WELCOME ADDRESS

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It is a great pleasure to welcome you all to this year's 2 Day-Conference organized by the Hellenic Society of Liquid Biopsy: "Liquid Biopsy: Latest Advances and applications in Oncology".

Liquid biopsy is a minimally invasive approach that is mainly based on the analysis of circulating tumor cells (CTCs) and circulating tumor DNA (ctDNA). Liquid biopsy is an important tool in the fight against cancer, since it provides the ability to monitor in serial samples a molecular portrait of the tumor in real time. CTC and ctDNA analysis present currently a powerful tool for the management of advanced- and early-stage cancer patients and offers the unique potential to better understand the biology of metastasis and resistance mechanisms to specific treatments. Liquid biopsy has already revealed its tremendous potential to significantly change the therapeutic strategy and management of cancer patients.

This year's 2 Day-Conference of HSLB is focused on the latest advances on liquid biopsy basic research, state of the art technologies, and clinical applications in many types of cancer, from bench to bedside. In this meeting, we bring together Key Opinion Leaders in the field, world-top liquid biopsy clinicians and researchers, that will present state of the art data and technology innovations in the field. During these two days, we will all have again the chance to interact and establish fruitful collaborations in a highly relaxing and stimulating environment.

Warm regards,



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