

Prof. FRANCESCO DE LORENZO

CV SUMMARY

A colorectal cancer survivor; medical doctor and full professor of Biochemistry, Medical School, University of Naples "Federico II". Through his career as a researcher and politician, he has always been fighting against cancer, as testified by his scientific publications (more than 80 papers published in the most important scientific journals of biochemistry and molecular biology as Cancer Research, Mutation Research, Proceeding of the National Academy of Science, Carcinogenesis) and various laws approved while he was a Parliament) and Government member. Currently, he is a volunteer and his main area of interest is cancer survivorship. His interest for cancer survivorship issues has increased since participation in a joint conference organized by the US National Cancer Institute, the American Cancer Society and the Lance Armstrong Foundation in 2006.

He is:

- President of the **European Cancer Patients Coalition (ECPC)**, the voice of the European cancer patient community, uniquely representing the interests of all cancer patient groups from common to rare cancers. ECPC has more than 300 members from 44 countries. Responsible for all cancer survivorship-related issues and Rare CancerNet project manager
- Member of the Cancer Data & Information (Work Packages 9) of **EPAAC** (European Partnership for Action Against Cancer) whose main objective is to build a comprehensive cancer information system for the European Union, with the involvement of national and regional governmental institutions, cancer registries, research institutes, international institutes, European networks, patient associations, media and citizens representatives.
- Permanent Member, within **ESMO (European Society of Medical Oncology)**, of the Cancer Patient Working Group and Chairman of the 8th Cancer patients' seminar (35th ESMO Congress)
- President of the **Italian Federation of Volunteered based Cancer Organizations (FAVO)**, an umbrella organization representing the views of over 500 Italian volunteer-based, non-profit associations dedicated to providing support and helping improve the quality of life of cancer patients and their families/carers. He is project manager of the "Cancer Survivorship: a new paradigm of care" project, supported by the Italian Ministry of Health, in collaboration with leading Italian Cancer Care Centers. Among his achievements, he has:
 - lobbied Parliament and Government to reduce time to disability and handicap recognition for cancer patients from 12 months to just 15 days, which means earlier payment of economic and social benefits; and also to allow cancer patients to switch from full-time to part-time job till recovery;
 - promoted the Cancer Rehabilitation White Book to draw the attention of cancer patients, health professionals and policymakers to cancer rehabilitation issues in order to improve the quality of life of people with cancer
- Member of the **National Permanent Observatory of Voluntary Service** of the Italian Welfare Ministry;
- President of **the National Observatory on Disparities in Cancer Treatments**. Created by FAVO in 2008, it convenes the Information and Statistic Service of the Ministry of Health, the Italian National Social Security Institute (INPS), some scientific societies including the Italian Society of Medical Oncology (AIOM), the Italian Society of Hematology (SIE), the Italian Society of Psychology (SIPO) and the Italian Society of Radiation Oncology (AIRO), and the Socio-Economic Research Institute (CENSIS);
- President of the **Italian Association for Cancer Patients**, their families and friends (**AIMaC**);
- Member of the **International Cancer Information Service Group (ICISG)**;
- Former member of the National Cancer Advisory Board (2009–2011) as a representative of the 'patient's voice', and gave a significant contribution to the definition of the **National Cancer Plan** approved in 2011.

During his voluntary service, he published several important PAPERS ON CANCER PATIENT ADVOCACY: F. De Lorenzo et al. *"National Cancer Information Service in Italy: an information points network as a new model for providing information for cancer patients"* - Running title: NATIONAL CANCER INFORMATION SERVICE IN ITALY, published by Tumori in 2011; F. De Lorenzo et al. *From Biobank to the research biorepository: ethical and legal recommendations*, discussed within the Opening Ceremony of 8th ESMO Patient Seminar and published by OECI in 2010; F. De Lorenzo et al. *International collaboration in cancer control*, presented at the Third International Cancer Control Congress, Cernobbio, Italy, November 11, 2009 ; published in Tumori, a journal of experimental and clinical oncology, n°. 5, 2010; F. De Lorenzo, E. Ballatori, F. Di Costanzo, A. Giacalone, B. Ruggeri and U. Tirelli. *Improving information to Italian cancer patients: results of a randomized study*, Annals of Oncology 15:721-725, 2004.