Organisation of European Cancer Institutes

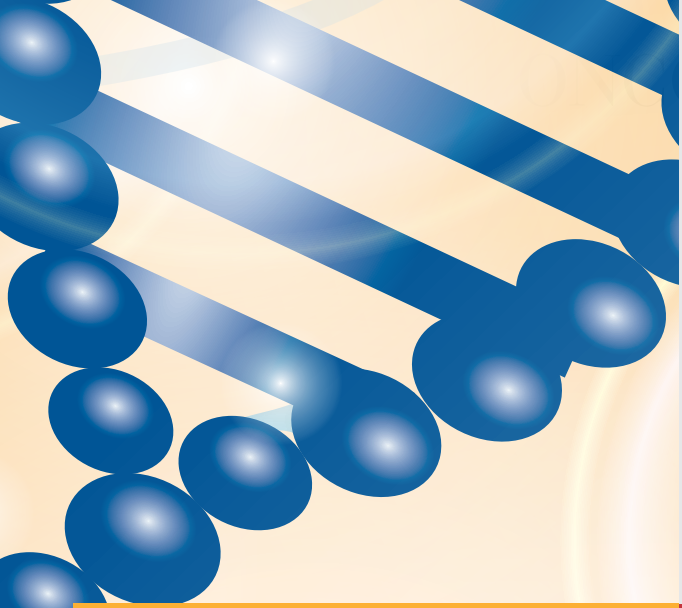
OECI 2013 Oncology Days

BRUSSELS 2013 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE AND RELATED EVENTS

Brussels May 13TH-16TH

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT





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DEVELOPING THE FUTURE IN COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CARE

ACCREDITATION AND DESIGNATION

BIOBANKS AND MOLECULAR PATHOBIOLOGY

PREVENTION AND EARLY DIAGNOSIS

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

EUROCAN PLATFORM

COST BENEFIT

COMMUNICATION AND DISSEMINATION

START-OECI

President's welcome

The OECI is a network of cancer institutes which aims to improve the quality of cancer care and translational research in Europe from an organisational viewpoint. Although physicians, nurses and researchers, constitute the core of cancer care and research, a smooth organisation, efficient logistics and state of the art complex infrastructure is needed to accelerate the production and application of personalised care approaches: the comprehensive cancer centre. A strong organisation of cancer institutes at a European level, such as OECI, is needed to contribute to the diffusion of knowledge on the quality of organising cancer care and translational research.

The OECI is a continuously developing network, presently regrouping 68 cancer centres and institutions across Europe. The OECI is working dynamically in crosscut expertise projects organised by involving the OECI Working Groups, activities and Members. Currently, there are 6 main Working Groups and 2 Activities which develop tools and programmes that can assist in improving cancer care through education, quality improvement, production of options and recommendations, standardising the molecular pathology approaches.

OECI cooperates with representative professional organisations at a European level and investigates possibilities to team up with its American counterpart, the American Association of Cancer Institutes. It aims to improve the quality of care and of the research at a European level also in collaboration with the European Commission with a bottom up approach. With various countries we explore the possibility to transfer at national level tools developed thanks to a European cooperation and which could be tailored for national use, such as the OECI accreditation and designation system.

The OECI is also exploring how to facilitate the interaction among national cancer coordinating bodies and authorities to facilitate the possible transfer of already tested organisational practice and check the feasibility to extend their applications at more wide European level.

The 2013 Oncology Days, organised in conjunction with the 2013 Annual General Assembly, aim to improve the role of the Organisation in supporting the coordination role that Europe needs to reduce fragmentation, to give the possibility to all the cancer patients to receive the best cures and to evaluate the costs-benefits linked with the application of new therapeutic approaches in order to avoid unnecessary care approaches.

We thank the local Organisers and in particular the UZVUB Oncologic Center and the Institut Jules Bordet which make possible the event.

Wim H. van Harten
OECI President



Host welcome

The pursuit of internationalisation policies is a must for Belgium. These policies are fundamental for the promotion of the European Research Area and for the development of translational processes. This makes possible to attract the interest of the whole sectors and invest in younger generations in order to further enhance the Belgian scientific expertise.

Knowledge and Innovation are at the centre of the Horizon 2020 strategy, which sets as main goals the strengthening of the EU's position in science in order to provide a boost to top-level research in Europe, the strengthening of industrial and academic leadership in innovation with more investments in key technologies, greater access to capital and support for SMEs and Universities.

