Scientific Programme

Wednesday 12th February 2020

12:00  REGISTRATION
       until 13:30

12:30  WELCOME LUNCH & TRADE EXHIBITION

13:30  CONFERENCE WELCOME

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SESSION 1: CANCER METABOLISM, AUTOPHAGY AND TUMOR MICROENVIRONMENT
Chair: Verena Jendrossek

13:40  THE EMBO KEYNOTE LECTURE
Sharon Tooze
The Francis Crick Institute, UK
"Molecular mechanisms of autophagosome formation"
Q&A: 14:10 - 14:25

14:25  Katja Simon
Kennedy Institute of Rheumatology, UK
"Autophagy in cell fate decisions in the immune & hematopoietic system"
Q&A: 14:45 - 14:55

14:55  Monica Vara-Perez
VIB – KULeuven, Belgium
Proffered Paper 1: "BNIP3 sustains HIF1α to promote melanoma growth and dissemination"
Q&A: 15:05 - 15:10

15:10  EXHIBITOR INTRODUCTIONS
60-second intro by each company

15:20  COFFEE BREAK & TRADE EXHIBITION

15:50  Patrizia Agostinis
VIB – KULeuven, Belgium
"Autophagy in tumor angiogenesis"
Q&A: 16:10 - 16:20

16:20  Almut Schulze
DKFZ, Germany
"Understanding the complex role of lipid metabolism in cancer"
Q&A: 16:40 - 16:50
16:50  Sarah-Maria Fendt  
VIB-KU Leuven, Belgium  
“The role of metabolism in metastasis formation”  
Q&A: 17:10 - 17:20

17:20  POSTER SPOTLIGHTS  
3 top-scoring abstracts (posters 1-3) presented in 3 minute 'flash talks'

17:30  NETWORKING RECEPTION  
An opportunity to make new connections over a drink and some light food

18:00  POSTER DISCUSSION SESSION 1  
until 19:30  
Posters 1-30 will be presented

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08:30  POSTER VIEWING & TRADE EXHIBITION  
until 09:00  
Coffee / tea available

08:45  INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHT - VECTORBUILDER  
Matthew Wheeler  
"VectorBuilder - Advances in vector construction and virus packaging"

SESSION 2: CELL DEATH MECHANISMS  
Chair: Peter de Keizer

09:00  KEYNOTE LECTURE  
René Bernards  
NKI, Netherlands  
“Exploiting senescence for the treatment of cancer”  
Q&A: 09:30 - 09:45

09:45  Nataly Kravchenko-Balasha  
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel  
Proffered Paper 2: “Deciphering the intra-tumor and inter-patient signaling heterogeneity in cancer for the rational design of patient specific drug cocktails”  
Q&A: 09:55 - 10:00

10:00  David Wallach  
Weizmann Institute of Science, Israel  
“Novel insights into the functional roles of the signaling pathway for necroptotic death”  
Q&A: 10:20 - 10:30

10:30  COFFEE BREAK & TRADE EXHIBITION

11:05  Marion MacFarlane  
MRC Toxicology Unit, UK  
“Uncovering the Therapeutic Potential of BH3-mimetics in Patient-relevant Pre-clinical Models of Mesothelioma”  
Q&A: 11:25 - 11:35

11:35  Samuel Sidi
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, USA

Proffered Paper 3: “FANCI Functions as a Repair/Apoptosis Switch in Response to DNA Crosslinks”
Q&A: 11:45 - 11:50

11:50       Dagmar Kulms
TU Dresden, Germany
“Caspase-8 promotes progression of p53-proficient tumors”
Q&A: 12:10 - 12:20

12:20  POSTER SPOTLIGHTS
3 top-scoring abstracts (posters 31-33) presented in 3 minute ‘flash talks’

12:30  LUNCH & TRADE EXHIBITION

13:00  POSTER DISCUSSION SESSION 2
Posters 31-59 will be presented
SESSION 3: SENESCENCE, CANCER AND THERAPEUTIC TARGETING
Chair: Patrizia Agostinis

14:30  Manuel Serrano
ICREA Professor, IRB Barcelona, Spain
“Cellular senescence as a driver of multiple human diseases”
Q&A: 14:50 - 15:00

15:00  Marco Demaria
ERIBA/UMCG, The Netherlands
“Modulating senescence-associated phenotypes to prevent side effects of cancer therapy”
Q&A: 15:20 - 15:30

15:30  Olivier E. Pardo
Imperial College, UK
Proffered Paper 4: “Targeting the S6 kinase, RSK4, prevents chemoresistance and metastasis in lung cancer”
Q&A: 15:40 - 15:45

15:45  COFFEE BREAK & TRADE EXHIBITION

16:15  Laura Conti
MBC, University of Torino, Italy
Proffered Paper 5: “The immunotargeting of the xCT cystine/glutamate antiporter targets cancer stem cells and potentiates the efficacy of Her2-targeted immunotherapies in breast cancer”
Q&A: 16:25 - 16:30

16:30  Peter de Keizer
UMC Utrecht, The Netherlands
“Targeting Heterogeneity in Senescence against Aging and Cancer”
Q&A: 16:50 - 17:00

17:00  Daniel Murphy
CRUK Beatson Institute, UK
“Partners in crime: MYC, RAS and cell-extrinsic mechanisms of oncogenic cooperation”
17:30 DISCUSSION FORUM
until 18:30
Chaired by Patrizia Agostinis, the panel of invited speakers will tackle this important question.
"Novel frontiers in regulated cell death and senescence: what is the desirable type of cell inactivation in cancer therapy?"

19:00 CONFERENCE DINNER
Optional ticketed dinner at Taverna Valtellinese

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08:30 POSTER VIEWING & TRADE EXHIBITION
until 09:00
Coffee / tea available

08:45 INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHT - TECAN
Stefan Haberstock
"Optimization of drug titration in cell based assays"

09:00 MEET THE EXPERTS TALK
Silvia Formenti & Verena Jendrossek
An interactive session with a focus on women in science where our two experts will share from their personal and professional perspectives on the path to scientific leadership.

SESSION 4: HARNESSING CELL DEATH AND CANCER VULNERABILITIES FOR CANCER THERAPY
Chair: Marion MacFarlane

09:45 Clemens Schmitt
MDC Berlin, Germany
"Post-senescence: a matter of life and death"
Q&A: 10:05 - 10:15

10:15 Verena Jendrossek
Universität Duisburg-Essen, Germany
"Novel opportunities for a biologic optimization of radiotherapy"
Q&A: 10:35 - 10:45

10:45 COFFEE BREAK & TRADE EXHIBITION

11:15 Serk In Park
Korea University College of Medicine, South Korea
Proffered Paper 6: "Mobilization of Monocytic Myeloid-Derived Suppressor Cells (MDSC) Is Regulated by Osteoblast Activation by PTH1R"
Q&A: 11:25 - 11:30

11:30 Brent Stockwell
Columbia University, USA
"Ferroptosis: mechanisms and therapeutic potential"
Q&A: 11:50 - 12:00

12:00 CLOSING KEYNOTE
Silvia C. Formenti
Weill Cornell Medicine, USA
“Radiotherapy to convert the tumor into an in situ vaccine”

Q&A: 12:30 - 12:45

12:45  CONFERENCE SUMMARY
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13:00  LUNCH & DEPART