

# Overactivation of Oncogenic Signalling as a Potential Cancer Treatment Strategy Programme

*Virtual Event*

**20 - 21 January 2026**



## Scientific Programme

**Tuesday 20th January 2026**

**Listed times are in Central European Time (CET)**

- 12:00 **WELCOME TO DAY ONE**  
Chair: Rene Bernards
- 12:05 **Matheus Dias**  
NKI, Netherlands  
'Therapeutic OVERactivation of oncogenic signalling as a cancer treatment strategy'  
Q&A: 12:25-12:35
- 12:35 **Vesselina Cooke**  
Novartis, USA  
'Small Molecule-induced ERK Hyperactivation as a Novel Therapeutic Approach for BRAF V600-Mutant Melanoma'  
Q&A: 12:55-13:05
- 13:05 **Proffered Paper 1**  
Q&A: 13:15-13:20
- 13:20 **Proffered Paper 2**  
Q&A: 13:30-13:35
- 13:35 **REFRESHMENT BREAK**  
Chair: Bart Vanhaesebroeck
- 13:50 **FLASH TALKS 1**  
A selection of high-scoring abstracts presented as 3 minute flash talks.
- 14:05 **Arun Unni**  
Weill Cornell Medicine, USA  
'Understanding the consequences of excess RAS pathway activity in cancer cells'  
Q&A: 14:25-14:35
- 14:35 **Proffered Paper 3**  
Q&A: 14:45-14:50
- 14:50 **REFRESHMENT BREAK**
- 15:05 **FLASH TALKS 2**  
A selection of high-scoring abstracts presented as 3 minute flash talks.
- 15:20 **Proffered Paper 4**

- Q&A: 15:30-15:35
- 15:35 **Proffered Paper 5**
- Q&A: 15:45-15:50
- 15:50 **CLOSING KEYNOTE**  
**Markus Muschen**  
Yale School of Medicine, USA  
'Targeted hyperactivation of oncogenic BCR-signaling in refractory B-cell malignancies'
- Q&A: 16:15-16:30
- 16:30 **SUMMARY AND CLOSE**

## Wednesday 21st January 2026

**Listed times are in Central European Time (CET)**

- 12:00 **WELCOME TO DAY TWO**  
Chair: Bart Vanhaesebroeck
- 12:05 **Benoit Bilanges**  
UCL Cancer Institute, UK  
'Induction of cancer cell death by direct pharmacological PI3K $\alpha$  activation under stress conditions: a proof-of-concept'
- Q&A: 12:25-12:35
- 12:35 **Eunice Cho**  
The Broad Institute, USA  
'Directed clonal evolution: Leveraging divergent MAPK inhibitor resistance for convergent hypersensitivity to MAPK hyperactivation'
- Q&A: 12:55-13:05
- 13:05 **Proffered Paper 6**
- Q&A: 13:15-13:20
- 13:20 **Proffered Paper 7**
- Q&A: 13:30-13:35
- 13:35 **REFRESHMENT BREAK**
- 13:50 **FLASH TALKS 3**  
A selection of high-scoring abstracts presented as 3 minute flash talks.
- 14:05 **Proffered Paper 8**
- Q&A: 14:15-14:20
- 14:20 **Andrew Intlekofer**  
MSKCC, USA  
'Enzyme hyperactivation to target oncometabolism'
- Q&A: 14:40-14:50
- 14:50 **REFRESHMENT BREAK**  
Chair: Rene Bernards
- 15:05 **FLASH TALKS 4**

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

15:20 **Kimberly Stegmaier**  
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, USA  
'EWS::FLI1 Activation Lethality in Ewing Sarcoma'

15:40 Q&A: 15:40-15:50

15:50 **Proffered Paper 9**

Q&A 16:00-16:05

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