensus Paper: What is needed for a better decision-making? <i>Speaker: P.G. Casali</i>
11:30-12:00	The Consensus Paper: Study designs in Rare Cancers <i>Speaker: S. Litieri</i>
12:00-12:30	The Consensus paper: Surrogate end-points in Rare Cancers <i>Speaker: P. Bruzzi</i>
12:30-13:00	The Consensus paper: Organization of studies in rare cancers <i>Speaker: A. Negrouk</i>
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-14:45	Discussion
14:45-15:30	Round table: Improving Clinical Research in Rare Cancers <i>Chair: M. Wartenberg</i> <i>D. Alberti, P. Bruzzi, J Bressington, P.G. Casali, A. Costato, O. Gonzato, J. Pelouchova, E. Tooren</i>
15:30-16:30	Rare Cancer Patient Advocacy in Europe: * Advocacy on a national level: The Rare Cancers Tool-Kit * Brainstorming: European ideas, projects, services – that could improve the situation of RC patient groups/patients <i>Presenters / Moderators: J. Bressington & M. Wartenberg</i>
16:30	Farewell, End of the Course