

# 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 **Preferred 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 **Preferred 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 **Preferred 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 Jäättelä**  
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 **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