Cancer Metabolism Programme

Bilbao, Spain

6 - 8 October 2026



Scientific Programme

Tuesday 6th October 2026

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 **Proferred Paper 1**

Q&A 14:35 - 14:40

14:40 EXHIBITOR INTRODUCTIONS

14:50 COFFEE BREAK, EXHIBITION AND SOLO TRAVELLERS' MEET-UP

15:20 Ilaria Elia

KU Leuven, Belgium

'Metabolic cross-talk in the tumor microenvironment: rewiring cancer–T cell interactions'

Q&A 15:40 - 15:50

15:50 Almut Schulze

DKFZ, Germany

'Finding metabolic vulnerabilities in cancer'

Q&A 16:10 - 16:20

16:20 POSTER SPOTLIGHTS

16:30 INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM

Led by members of the Scientific Programme Committee

Q&A 16:50 - 17:00

17:00 NETWORKING SESSION 1

17:30 WELCOME RECEPTION

18:15 POSTER DISCUSSION SESSION 1

Wednesday 7th October 2026

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08:15 EARLY POSTER VIEWING

08:45 INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHT

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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 Proferred 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 Proferred Paper 3

Q&A 11:55 - 12:00

12:00 POSTER SPOTLIGHTS

12:10 INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM

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12:40 LUNCH

13:40 POSTER DISCUSSION SESSION 2

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SESSION 3: ORGANELLE METABOLISM

Chair: Lydia Finley

15:10 Sara Sdelci

Centre for Genomic Regulation, Spain

'Opening Pandora's Box: Metabolic Enzymes Inside the Nucleus'

	Q&A 15:30 - 15:40
15:40	Proferred Paper 4
	Q&A 15:50 - 15:55
15:55	Proferred 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	Jessica Spinelli Umass Chan Medical School, USA TBC
	Q&A 17:30 - 17:40
17:40	Luca Scorrano Umass Chan Medical School, Italy 'Keeping mitochondria in shape: a matter of cancer cell life and death'
	Q&A 18:00 - 18:10
18:10	NETWORKING SESSION 2
20:00	CONFERENCE DINNER (OPTIONAL TICKETED EVENT)
Thursday 8th October 2026	
	Listed times are in Central European Summer Time (CEST)
08:15	EARLY POSTER VIEWING
08:45	INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHT 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	Proferred Paper 6
	Q&A 10:10 - 10:15
10:15	COFFEE BREAK AND EXHIBITION
10:45	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