



**The International Bladder Cancer Network  @IBCN1997**  
**September 29<sup>th</sup> – October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 in Barcelona, Spain**

Dear Friends & Colleagues,

The 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the International Bladder Cancer Network will be held in September 29<sup>th</sup> - October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 in Barcelona, Spain. This is our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting, and, three years after our last in-person meeting in Aarhus, it promises to be particularly memorable. We are grateful to our local hosts Joan Palou Redorta (Fundació Puigvert) and Manolis Kogevinas (Barcelona Institute for Global Health - ISGlobal) for welcoming us in Barcelona, where the first IBCN meetings took place in May 1997.



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Please register for the meeting on the [IBCN Webpage](#). We will start with an informal evening reception on Thursday Sept 29<sup>th</sup> in the meeting hotel. The meeting will be held all day on Friday Sept 30<sup>th</sup> and until late afternoon of Saturday Oct 1<sup>st</sup> (end at 4 pm).

The meeting will be held at the [Hospital Sant Pau](#) (Recinte Modernista, picture below). This former hospital is an exceptional venue in central Barcelona designed by the Catalan architect Lluís Domènech i Montaner that was declared a World Heritage site by UNESCO in 1997. It has been recently restored to its original glory and artistic richness, but has also been transformed into a state-of-the-art meeting facility. To ensure compliance it is important to highlight that the meeting facilities are separate from the museum on the same site and we will not provide access to the museum.



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We will have our trademark 'IBCN Dinner' on Friday evening in the "Saló dels Miralls" (Hall of Mirrors) at [El Gran Teatre del Liceu](#). This is the Opera theatre of Barcelona and dates back to 1837 (picture to left). This promises to be a splendid celebration of our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

The sessions for the meeting will be focused around hot topics in clinical and translational bladder cancer research. We will again plan on having an interactive poster session to allow everyone to present their work. We will continue our collaboration with industry partners with small group break-out sessions. As always, we look forward to having you present your research for collaborative discussions. Please submit your abstracts at the [IBCN webpage](#) before **July 1<sup>st</sup>** (and please adhere to formatting rules!).

The scientific program will include:

- Keynote speakers **Andreas Moor** (ETH Zurich) and **Amir Horowitz** (Mt Sinai NY) will focus on spatial profiling and single cell sequencing in bladder cancer.
- IBCN speaker **Paco Real** (Centro Nacional de Investigaciones, Madrid) speaking on "STAG2: deciphering the mechanisms of action of a novel type of tumor suppressor in bladder cancer"
- Keynote speakers **Ramon Alemany** (Institut Català d'Oncologia, Barcelona) and **Hardev Pandha** (University of Surrey, UK) will focus on oncolytic viral therapy in oncology and bladder cancer.

This year we will again have a travel award in the amount of €1500 for a junior investigator ( $\leq 5$  years since last training) from outside of Europe and U.K. – any interested candidates can forward a copy of their CV and an abstract to [info@ibcnweb.net](mailto:info@ibcnweb.net). In addition, we will have monetary awards for the best research presentations. Awards will be paid out after the awardee has submitted a manuscript on the same or a related topic to the annual IBCN issue of *Urologic Oncology*.

A block of rooms is available to IBCN meeting attendees at [Hotel Catalonia Eixample 1864](#). Please use [this link](#) to obtain a discounted rate on a first-come, first-serve basis (includes breakfast) as long as rooms last. Remember that all members are responsible to cover the cost of their own hotel room. Trainees who are already IBCN members and who submit an abstract to this year's meeting before the July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline may apply by simple e-mail to have two nights of accommodation covered by the IBCN. In this e-mail please include your current position, current supervisor, year of becoming IBCN member, and title of submitted abstract.

**Please remember: The meeting is only open to members. If you have not registered yourself as a member and paid your dues (possible now by PayPal on [IBCN webpage](#)), please contact us.**

Looking forward to seeing you again!

  
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