Horizon 2020 will tackle societal challenges by helping to bridge the gap between research and the market, taking into account the added value of a dynamic independent academic research. This approach will include creating partnerships with the private sector, Universities and Member States in order to bring together the needed resources.

Since the OECI offers to the major European Cancer Institutes and to the whole cancer community an opportunity to meet, exchange ideas and assess outcomes, this is perfectly in line with the Horizon 2020 strategy and the goals to be achieved in the following years.

At the same time, the Organisation acts as an ideal context in which experts can join together in order to rapidly achieve objectives to improve early prevention, detection, a more accurate diagnostic approach and personalized therapies.

In stressing once again the importance of the OECI annual meeting as a tool to further strengthen the interaction among European stakeholders, we would like to thank all speakers and moderators that will contribute to the event. We hope the "OECI 2013 Oncology Days" proudly hosted by Belgium, will achieve its objectives.

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Medical Director Institute Jules Bordet

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Frans Keuppens
President OC UZBrussel

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Guy Storme
OECI Executive Secretary

Claudio Lombardo
OECI Director

Introduction to the OECI

The OECI is a non-government Organization founded in Vienna in 1979.
The primary objectives of its 68 Members are to improve communication and to increase collaborative activities among European cancer institutes. The Members collaborate dynamically with the 6 OECI Working Groups and the 2 Activities - ***http://www.oeci.eu/WorkingGroupsMW.aspx***
The OECI goals are achieved by promoting and strengthening Comprehensive Cancer Centres in Europe in order to reduce cancer incidence and mortality, and to improve quality in cancer care and translational research also from an organisational viewpoint.
In order to facilitate the activities of their members and the definition of common programs of international interest, and to facilitate the participation in European projects and programs, in 2005 the OECI was remodelled into a European Economic Interest Grouping, becoming the OECI-EEIG.
To better contribute to the increase of the quality of care, the OECI has the objective to include within 2014 into the Accreditation/Designation program, 50% of its members.
In view of the crucial role of the pathology departments in oncology and of the expected "flood" of new markers and diagnostics, the OECI acts in close cooperation with the EurocanPlatform and the EACR in order to strengthen and disseminate the innovation process among its members.
In view of the huge number of cancer survivors, partly due to increasing success rates of treatments, the OECI stimulates a better cooperation on survivorship management which is specifically multidisciplinary for its nature.
The educational activities take especially place in the above mentioned fields in order to strengthen the aims of the OECI and disseminate the generated knowledge.
The managerial support is mainly organized through the Office of the President in Amsterdam, the Central Office in Brussels, and the Liaison Office in Genoa. Regular updating and reports of the OECI activities appear on the oeci@oeci.eu website and through ecancermedicalscience, the official OECI e-Journal.

Accreditation and Designation

The **Accreditation/Designation WG (A&D)** aims at defining consensual European quality standards and criteria supporting the concept of Comprehensive Cancer Centres with integration of care, research and education. The WG developed a tool for professionals enabling the performances of cancer institutes to be assessed both internally and externally. In order to increase the efficacy of cancer research and to strengthen joint public/private research in Europe for more competitive cancer research, thanks to the A&D WG, the OECI is producing a database of cancer centres detailing the available infrastructures and human resources in order to allow the identification of the structures where accelerated development of innovative treatments or high-quality clinical research is feasible. One of the main goals of the A&D WG is the establishment of criteria for European Comprehensive Cancer Centres and the harmonisation of their resources in order to reach a critical mass for research.
Starting from June 2012, the OECI Accreditation and Designation system is also open to non-OECI members. ***For more details contact oeci@oeci.eu***

Biobanks and Molecular Pathobiology

The **Biobanks and Molecular Pathobiology WG (BAMP)** aims at promoting new developments in histopathology, cytology and molecular testing applying new updated tumor classifications and prognostic criteria based on modern technologies such as molecular testing. The WG focuses on education, training and on the optimal organisation in Cancer Institutes involving young pathologists and molecular biologists, as well as on providing support for staff members in less developed areas, which need to be updated on these new approaches in cancer diagnosis including sample collection and storage. Regular annual meetings are organised with the support of OECI Cancer Centres and in conjunction with other European Cancer Societies. The WG wants to contribute to an efficient infrastructure for the OECI multi-centre research platforms, providing request options for samples collected from cancer patients for translational and clinical research to be used for cooperative multicentres research adopting agreed rules for access and exchange.

