INTERNATIONAL EXPERT MEETING ON CANCER PREVENTION

November 9th, 2023, Sofia – Hotel Millenium "Hall Shakespeare"

(Vitosha Blvd 89B, Sofia)

AGENDA

12:30-13:30 – Networking Lunch & Registration

13:45-14:40 – Opening and welcome speeches

- **Assoc. Prof. Mihail Okoliyski,** Deputy Minister at Ministry of Health of Bulgaria
- **Prof. Kostadin Angelov**, Chairman of the Health Committee of the Bulgarian parliament
- **Alessandro Geretto,** President of Italian Chamber of Commerce in Bulgaria
- **Prof. Francesco Schittulli**, President of LILT (Italian League for the Fight Against Cancer)
- **Prof. Assen Dudov**, President of BCSS

14:40-17:20 – Main Panel

Moderators: **Prof. Francesco Schittulli and Prof. Galina Kurteva**

Participants:

- **14:40-15:10 - „The EU's new approach to cancer diagnosis - stepping up and improving screening"**, **Prof. Francesco Schittulli**, President of LILT (Italian League for the Fight Against Cancer)
- **15:10-15:20 – „Balanced nutrition and dietetics. Principles of colorectal cancer screening"**, **Prof. Krasimir Antonov** – Gastroenterologist, Hepatologist, President of the Bulgarian Society of Gastroenterology, Gastrointestinal endoscopy and Abdominal ultrasonography
- **15:20-15:30 - „Vaccination to prevent HPV-related cancers."**, **Elena Todorova**, Genica
- **15:30-15:40 - „Prevention challenges right at the front door. Air cancer noxes. Low-dose CT lung cancer screening in high-risk patients."**, **Dr. Sofia Angelova** – President of the National Association for the Prevention of Lung Disease
- **15:40-15:50 - „Principles, requirements and nature of breast cancer screening"**, **Prof. Elena Aleksandrova,** Head of the Department of Breast Surgery, University Hospital of Oncology, Sofia
- **15:50-16:00 - „Cervical screening"**, **Dr. Antoaneta Tomova** – Medical Oncologist, Head of the First Internal Chemotherapy Department at the Complex Oncology Center – Plovdiv

- **16:00-16:30 - „Principles and organization of screening programmes“, Prof. Galina Kurteva** – Medical Oncologist at Serdika Hospital (Sofia), Founder of the Educational Academy of Oncology
- **16:30-16:40 - „Colorectal cancer screening – pilot program“, Elena Djambazova** – Program Director “Healthcare”, Foundation “Lachezar Tsotsorkov”
- **16:40-16:50 - Assoc. Prof. Daniela Popova**, Head of the Department of Metabolic and Endocrine Diseases, University Hospital "Tsaritsa Yoanna – ISUL"
- **16:50-17:00 – „Best practices in Cancer Prevention and Screening“, Prof. Francesco Schittulli**, President of LILT (Italian League for the Fight Against Cancer)
- **17:00-17:15 – Ambassador Giuseppina Zarra,** Embassy of Italy in Bulgaria
- **17:15-17:30 – Memorandum presentation, Assoc. Prof. Svetoslav Tsenov**
- **17:30-17:45 – Memorandum signing, Prof. Francesco Schittulli and Prof. Assen Dudov**

17:45-17:55 – Closing remarks
Alessandro Geretto, President of Italian Chamber of Commerce in Bulgaria