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Following the success of the previous meetings in Paris (2024) and New York (2025), we are delighted to announce that the 3rd International VEXAS Workshop will take place in Milan, September 24-25, 2026.

Building on the strong momentum of these earlier editions, which fostered global collaboration and deepened understanding of this newly defined autoinflammatory condition, the Milan workshop will further expand the international dialogue on VEXAS syndrome.

In 2026, we will once again bring together leading clinicians, researchers, geneticists, biologists, and specialists across hematology, rheumatology, immunology, and disease modelling to explore the rapidly evolving landscape of VEXAS syndrome. The VEXAS Workshop will highlight advances in genetics, clinical spectrum, and therapeutic strategies, with a particular emphasis on integrating emerging scientific insights into pathological mechanism, patient care, and disease management.

A dynamic scientific programme will include interactive case-based sessions, keynote lectures, and multidisciplinary panels designed to connect discovery with patient care. Participants will have the opportunity to share experience, challenge current paradigms, and define the priorities that will shape future research.

This year, two educational sessions will be included. The aim of this sessions is to provide participants with practical tools to recognize, interpret, monitor, and manage the inflammatory and hematological features of VEXAS syndrome in daily clinical practice. Through case-based discussions, the workshop will support the development of a structured differential diagnostic approach in patients presenting with systemic inflammation and/or unexplained hematologic abnormalities. Emphasis will be placed on critical clinical reasoning and on how to appropriately raise and investigate diagnostic suspicion and monitor disease evolution, including the rational use of laboratory, imaging, and genetic testing to confirm the diagnosis.

Our goal is clear: to make Milan 2026 a pivotal step forward in the collective effort to understand and treat VEXAS syndrome. The 3rd International VEXAS Workshop will be the place where collaboration, insight, and innovation come together to improve patients' lives.

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PRELIMINARY SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th

08.30	Welcome and introduction
09.00	KEYNOTE LECTURE <i>Chairs: F. Ciceri, L. Dagna</i> VEXAS Discovery <i>Peter Grayson</i>
09.30	SESSION 1 - Autoinflammatory diseases - VEXAS and beyond <i>Chairs: M. Sirenko, M. Matucci-Cerinic</i> Clinical manifestations of VEXAS syndrome <i>Sinisa Savic</i> TBD <i>David Beck</i> When the fire misfires: VEXAS and the autoinflammatory spectrum <i>Sophie Georgin-Lavialle</i> TBD <i>Benjamin Terrier</i>
10.50	Discussion
11.05	Coffee break
11.25	SESSION 2 - Clonal hematopoiesis - VEXAS and beyond <i>Chairs: M. Fiumara, L. Vago</i> TBD <i>Maria Sirenko</i> TBD <i>Antonio Maria Risitano</i> Inflammation-driven Anemia in Lower Risk myelodysplastic syndromes: mechanistic basis and Clinical Trial Landscape <i>Matteo Giovanni Della Porta</i> TBD <i>Steven Chan</i>
12.40	Discussion
12.50	Lunch

13.40	<p>SESSION 3 - Diagnoses, monitoring and treatment of VEXAS <i>Chairs: P. Grayson, M. Ponzoni</i></p> <p>Techniques for Molecular Disease Monitoring in VEXAS syndrome <i>Carmelo Gurnari</i></p> <p>VEXAS diagnosis: when to prefer Sanger and when to choose NGS <i>Maria Giulia Cangi</i></p> <p>Clone-targeted therapy in VEXAS syndrome: 5-azacitidine vs allogeneic stem cell transplantation <i>Vincent Jachiet & Bhavisha Patel</i></p> <p>Anti-inflammatory therapy in VEXAS syndrome: IL-6 vs JAK inhibitors <i>Jerome Hadjadj & Yohei Kirino</i></p>
15.00	Discussion
15.15	Coffee break
15.35	<p>SESSION 4 - Oral presentations <i>Chairs: D. Beck, B. Terrier</i></p> <p>Best abstracts - basic/translational research</p>
16.05	<p>SESSION 5 - Clinical studies of VEXAS <i>Chairs: C. Campochiaro, E. Diral</i></p> <p>PAXIS clinical trial <i>Matthew Koster</i></p> <p>RIVET: A phase 1b/2 study of the dual IRAK 1/4 inhibitor R289 in patients with symptomatic VEXAS syndrome <i>Arsene Mekinian</i></p> <p>Momelotinib in VEXAS syndrome <i>Mael Heiblig</i></p> <p>VEX-AZA clinical trial <i>Jacob Werner Hansen</i></p>
17.10	Discussion
17.25	Poster Session 1
18.30	Adjourn

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th

08.00	Welcome and introduction
08.15	KEYNOTE LECTURE <i>Chairs: S. Cenci, R. Molteni</i> TBD <i>Luigi Naldini</i>
08.45	SESSION 1 - Tracing origin, fate, and states across hematopoiesis <i>Chairs: G.M. Bergonzi, S. Ferrari</i> TBD <i>Alejo Rodriguez Fraticelli</i> TBD <i>Serena Scala</i> TBD <i>Neal Young</i> TBD <i>Elisa Laurenti</i>
10.05	Discussion
10.20	Coffee break
10.40	SESSION 2 - Oral presentations <i>Chairs: B. Patel, A. Tomelleri</i> Best abstracts - clinical research
11.10	SESSION 3 - Stories from patients and caregivers <i>Chairs: A. Camerini, M. Ferrada</i> VEXAS Foundation <i>Italian caregiver</i>
11.40	EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS VEXAS for rheumatologists <i>(C. Campochiaro, S. Georgin-Lavalie, F. Muratore)</i> VEXAS for hematologists <i>(E. Diral, P. Fenaux, L-P. Zhao)</i>
12.20	Lunch & Poster Session 2
13.10	EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS VEXAS for rheumatologists <i>(F. Crisafulli, B. Terrier, A. Tomelleri)</i> VEXAS for hematologists <i>(G. M. Bergonzi, T. Comont, J. Ferrari)</i>

14.00	<p>SESSION 4 - Cellular stress responses - VEXAS and beyond <i>Chairs: R. Di Micco, S. Scala</i></p> <p>TBD <i>Emmanuelle Passaguè</i></p> <p>TBD <i>Simone Cenci</i></p> <p>TBD <i>Saghi Ghaffari</i></p> <p>VEXAS and UBA1 <i>Achim Werner</i></p>
15.20	Discussion
15.35	Coffee break
15.55	<p>SESSION 5 - Patient registries <i>Chairs: C. Gurnari, C. Tresoldi</i></p> <p>French registry <i>Arsene Mekinian</i></p> <p>Patient registry <i>Marcela Ferrada</i></p> <p>German registry <i>Katja Sockel</i></p> <p>Japanese registry <i>Yohei Kirino</i></p> <p>AIDA Network VEXAS registry <i>Luca Cantarini</i></p>
16.45	Discussion
16.55	<p>SESSION 6 - Inflammation and immunity - VEXAS and beyond <i>Chairs: C. Bonini, E. Laurenti</i></p> <p>Independent mechanisms of inflammation and myeloid bias in VEXAS syndrome <i>Alexander Gitlin</i></p> <p>TBD <i>Cecilia Garlanda</i></p> <p>DADA2 from basic to translational and clinical research <i>Alessandra Mortellaro & Federica Barzaghi</i></p>
17.55	Discussion
18.10	Final remarks