Communication and Dissemination

The **Communication and Dissemination Activity (CADA)** aims at facilitating exchanges between scientists and clinicians within the OECI Institutes, helping people working on common projects, on developing and sharing trial protocols, data, meta-analyses, more generally, any activity which needs connectivity and communication. The Activity is developed in connection with eCancermedicalscience, the official Journal of the OECI and in which web visitors can read on science and watch videos from 203 countries connecting on eCancer.eu. This Activity aims also at better disseminating the initiatives of the OECI Members, WGs and Activities through the publication of leaflets illustrating the OECI as a whole as well as the single initiatives. As a registered Publisher, the OECI produced specific titles downloadable at ***www.oeci.eu/Publications.aspx***.

Cost-Benefit – Health Economics

The OECI is proud to announce the constitution of a **Cost-Benefit (COBE)** Working Group that will facilitate careful and explicit balancing of clinical benefits and financial impact of cancer treatments. The primary objectives of the WG will be to demonstrate remits of cost-benefit analyses in oncology and to establish standards in budget impact analysis for OECI members. The WG will also pay attention to those recent developments in health economics, for example value based pricing, budget impact expertise, which have the special interest of the members. An interest call will be sent out soon to all members for their input. The OECI welcomes Dr. Lotte Steuten to whom the coordination of the new WG has been assigned.

Education and training

The **Education and Training WG (ETWG)** aims at coordinating and implementing the educational activities of European Cancer Institutes by promoting the establishment of a European Area for E&T in oncology, and by stimulating tighter relationships among OECI members, while defining a better connection with external bodies, such as the European School of Oncology, EACR, ECCO and ESMO, among others. Through the ETWG's plan of activities, the OECI helps in finding practical solutions following the Lisbon goals, tackling

fragmentation in training, sharing knowledge and facilities among CCCs, facilitating the launch of new research initiatives, reinforcing existing successful actions, improving knowledge on new emerging fields and exchanging personnel with industries and vice-versa. In the coming years the educational programme is planning to increase the involvment of emerging countries by encouraging them with at least one significant event they wil host. This will amplify the cooperation among all countries in Europe.

Eurocan Platform

The **EurocanPlatform WG (EP)** is a NoE of European Comprehensive Cancer Centres recently financed by the EC within the 7FP; through membership and personal involvement, it is closely linked to the OECI.
The EurocanPlatform works towards the decreasing of cancer mortality by cooperation of major Comprehensive Cancer Centres and is aiming to bring translational research results to a new level. It connects the necessary resources and provides know-how for the entire research continuum: basic research, early and late translational research, clinical research, epidemiological research, implementation in care and population based outcome research. A strong focus is related to discovery-driven translational cancer research in five selected tumours: breast, head-neck, lung, malignant melanoma and pancreatic cancer. Joint structures and programmes for early detection contribute to optimal treatment, while novel prevention research programmes will integrate prevention activities in clinical cancer centres as well as public prevention.

Prevention and Early Diagnisis

The OECI **WG on Cancer Prevention and Early Diagnosis (CPED)** explores the following objectives:

– to foster links with and influence other European activities concerned with cancer prevention;
– to develop additional standards on cancer prevention for consideration by the OECI designation and accreditation programme;
– to survey current levels of service, educational and research activities relating to cancer prevention and early detection among OECI members;
– to provide a mechanism for the development of prevention research collaborations between OECI member organisations and to secure the necessary funding.

STARTACTIVITY
the European options and recommendations of diagnosis and treatments

The **START-OECI Activity** is an evidence-based *"state of the art"* instrument on cancer diagnosis and treatment, created to support oncologists and physicians in their everyday oncology practice. In order to provide more comprehensive care and improve patients' quality of life through an evidence-based medicine, START-OECI works according to a consistent methodology, whereby each chapter results from a definite, internal collaborative process. The chapter is published online and in Critical Reviews in Oncology and Haematology as well as in specific series of Volumes which are published directly by the OECI. The first volume can be downloaded from www.oeci.eu. About 30% of the START Contributors belong to OECI Members or Associate Members.

