15° Mercadante & Friends



The dark side of Palliative Care

Scientific Director
Sebastiano MERCADANTE

Save the Date

8th APRIL 10th 2027

Isola delle Femmine

Saracen Sands Hotel & Congress Centre

Program

8th april **2026**

3.30 p.m. Registration
3.45 p.m. Open cerimony | **S. MERCADANTE**

I SESSION

4.00 p.m. Manipulation and coercion in hospice care | **Nathan Cherny**, Jerusalem, Israel
4.30 p.m. Clinical use of cannabis | **Amy Allen Case**, Buffalo, USA
5.00 p.m. Cancer Pre- & Rehabilitation - the Austrian approach | **Richard Cravenna**, Wien, Austria
5.30 p.m. Dysphagia | **Sebastiano Mercadante**, Palermo, Italy
6.00 p.m. **Oral presentations**
7.00 p.m. End of scientific session

9th april **2026**

II SESSION

9.00 a.m. Abuse and harmful abuse of palliative sedation | **Nathan Cherny**, Jerusalem, Israel
9.45 a.m. Artificial intelligence | **Salvatore Corrao**, Palermo, Italy
10.30 a.m. Extracorporeal Shock Wave Therapy for Cancer Patients | **Richard Cravenna**, Wien, Austria
11.15 a.m. *Break*
11.45 a.m. Radio-oncology in palliative care | **Filippo Alongi**, Verona, Italy
1.00 p.m. *Lunch*

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III SESSION

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3.00 p.m.	Age and opioids | **Yasmine Grassi**, Palermo, Italy
3.45 p.m.	Psychedelics for the future? | **Amy Allen Case**, Buffalo, USA
4.30 p.m.	Hydromorphone in cancer pain | **Sebastiano Mercadante**, Palermo, Italy
5.15 p.m.	Updates in breakthrough pain | **Claudio Adile**, Palermo, Italy
5.45 p.m.	Question time: all you want to know. Claudio Adile & Sebastiano Mercadante
6.30 p.m.	**Oral presentations**
7.15 p.m.	End of scientific session

IV SESSION

10th april 2026

9.00 a.m.	Parenteral nutrition: starting, with-holding, withdrawal | **Paolo Cotogni**, Turin, Italy
9.45 a.m.	Adjuvants in cancer pain | **Sebastiano Mercadante**, Palermo, Italy
10.30 a.m.	*Break*
11.00 a.m.	**Oral presentations**
1.00 p.m.	*Farewell to Mercadante & friends 2028* | **Sebastiano Mercadante**, Palermo, Italy
1.30 p.m.	*End of the meeting*

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Information

Endorsement

LA MADDALENA DIPARTIMENTO ONCOLOGICO DI II LIVELLO | Department of Palliative, Rehabilitation, & Integrative Medicine THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MD Anderson Cancer Center | F.A.P.S. Friends Against Pain and Suffering | SAMOT CURE PALLIATIVE | ADI SCARL

Congress Venue | Saracen Sands Hotel & Congress Centre | Via Libertà, 128/A Isola delle Femmine (PA)

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The Event will be accredited for CME credits for the following categories:

- **Physicians** (Anaesthesia and Intensive Care, Internal Medicine, General Medicine, Geriatrics, Haematology, Oncology, General Surgery, Palliative Care, Radiodiagnostics, Radiotherapy, Psychotherapy)
- **Nurses • Psychologist • Physiotherapist**

TO OBTAIN CREDITS will be necessary:

• Participate in all educational days • Complete the Customer Satisfation • Complete and pass the ECM questionnaire.

Poster Presentation

Each participant, correctly signed up for the congress, will be able to present a Poster by **March 10th 2027**
The best posters will be selected for a possible oral session.
Poster should be sent to: event@bibagroup.it

Registration

- Physicians registration fee € 550,00 (vat included)
- Nurses registration fee € 250,00 (vat included)
- Physical Therapists registration fee € 250,00 (vat included)
- Specializing doctor € 183,00 (vat included)

The registration fee includes: admission to the scientific sessions, CME credits and certificate of attendance, lunch on 9th april.

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