

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
'Exploring the tumor-host crosstalk for improving diagnosis and therapy'
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
'Metastases drive cachexia through systemic endocrine metabolism'
Q&A 15:45 - 15:55
- 15:55 **Almut Schulze**
DKFZ, Germany
'Finding metabolic vulnerabilities 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 NETWORKING SESSION 1
- 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
'The role of Fumarate Hydratase in cancer'
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 **Proffered Paper 4**
Q&A 15:50 - 15:55
- 15:55 **Proffered Paper 5**
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
Q&A 17:30 - 17:40
- 17:40 **Sara Sdelci**
Centre for Genomic Regulation, Spain
'Opening Pandora's Box: Metabolic Enzymes Inside the Nucleus'
Q&A 18:00 - 18:10
- 18:10 NETWORKING SESSION 2
- 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
'Metabolic regulation of cell fate decisions'
Q&A 09:20 - 09:30
- 09:30 **Arkaitz Carracedo**
CIC Biogune, Spain
'Systemic metabolic influences of 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
'The role of metabolism in metastasis formation'
Q&A 11:05 - 11:15
- 11:15 KEYNOTE LECTURE
Jared Rutter
University of Utah, USA
'Mechanisms of Metabolite Signaling'
Q&A 11:45 - 12:00
- 12:00 SUMMARY AND CLOSE