

Cancer Cell Plasticity: Cracking the Code of Adaptation and Survival Programme

Virtual Event

2 - 3 December 2025



Scientific Programme

Tuesday 2nd December 2025

Listed times are in Central European Time (CET)

13:00 **WELCOME TO DAY ONE**

Chair: Cédric Blanpain

13:05 **Mark Dawson**

Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, Australia

'A rare cell state underpins the immune tolerant persister cell following CAR T-cell therapy in B-ALL'

Q&A 13:25-13:35

13:35 **Direna Alonso-Curbelo**

IRB Barcelona, Spain

Q&A 13:55-14:05

14:05 **Proffered Paper 1**

Q&A 14:15-14:20

14:20 **FLASH TALKS 1**

A selection of high-scoring abstracts presented as 3 minute flash talks.

14:35 **REFRESHMENT BREAK**

Chair: Dana Pe'er

14:50 **Raphael Rodriguez**

Institut Curie, France

'Chemical control of cell adaptation'

Q&A 15:10-15:20

15:20 **Proffered Paper 2**

Q&A 15:30-15:35

15:35 **Proffered Paper 3**

Q&A 15:45-15:50

15:50 **REFRESHMENT BREAK**

16:05 **Adrienne A. Boire**

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Centre, USA

'Metabolic Reprogramming of Metastases in the Central Nervous System'

Q&A: 16:25-16:35

16:35 **FLASH TALKS 2**

A selection of high-scoring abstracts presented as 3 minute flash talks.

16:50 SUMMARY AND CLOSE

Wednesday 3rd December 2025

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13:00 WELCOME TO DAY TWO

Chair: Eduard Batlle

13:05 **Ilaria Malanchi**

Francis Crick Institute, UK

'Emergency granulopoiesis and cancer progression'

Q&A 13:25-13:35

13:35 **Cassandra Burdziak**

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Centre, USA

'The environment-plasticity axis in tumor progression'

Q&A 13:55-14:05

14:05 **Proffered Paper 4**

Q&A 14:15-14:20

14:20 FLASH TALKS 3

A selection of high-scoring abstracts presented as 3 minute flash talks.

14:35 REFRESHMENT BREAK

Chair: Chris Marine

14:50 **Proffered Paper 5**

Q&A 15:00-15:05

15:05 THE EMBO KEYNOTE LECTURE

Eduard Batlle

IRB Barcelona, Spain

'Plasticity, therapy resistance and immune evasion in metastatic colorectal cancer'

Q&A 15:25-15:35

15:35 **Proffered Paper 6**

Q&A: 15:45-15:50

15:50 REFRESHMENT BREAK

16:05 **Frederic de Sauvage**

Genentech, USA

'Tumor cell plasticity in colon cancer'

Q&A 16:25-16:35

16:35 FLASH TALKS 4

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16:50 DISCUSSION SESSION

Chris Marine, Cedric Blanpain, Dana Pe'er, Eduard Batlle

'Examining the importance of phenotypic plasticity as a driver of cancer evolution'

17:30 SUMMARY AND CLOSE