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  Milan
- **IST Istituto Nazionale per la Ricerca sul Cancro**
  Genoa
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- **Istituto FIRC di Oncologia Molecolare (IFOM)**
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- **Centro di Riferimento Oncologico della Basilicata (CROB)**
  Potenza
- **Istituto Scientifico Romagnolo per lo Studio e la Cura dei Tumori (IRST)**
  Meldola - Forlì

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- **Wielkopolskie Cancer Centre**
  Poznan

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  Madrid
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  Madrid
- **Fundacion Instituto Valenciano de Oncologia (IVO)**
  Valencia

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  Groningen
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  Kiev

United Kingdom
- **Cancer Research UK Cambridge Research Institute**
  London
- **Christie Hospital NHS Foundation Trust**
  Manchester
- **King' s Health Partners Integrated Cancer Centre**
  London

The OECI 2013 Oncology Days

On May 13-16 2013, Brussels will hosts the OECI European Oncology Days including parallel events aiming to create an opportunity to focus on specific issues of great interest for cancer innovation.

The OECI 2013 Oncology Days include:

- **OECI Extended Board**
- **OECI Session as part of the 2013 European Forum on Oncology. Accreditation, Quality Programmes and Europe: Cancer Services enter a New Era**
- **Education and Central-Eastern European Countries Symposium**
- **Award of the OECI 2013 Cancer Prize**
- **OECI 2013 General Assembly (Morning Administrative Session)**
- **OECI 2013 General Assembly (Afternoon parallel Symposia)**
  - ***Coordination cancer research forum: national politics and coordinating authorities***
  - ***Health economics/cost benefit Symposium***
- **OECI Molecular Pathology Day Symposium**

Social events (restricted to OECI Members)

- **Brussels City Hall visit and welcome cocktail**
- **OECI 2013 Gala Dinner**

MORNING 9.00-10.30 hrs

OECI Session - as part of the 2013 European Forum on Oncology *Accreditation, Quality Programmes and Europe: Cancer Services enter a New Era*

May 14th

Hotel Thon Brussels City Centre
17 Av. Du Boulevard
Brussels

In collaboration with

European School of Oncology
learning to care

Chairs: ***Wim van Harten, Mahasti Saghatchian*** *and* ***Alberto Costa***

OECI Accreditation and Designation Programme: Report of a 10-year experience dedicated to cancer centres
Mahasti Saghatchian*, IGR - Paris, France*

Health technology assessment, Dutch experience
Melvin Kilsdonk *- NKI- Amsterdam, The Netherlands*

The Multidisciplinary management of prostate cancer patients: the OECI- ESO-DKGinitiative on Pr Ca Units in Europe
Riccardo Valdagni*, Fondazione INT - Milan, Italy*

European Commission Breast Cancer Services Accreditation
Speaker to be designed *- Joint Research Centre Ispra - EC*

Reorganisng cancer care in the UK to improve quality
Chris Harrison*, Christie Hospital - Manchester, UK*

Accreditation, why? Future European Perspectives
Peter Lange*, EurocanPlatform (to be confirmed)*

AFTERNOON 16.00-17.30 HRS

Education and Central-Eastern European Countries

Chairs: ***Wim van Harten, Angelo Paradiso*** *and* ***Alberto Costa***

Programme to be announced

OECI 2013 General Assembly

May 15th

Institut Jules Bordet
Boulevard de Waterloo, 121
Brussels

MORNING: ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

8.30 *Registration*

8.50 **General Assembly constitution and President addresses**

9.00 **Session 1: Administrative and financial matters**
*Chair: **Wim van Harten and Guy Storme***

Point 1: Welcome and approval of the Agenda
Wim van Harten

Point 2: Approval of May 5th 2012 General Assembly's Minutes (vote requested – decision taken at the simple majority of the votes of the OECI full members present or represented)
Wim van Harten

Point 3: Approval of the Financial Statement 2012 (vote requested – decision taken at the simple majority of the votes of the OECI full members present or represented)
Guy Storme** and **José Laranja Pontes

Point 4: 2013 and 2014 Provisional Budget (only for 2013 vote requested – decision taken at the simple majority of the votes of the OECI full members present or represented)
José Laranja Pontes

Point 5: OECI Board composition and election of two Members
Wim van Harten

Point 6: OECI Membership

6.1 New applications

6.2 Proposal for discontinuing from the membership of OECI debtors members (vote requested – decision taken at the unanimity of the votes of the OECI full members present or represented)
Claudio Lombardo

Ceremony for the delivery of the OECI European Accreditation Certificate to: Institut Jules Bordet - Brussels - Belgium
Wim van Harten – Mahasti Saghatchian

