

Cancer Metabolism Programme

Bilbao, Spain

6 - 8 October 2026



Scientific Programme

Tuesday 6th October 2026

Listed times are in Central European Summer Time (CEST)

11:30 REGISTRATION (LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AT 12:00)

13:00 CONFERENCE WELCOME

SESSION 1: CANCER - HOST METABOLIC COMMUNICATION

Chair: Patricia Altea

13:10 KEYNOTE LECTURE

Marcia Haigis

Harvard University, USA

'Investigating the role of metabolites in Cancer and Aging'

Q&A 13:40 - 13:55

13:55 **Ayelet Erez**

Weizmann Institute of Science, Israel

'Rewiring Hepatic Metabolism Through Tumor-Host Interactions During Cancer Cachexia'

Q&A 14:15 - 14:25

14:25 **Proffered Paper 1**

Q&A 14:35 - 14:40

14:40 MOLECULAR ONCOLOGY CALL FOR CONTENT

Kevin Ryan

Molecular Oncology / FEBS

14:45 EXHIBITOR INTRODUCTIONS

14:55 COFFEE BREAK, EXHIBITION AND SOLO TRAVELLERS' MEET-UP

15:25 **Salvador Aznar-Benitah**

IRB Barcelona, Spain

'Endocrine role of metastasis in systemic energy-wasting and cachexia'

Q&A 15:45 - 15:55

15:55 **Almut Schulze**

DKFZ, Germany

'Targeting metabolic plasticity and flexibility in cancer'

Q&A 16:15 - 16:25

16:25 POSTER SPOTLIGHTS

Led by members of the Scientific Programme Committee

16:35 INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM

Led by members of the Scientific Programme Committee

Q&A 16:55 - 17:05

- 17:05 PANEL DISCUSSION - MEET THE EXPERT
- 17:35 WELCOME RECEPTION
- 18:15 POSTER DISCUSSION SESSION 1
Led by members of the Scientific Programme Committee

Wednesday 7th October 2026

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- 08:15 EARLY POSTER VIEWING
- 08:45 INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHT - NVISION IMAGING TECHNOLOGIES
Led by members of the Scientific Programme Committee
- SESSION 2: METABOLIC SIGNALLING
Chair: Arkaitz Carracedo
- 09:00 **Christian Frezza**
University of Cologne, Germany
'Tissue-specific responses to fumarate hydratase loss'
Q&A 09:20 - 09:30
- 09:30 **Proffered Paper 2**
Q&A 09:40 - 09:45
- 09:45 **Patricia Altea**
CABIMER, Spain
'The signaling role of fatty acids in metastasis'
Q&A 10:05 - 10:15
- 10:15 **Alpaslan Tasdogan**
University Hospital Essen, Germany
'Targeting metabolic liabilities in cancer metastasis'
Q&A 10:35 - 10:45
- 10:45 COFFEE BREAK AND EXHIBITION
- 11:15 **George Poulogiannis**
ICR, UK
'Deciphering the complexities of cancer metabolism for therapeutic gain'
Q&A 11:35 - 11:45
- 11:45 **Proffered Paper 3**
Q&A 11:55 - 12:00
- 12:00 POSTER SPOTLIGHTS
- 12:10 INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM
Led by members of the Scientific Programme Committee
- 12:40 LUNCH
- 13:40 POSTER DISCUSSION SESSION 2
Led by members of the Scientific Programme Committee
- SESSION 3: ORGANELLE METABOLISM
Chair: Lydia Finley

- 15:10 **Luca Scorrano**
 Umass Chan Medical School, Italy
 'Keeping mitochondria in shape: a matter of cancer cell life and death'
 Q&A 15:30 - 15:40
- 15:40 **Gilles Rademaker**
 GIGA Cancer, University of Liege, Belgium
 Proffered Paper 4: 'PCSK9-driven cholesterol metabolism dictates liver versus lung organotropism in metastatic PDAC'
 Q&A 15:50 - 15:55
- 15:55 **Marzia Santamaria**
 IFOM, Italy
 Proffered Paper 5: 'Fasting induces ferroptosis by modulating lipid metabolism in breast cancer'
 Q&A 16:05 - 16:10
- 16:10 **Kivanc Birsoy**
 Rockefeller University, USA
 'Systematic approaches to study cancer cell metabolism'
 Q&A 16:30 - 16:40
- 16:40 **COFFEE BREAK AND EXHIBITION**
- 17:10 **Marja Jäätelä**
 University of Copenhagen, Denmark
 'Lysosomes as targets for cancer therapy'
 Q&A 17:30 - 17:40
- 17:40 **EMBO YOUNG INVESTIGATOR LECTURE**
Sara Sdelci
 Centre for Genomic Regulation, Spain
 'Chromatin beyond epigenetics: a macromolecular metabolic sponge'
 Q&A 18:00 - 18:10
- 18:10 **PANEL DISCUSSION - THE RAPID IMPLEMENTATION OF AI IN RESEARCH**
- 20:00 **CONFERENCE DINNER (OPTIONAL TICKETED EVENT)**

Thursday 8th October 2026

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- 08:15 **EARLY POSTER VIEWING**
- 08:45 **INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHT - AGILENT TECHNOLOGIES**
 Led by members of the Scientific Programme Committee
SESSION 4: LESSONS LEARNED FROM METABOLISM IN CANCER AND BEYOND
Chair: Ayelet Erez
- 09:00 **Lydia Finley**
 MSKCC, USA
 'Decoding metabolic signals during cell fate transitions'
 Q&A 09:20 - 09:30

- 09:30 **Arkaitz Carracedo**
CIC Biogune, Spain
'The influence of cellular and systemic metabolism in prostate cancer progression'
Q&A 09:50 - 10:00
- 10:00 **Proffered Paper 6**
Q&A 10:10 - 10:15
- 10:15 COFFEE BREAK AND EXHIBITION
- 10:45 THE EMBO KEYNOTE LECTURE
Sarah-Maria Fendt
VIB-KU Leuven Centre for Cancer Biology, Belgium
'Metabolic rewiring driving metastasis formation'
Q&A 11:05 - 11:15
- 11:15 KEYNOTE LECTURE
Jared Rutter
University of Utah, USA
'Metabolism and Cellular Decisions'
Q&A 11:45 - 12:00
- 12:00 SUMMARY AND CLOSE