



PETRA

Recherche PrEclinique et TRAnslationnelle en neurooncologie

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PETRA WEBSITE 2.0 : The PETRA website is getting a makeover!

The PETRA network coordination team is pleased to announce the launch of the **new website, which now replaces the old one**. This new version has been redesigned to offer clearer navigation, updated content (brochures and newsletters to download, event announcements, etc.) and a more dynamic presentation (chat box).

Here is our new address: <https://petra-network.fr/>



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The contact form to access the platforms' services is now accessible [here](#).

PETR"ANIMATION" :

Webinar on Monday, November 23 at 1pm in Zoom

The PETRA network is pleased to offer a webinar on [Monday, November 23, from 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. in Zoom](#), entitled: "*Metabolic treatments for pediatric brain tumors*".

This presentation will be made by our invited speaker, **Dr. Sriram Venneti**, an internationally renowned neuropathologist and researcher, Al and Robert Glick Family Research Professor of Pediatrics and Professor of Pathology and Pediatrics at the University of Michigan.

His work focuses on **the biology of pediatric brain tumors, in particular infiltrating midline gliomas (DMG/DIPG)** which are rare but very aggressive tumors. He has contributed to major advances in epigenetics, tumor metabolism and the development of targeted therapies, some of which have recently transformed the clinical management of these gliomas.

WEBINAR
2026



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Metabolic treatments for pediatric brain tumors



Sriram Venneti, MD, PhD

Al and Robert Glick Family Research Professor of Pediatrics
Professor of Pathology and Pediatrics
University of Michigan Medicine

Save the date !



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23



1.00 - 2.15 pm
(Paris time)



ZOOM LINK



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Save the date for 2027! Matching Day #4 of the PETRA network on Monday, February 1st in Monaco



Save the date now in your agenda,
the next **Matching Day** of the
PETRA network will take place for
the first time in Monaco on

Monday, February 1st, 2027

Many thanks to our collaborators
at the **Scientific Center of Monaco**
for offering us this opportunity!

**Program and information
to come very soon!**

PE"TRAVEL": members of the PETRA network attended several scientific meetings to present their results and promote the network

DIJON: ANOCEF Annual Congress, June 19 and 20

At the last annual congress of ANOCEF (*Association des NeuroOncologues d'Expression Française*), **Nathalie Baeza-Kallee**, **Alexandre Bertucci** and **Aurélié Soubéran** represented the GlioME team and the PETRATECH platform. Alexandre Bertucci, head of clinic in the Neuro-oncology department at the Timone hospital and 3rd year PhD student in the GlioME team, presented his work on a comparative analysis between pyrosequencing and analysis of the methylation profile of the *MGMT* promoter in glioblastoma. He also presented a poster on the quality of life of patients after treatment of low-grade gliomas with evaluation of a new questionnaire established in partnership with the ARTC Sud. Nathalie Baeza-Kallee, engineer in the GlioME team, presented a poster on the A2B5 and GD3 therapeutic targets in glioblastoma, and their usefulness in the development of therapeutic solutions such as CAR-T cells; she won the prize for the best poster! Finally, Aurélié Soubéran, engineer and operational manager of the PETRATECH platform, presented a poster on the organization of the PETRA network and the service offer of the PETRATECH and PETRANSLA platforms.



SAINT-RAPHAËL: Annual seminar of the Canceropôle SUD, July 1st and 2nd

As every year, several members and partners of the PETRA network participated in the seminar of the **Canceropôle Sud Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur**. The network poster presented by **Aurélié Soubéran** was used to share with the community the reorganization of the platforms' offer and the new brochures. **Emeline Tabouret**, coordinator of the PETRANSLA platform, presented the work of the GlioME team on the development of anti-GD3 CAR-T cells in glioblastoma. Finally, several members of the GlioME team and partner of PETRATECH, presented their work in poster communication: **Yliana Huriaux Fontana** who received a prize for the best poster for her thesis work ("*Characterizing the Expression and Function of ITGA7 in Glioblastoma*"), **Théo Vialatte** and **Alessandra Pagano**.



LISBON: Annual meeting of the Controlled Release Society, July 6 to 9

The international drug delivery community gathered in Lisbon from July 6 to 9 for the CRS Annual Meeting dedicated to the theme "*Multisector Innovation for Advancing Delivery Science*", and brought together more than 1500 attendees.

Chiara Bastiancich, CNRS researcher in the GliME team and R&D researcher for PETRATECH, presented her work and that of her 3rd year PhD student **Roberta Stacchini**, on the strategy they are developing to administer a local treatment in direct contact with brain tissue, after surgery for glioblastoma.



PETR"ACTION": The PETRATECH platform, a stakeholder in the MEDICeM project

The **MEDICeM project**, supported and labeled by the Amidex Foundation, aims to structure and federate the preclinical community (all pathologies combined) around the models and methodologies developed at the level of the Aix-Marseille site. This project was officially launched at the beginning of July in the presence of its various stakeholders, including the PETRATECH platform, which is positioned to offer the community its tumoroid models of brain tumors. This project should allow the PETRA network to promote its expertise to new collaborators! To be continued!



PETR"AGENDA": Our next appointments not to be missed!

- The next **PETRANSLA meeting** will take place on **Thursday, September 17** at **4:30 p.m.** in the Neuro-Oncology staff room on the **4th floor** Timone Adults and in Zoom.
- The next PETRA CoPil will take place on **Monday, December 07** at **2:30 p.m.** in Zoom
- The PETRA network will be represented the following events:
 - The **EANO Annual Congress** to be held in Rome from **September 24 to 27**
 - The **CRS BeNeLux & France Local Chapter Meeting** which will take place in Lyon on **October 1st and 2nd**
 - The **annual day of the RIBBON network** which will take place in Caen on **October 15**
 - The **ANOCEF Educational Day** which will take place in Paris on **November 13**
 - The **Workshop of the Institute of Medicines of Strasbourg** which will take place in Strasbourg on **November 18**
 - The **MEDICeM forum** which will take place in Marseille (Grand hall of the Timone Faculty of Medicine) on **November 19**
 - The **mid-term spaXio meeting** which will take place in Marseille from **November 30 to December 4**

Find all these dates and more on the events calendar of our new website:
<https://petra-network.fr/upcoming-events>