11.15 *COFFEE BREAK*

May 15th

Institut Jules Bordet
Boulevard de Waterloo, 121
Brussels

11.30 **Session 2**: **The OECI Program for the coming years**
Chairs: ***Wim van Harten*** *and* ***Marco Pierotti***

Point 7: **The OECI 2013-2014 Program of activities**

7.1 Introduction
Wim van Harten

7.2 Summary of the WG's activities
Marco Pierotti

7.3 Benchmarking comprehensive cancer care that provides interdisciplinary treatment for patients, and yield examples of best practice in comprehensive cancer care. OECI Project approved by the General Direction SANCO of the European Commission
Wim van Harten

7.4 EurocanPlatform NoE update
Ulrik Ringborg

Point 8: **Venues of the General Assemblies for the coming years**
Wim van Harten

13.00 *LUNCH*

AFTERNOON

14.00 *Parallel Symposia*
Forum

Coordination cancer research: national politics and coordinating authorities

Chairs: ***Fabien Calvo*** *and* ***Wim van Harten***
Programme to be annunced

15.00 *Symposium*

Personalized and sustainable oncology care: health economic perspectives

(in collaboration with: CRP-Sante, Luxembourg - tbc)
Chair: ***Lotte Steuten***
Delivering sustainable and cost-effective oncology care
Richard Sullivan
Health economics and patient outcome evaluation in comprehensive cancer centres
Scott Ramsey
Personalized oncology care: including patient preferences in health economic evaluation
Maarten IJzerman
Personalized oncology care: including patient preferences in health economic evaluation
Jolande Lievens

OECI Molecular Pathology Day

May 16th

Istitut Jules Bordet Tagnon Auditorium

In collaboration with

EORTC European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer
The future of cancer therapy

European Society of Pathology

IMPACTS

Chairs: ***Giorgio Stanta*** *(Trieste) and* ***Fatima Carneiro*** *(Porto - t.b.c.)*

9.00: **Relevance of Archive Tissues in Modern Pathology**
Giorgio Stanta *(Trieste)*

9.30: **Biological Therapy Resistance**
Raffaella Sordella *(Cold Spring Harbor)*

10.00: *COFFEE BREAK*

11.45: **Discussion**

Recent Approaches and Perspectives in Cancer Molecular Diagnostics

Chairs: ***Paul Span*** *(Nijmegen) and* ***Gerald Hoefler*** *(Graz)*

11.00: **Breast**
Anna Sapino *(Torino)*

11.30: *Discussion*

11.40: **Colon**
Andreas Jung *(Munich - t.b.c.)*

12.10: *Discussion*

12.20: **Lung**
Erik Thunnissen *(Amsterdam)*

12.50: *Discussion*

13.00: *LUNCH*

OECI New Biomarker Validation Proposals

14.30: *Chairs:* ***Manfred Dietel*** *(Berlin t.b.c.) and* ***Roberto Salgado*** *(Brussels)*
- ***HPV related tumours***
  Nina Gale *(Ljubljana - t.b.c.)*
- ***New colon biomarkers for biological therapy***
  Giorgio Stanta *(Trieste)*
- ***New treatment subgroups in breast cancer***
  Anna Sapino *(Torino)*

Quality Assessment for Molecular Diagnostics in Archive Tissues (Round Table)

May 16th

Istitut Jules Bordet Tagnon Auditorium

16.00: Chairs: **Giorgio Stanta** (Trieste)
and **Han van Krieken** (Nijmegen - t.b.c.)

Participants:
Manfred Dietel (Berlin t.b.c.)
Gerald Hoefler (Graz)
Roberto Salgado (Brussels)
Erik Thunnissen (Amsterdam)

General timetable

	13 May 2013	14 May 2013
MORNING		*9.00 - 10.30* OECI Session as part of the 2013 European Forum on Oncology: Accreditation, Quality Programmes and Europe - Cancer Services enter a New Era *(Thon Hotel)*
		Lunch
AFTERNOON	*17.00 - 19.30* OECI Extended Board *(Thon Hotel)*	*15.30 - 17.00* Education and Central-Eastern European Countries Symposium *(Thon Hotel)*
EVENING	**Extended Board Dinner**	**Brussels City Hall Reception Gala Dinner and OECI Cancer Prize Cerimony**

