

EACR-Mark Foundation Joint Conference: The Rise of Early-Onset Cancers - Biology, Causes, and Detection Programme

Bergamo, Italy

11 - 13 November 2025



Scientific Programme

Tuesday 11th November 2025

Listed times are in Central European Time (CET)

- 11:30 REGISTRATION (LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AT 12:00)
- 13:00 CONFERENCE WELCOME
- SESSION 1: GLOBAL LANDSCAPE OF EARLY-ONSET CANCERS (1)
Chair: Alberto Bardelli
- 13:10 **Keynote Speaker: Yin Cao**
Washington University in St. Louis, US
'Accelerating cancer risk factor discovery for younger and future generations'
- 13:35 Q&A 13:35-13:50
- 13:50 **Ahmedin Jemal**
American Cancer Society, US
'The changing landscape of early-onset cancers'
- 14:10 Q&A 14:10-14:20
- 14:20 **Proffered Paper 1**
- 14:30 Q&A 14:30-14:35
- 14:35 EXHIBITOR INTRODUCTIONS
- 14:45 COFFEE BREAK, EXHIBITION & SOLO TRAVELLER MEET-UP
- 15:15 **Giulia Martina Cavestro**
UniSR, Italy
'Diet and lifestyle as associated factors in early-onset colorectal cancer: Preliminary data from the DEMETRA study'
- 15:35 Q&A 15:35-15:45
- 15:45 **Andrew Biankin**
University of Glasgow, UK
'Moving away from a one size fits all for young people with cancer'
- 16:05 Q&A 16:05-16:15
- 16:15 POSTER SPOTLIGHTS
- 16:25 INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM
- 16:45 Q&A 16:45-16:55
- 16:55 **NETWORKING QUIZ**
Our fun, informal quiz offers conference participants the chance to make new connections on the first evening of the meeting

- 17:25 WELCOME RECEPTION
- 18:15 POSTER DISCUSSION SESSION 1
Led by members of the Scientific Programme Committee

Wednesday 12th November 2025

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- 08:15 EARLY POSTER VIEWING
- 08:45 INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHT - CEGAT
Dr Dmitri Ossipov
CeGaT
'21st Century genetic oncodiagnostics'
- SESSION 2: GLOBAL LANDSCAPE OF EARLY-ONSET CANCERS (2)
Chair: Shuji Ogino
- 09:00 **Ulrike Peters**
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center, US
'Early onset colorectal cancer: Integrating epidemiological trends with molecular mechanisms'
- 09:20 Q&A 09:20-09:30
- 09:30 **Proffered Paper 2**
- 09:40 Q&A 09:40-09:45
- 09:45 **Jelle Wesseling**
Netherlands Cancer Institute, Netherlands
'Ductal Carcinoma In Situ: When cancer is not really cancer'
- 10:05 Q&A 10:05-10:15
- 10:15 **Mihaela van der Schaar**
University of Cambridge, UK
- 10:35 Q&A 10:35-10:45
- 10:45 COFFEE BREAK & EXHIBITION
- 11:15 **José Perea**
Biomedical Research of Salamanca, Spain
'Immunometabolic dimension of early-onset colorectal cancer. Paradigm for the other early-onset cancers?'
- 11:35 Q&A 11:35-11:45
- 11:45 **Proffered Paper 3**
- 11:55 Q&A 11:55-12:00
- 12:00 POSTER SPOTLIGHTS
- 12:10 INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM - SARTORIUS
Gennaro De Vita
Sartorius
'Innovative Bioanalytical Tools for Enhanced Live-Cell Imaging'
- 12:30 Q&A 12:30-12:40
- 12:40 LUNCH

- 13:40 **POSTER DISCUSSION SESSION 2**
Led by members of the Scientific Programme Committee
- SESSION 3: CLINICAL, MOLECULAR AND BIOLOGICAL FEATURES**
Chair: Salvatore Siena
- 15:10 **Keynote Speaker: Shuji Ogino**
Harvard University, US
'Assessing long-term risk factor exposures is a critical gap in early-onset cancer research: how can we overcome it using tumor biomarker analyses?'
- 15:35 Q&A 15:35-15:50
- 15:50 **Proffered Paper 4**
- 16:00 Q&A 16:00-16:05
- 16:05 **Proffered Paper 5**
- 16:15 Q&A 16:15-16:20
- 16:20 **Irit Ben-Aharon**
Rambam Health Care Campus, Israel
'The evolving enigma- early onset colorectal cancer'
- 16:40 Q&A 16:40-16:50
- 16:50 **COFFEE BREAK & EXHIBITION**
- 17:20 **Nicola Segata**
University of Trento, Italy
'The microbiome in early-onset colorectal cancer'
- 17:40 Q&A 17:40-17:50
- 17:50 **THE EMBO KEYNOTE LECTURE**
Alberto Bardelli
IFOM, Italy
'The exposome and early onset colorectal cancers'
- 18:10 Q&A 18:10-18:20
- 19:30 **CONFERENCE DINNER (OPTIONAL TICKETED EVENT)**

Thursday 13th November 2025

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- 08:15 **EARLY POSTER VIEWING**
- 08:45 **INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHT**
- SESSION 4: EXPERIMENTAL MODELS**
Chair: Yin Cao
- 09:00 **Cheryl Walker**
Baylor College of Medicine, US
'Epigenomic reprogramming by early life environmental exposures alter cancer risk in adulthood'
- 09:20 Q&A 09:20-09:30
- 09:30 **Gianluca Mauri**
Ospedale Niguarda, Italy

	'From biological understanding to personalized clinical management of early-onset colorectal cancer'
09:50	Q&A 09:50-10:00
10:00	Proffered Paper 6
10:10	Q&A 10:10-10:15
10:15	COFFEE BREAK & EXHIBITION
10:45	Selma Masri UC Irvine, US 'Circadian Clock Misalignment in Colorectal Cancer: Links with Early-Onset Disease'
11:05	Q&A 11:05-11:15
11:15	KEYNOTE LECTURE Sir Mike Stratton Wellcome Sanger Institute, UK 'Mutagenic exposures to normal colorectal epithelium and their potential role in early-onset colorectal cancer'
11:40	Q&A 11:40-11:55
11:55	SUMMARY & AWARDS
12:15	DEPART