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Dr. Matti Aapro received his medical degree from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Geneva, Switzerland. He was a fellow at the Arizona Cancer Center in Tucson and was the founding chair of the Medical and Radiation Therapy Department at the European Institute of Oncology in Milan.

Dr. Aapro is presently Dean of the Multidisciplinary Oncology Institute, Genolier, Switzerland. He serves the International Society for Geriatric Oncology (SIOG) as Executive Board Member. He was member of the Board of the European Organization for Research and Treatment of Cancer (EORTC). He is past-President of the Multinational Association for Supportive Care in Cancer (MASCC), and is now on its Board of Directors for 2012-2014.

Dr. Aapro chaired the scientific and organizing committees of UICC's (International Union against Cancer) World Cancer Congress of 2008 in Geneva, and 2010 in Shenzhen, China. A member of ESMO 2012 and EMCC 2013 (European Multidisciplinary Cancer Congress) Scientific Committees, he also coordinates the SPCC programme of the European School of Oncology. Dr. Aapro is Editor-in-Chief of Critical Reviews in Oncology/Hematology, Associate Editor of Annals of Oncology, and Associate Editor for the geriatric section of the Oncologist. He is founding editor of the Journal of Geriatric Oncology. He has authored more than 250 publications and his major interests are new drug development, breast cancer, cancer in the elderly, and supportive care.

Dr. Aapro has received the 2010 Acta Oncologica Award and the 2012 ASCO B.J. Kennedy prize.

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Symptomics – the science of symptoms and their pharmacological palliation

Sam studied medicine in the Universities of St Andrews and Manchester. He obtained his clinical training in oncology and respiratory medicine in Glasgow and in 1985 he became Medical Director of the Leicestershire Hospice, where he established the first UK palliative care research programme. Since 1994 he has been Professor of Palliative Medicine at the University of Sheffield, where he combines an academic career whilst heading one of the UK's busiest hospital supportive care teams in the Weston Park and Royal Hallamshire Hospitals. He led the Adult Cancer Survivorship programme in Sheffield and has pioneered consumer involvement in cancer research. Sam led the EORTC Quality Of Life Group, which produced the EORTC QLQ-C30, the world's leading tool for measuring quality of life in cancer. He initiated the Association for Palliative Medicine's Science Committee and is editor-in-chief of Current Opinion in Supportive and Palliative Care and of the Oxford University Press textbook series in Supportive Care. He was 2010 Spinoza Visiting Professor at the University of Amsterdam Medical Centre.

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- Developing 'symptomics' – the science of how symptoms (and drug adverse effects) arise, are biologically modified and pharmacologically palliated
- Measurement of holistic needs in patients with cancer and other chronic diseases, which has led to SPARC (Sheffield Profile for Assessment and Referral for Care)
- Exploring the application and barriers to supportive and palliative care in cancer and other chronic diseases at European level

Selected publications:

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3. Raphael, J, Ahmedzai, S, Hester, J, Urch, C, et al. (2010). Cancer Pain: Part 1: Pathophysiology;Oncological, Pharmacological, and Psychological Treatments: A Perspective from the British Pain Society Endorsed by the UK Association of Palliative Medicine and the Royal College of General Practitioners. *Pain Med*, 11: 742–764.