	15 May 2013	16 May 2013
MORNING	*8.30 - 13.00* OECI 2013 General Assembly (Administrative Session) *(Institut Jules Bordet)*	*9.00 - 13.00* OECI Molecular Pathology Day Symposium ***Chair Giorgio Stanta*** *(Istitut Jules Bordet Tagnon Auditorium)*
	Lunch	Lunch
AFTERNOON	OECI 2013 General Assembly *Scientific Sessions* ***(Institut Jules Bordet)*** ***14.00 - 17.00*** Forum Coordination cancer research forum: national politics and coordinating authorities ***Chairs: Fabien Calvo and Win H. van Harten*** ***14.00 - 16.00*** Symposium Health economics/cost benefit ***Chair Lotte Steuten***	*14.00 - 17.00* OECI Molecular Pathology Day Symposium ***Chair Giorgio Stanta*** *(Istitut Jules Bordet Tagnon Auditorium)*

Social events

Extended Board Dinner

Restaurant "Les Brigittines"

May 13th - evening

Only for OECI Board Members
and Co-opted members.

20.00 hrs.



Brussels City Hall Visit and Welcome cockail

May 14th - aftenoon

19.00 - 20.00 hrs.



OECI 2013 Gala Dinner and Oncology Price Cerimony

Restaurant "La Maison du Cygne"

May 14th - evening

Only for OECI Members
and invited persons
(registration required)

20.30 hrs.



General information about Brussels

AIRPORT AND TRANSPORTATION

Brussels International Airport

Belgium's main airport is located in Zaventem, 12 km north of Brussels. From this airport, you can reach Brussels by train or bus. Taxis are also readily available. An average taxi ride to the centre of Brussels costs €40.

Brussels Charleroi-Sud Airport

This subsidiary airport is located 46 km South of Brussels and is similarly accessible by train, bus and taxi. An airport shuttle departs every 30 minutes from the airport to take passengers to the Brussels South railway station. The shuttle is a convenient to reach Brussels and cheaper than taking a taxi.

Train

To plan a train trip inside Belgium, visit www.b-rail.be. Although train travel within Brussels is possible, the city's bus, metro and tram service is more extensive and a better way to get around.

Bus, metro & tram

Inside Brussels, the bus, tram and metro services are the most convenient way to get around. These are operated by a single company, STIB/MIVB, and all three services are accessible with a single ticket – you can combine the bus, tram and metro to reach your destination. Use their journey planner to plan your trips within Brussels

Taxi

If you want to take a taxi in Brussels there are several companies to choose from:
Autolux: + 32 (0)2 411 12 21
Taxis Bleus: + 32 (0)2 268 00 00
Taxis Orange: + 32 ((0)2 349 43 43
Taxis Verts: +32 (0)2 349 49 49

CLIMATE

In May, you can expect an average low of 11 C, and an average high of 20 C. Bring your umbrella!

CURRENCY, EXCHANGE & CREDIT CARDS

Belgium's currency is the Euro. You can withdraw Euros from ATMs using your credit card or exchange currency at a money exchange or bank branch.
Banks are usually open from 9 am to 3.30 pm, Monday to Friday. Some are also open on Saturday mornings.
ATMs can be found throughout Brussels. The logos of the cards accepted are shown beside the machine.

Most credit cards, including American Express and Diners Club, are accepted in numerous stores, boutiques, restaurants, car hire firms, etc.

EATING & DRINKING

Brussels offers a wide range of international cuisines, so you are sure to find something to suit your palate. Be aware that several kitchens close at around 10:30 pm, and therefore restaurants may not serve in the late hours.
VAT and service charges are included in the bill so it is not necessary to tip your waiter, unless you feel inclined to reward exceptional service.
Smoking is not permitted inside restaurants and bars, but is allowed on outside terraces.

REGISTRATION FEES

Registration and attendance at the meeting is free. The OECI Members are supported by the Organisation to attend the European Forum of Oncology 2013 and they are required to pay for accommodations and meals. Coffee breaks and lunches are provided during the meeting.

Congress-specific information

Language

The official language is English. No simultaneous translation in other languages will be provided during the sessions.

Badges

Congress badges should be worn by all participants at all times during the meeting.

Lunches and refreshments

Breaks and lunches will be organised in the congress venue

Insurance

The Organising Committee cannot accept any liability. Participants should make their own arrangements with respect to health and travel insurance.

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