Career Masterclass for Early Career Cancer Researchers Programme

Virtual Event

17 - 18 November 2026

Scientific Programme

Tuesday 17th November 2026

Listed times are in Central European Time (CET)

13:00 CONFERENCE WELCOME

SESSION 1

Chair: Mariangela Russo

13:05 **Marta Puyol**
Scientific Director at the Scientific Foundation of the Spanish Association against Cancer (FC AECC), Spain
'Career options after PhD'

Q&A 13:35-13:50

13:50 **Laura Escudero**
Roche, Switzerland
'Making the transition from academia to industry'

Q&A 14:20-14:35

14:35 PROGRAMME BREAK

SESSION 2

Chair: Mariangela Russo

14:50 **Anna Truini**
ORIC Pharmaceuticals, USA
'Different careers in industry - what options are available?'

Q&A 15:20-15:35

15:35 PANEL DISCUSSION

Editorial positions

Alfredo Gimenez-Cassina (Karolinska Institutet, Sweden). Alexia-Ileana Zaromytidou (Nature Cancer, USA), Yeliz Yilmaz (FEBS, Germany), Poonam Bheda (EMBO Molecular Medicine and System Biology, Germany)

16:20 SUMMARY DAY ONE

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13:00 WELCOME TO DAY 2

SESSION 3

Chair: George Sflomos

13:05 **Marianna Rapsomaniki**
CHUV, Switzerland

'Safe and wise use of AI'

Q&A 13:35-13:50

13:50 PANEL DISCUSSION

Grants

Alejo Efeyan (CNIO, Spain), Mariona Graupera (Josep Carreras Leukaemia Research Institute, Spain), Alberto Bardelli (IFOM, Italy), Rene Bernards (NKI, Netherlands), Chiara Ambrogio (MBC, Italy)

14:35 PROGRAMME BREAK

SESSION 4

Chair: Matheus Dias

14:50 **Alexis Barr**

Imperial College London, UK

'Building teams where everyone can thrive'

Q&A 15:20-15:35

15:35 PANEL DISCUSSION

Equality, diversity and inclusion

Mhairi Morris (Loughborough University, UK); Martin Bushell (CRUK Scotland Institute, UK); Syed Mian (Queen Mary University of London, UK); Thomas Wells MBE (Weston General Hospital, UK)

16:20 SUMMARY AND CLOSE