

# Cancer Neuroscience Programme

Bilbao, Spain

14 - 16 October 2025



## Scientific Programme

Tuesday 14th October 2025

**Listed times are in Central European Summer Time (CEST)**

- 11:30 REGISTRATION & WELCOME LUNCH
- 13:00 WELCOME TO DAY ONE
- SESSION 1: NEURAL INFLUENCES ON CANCER CELLS
- 13:10 OPENING KEYNOTE LECTURE
- Michelle Monje**  
Stanford University, US
- Q&A: 13:40-13:55
- 13:55 **Varun Venkataramani**  
University of Heidelberg, Germany  
"Characterizing and targeting glioblastoma neuron-tumor networks with retrograde tracing"
- Q&A: 14:15-14:25
- 14:25 **Proffered Paper 1**
- Q&A: 14:35-14:40
- 14:40 EXHIBITOR INTRODUCTIONS
- 14:50 COFFEE BREAK, EXHIBITON AND SOLO TRAVELLER MEET-UP
- 15:20 **Humsa Venkatesh**  
Harvard Medical School, US
- Q&A: 15:40-15:50
- 15:50 **Claire Magnon**  
INSERM, France
- Q&A: 16:10-16:20
- 16:20 **Proffered Paper 2**
- Q&A: 16:30-16:35
- 16:35 POSTER SPOTLIGHTS 1
- 16:45 INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM
- 17:15 MEET THE SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME COMMITTEE  
An informal session where the organisers for the conference will join together to share their own personal and professional experiences of their path to scientific leadership.
- 17:45 WELCOME RECEPTION
- 18:30 POSTER DISCUSSION SESSION 1

## Wednesday 15th October 2025

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- 08:15 EARLY POSTER VIEWING (WITH COFFEE & BISCUITS)
- 08:45 INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHT
- SESSION 2: NEURAL INFLUENCES ON THE TUMOR ENVIRONMENT
- 09:00 **Erica Sloan**  
Monash University, Australia  
Q&A: 09:20-09:30
- 09:30 **Proffered Paper 3**  
Q&A: 09:40-09:45
- 09:45 **Sebastien Talbot**  
Karolinska Institutet, Sweden  
Q&A: 10:05-10:15
- 10:15 **Linda Douw**  
UMC, Netherlands  
"Multiscale network neuroscience in neuro-oncological patients: from cell to circuit to cognition"  
Q&A: 10:35-10:45
- 10:45 COFFEE BREAK & EXHIBITION
- 11:15 **Barbara Marte**  
Nature, UK  
"Meet the Editors" - Join us in this session led by Barbara Marte, Senior Editor at Nature, to hear advice about the world of publishing in a relaxed and informal setting.
- 11:45 **Proffered Paper 4**  
Q&A: 11:55-12:00
- 12:00 POSTER SPOTLIGHTS 2
- 12:10 INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM
- 12:40 LUNCH
- 13:40 POSTER DISCUSSION SESSION 2
- SESSION 3: INFLUENCES OF CANCER ON THE NERVOUS SYSTEM
- 15:10 **Timothy Wang**  
Columbia University, US  
Q&A: 15:30-15:40
- 15:40 **Proffered Paper 5**  
Q&A: 15:50-15:55
- 15:55 **Proffered Paper 6**  
Q&A: 16:05-16:10
- 16:10 EANO SPEAKER  
**Manuel Valiente**

- CNIO, Spain  
Q&A: 16:30-16:40
- 16:40 **COFFEE BREAK & EXHIBITION**
- 17:10 **Benjamin Deneen**  
Baylor College, US  
Q&A: 17:30-17:40
- 17:40 **Proffered Paper 7**  
Q&A: 17:50-17:55
- 17:55 **Shawn Hervey-Jumper**  
"Glioma remodeling of local structure-function relationships"  
Q&A: 18:15-18:25
- 18:25 **PANEL DISCUSSION**  
Which technologies do we need for the further advance of Cancer Neuroscience? How can we best educate future Cancer Neuroscientists? What do we need for successful development of Neuroscience-instructed Cancer Therapies?
- 20:00 **CONFERENCE DINNER**  
The conference dinner will take place at Kafe Antzokia Restaurant. After dinner, we will enjoy music and dancing with a live DJ. Optional ticketed event.

## Thursday 16th October 2025

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- 08:15 **EARLY POSTER VIEWING (WITH COFFEE & BISCUITS)**
- 08:45 **INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHT**  
**SESSION 4: CANCER-INTRINSIC NEURAL MECHANISMS**
- 09:00 **Frank Winkler**  
University Hospital Heidelberg & DKFZ, Germany  
Q&A: 09:20 - 09:30
- 09:30 **Itay Tirosh**  
Weizmann Institute, Israel  
Q&A: 09:50 - 10:00
- 10:00 **Proffered Paper 8**  
Q&A: 10:10 - 10:15
- 10:15 **COFFEE BREAK & EXHIBITION**
- 10:45 **Leanne Li**  
Crick Institute, UK  
Q&A: 11:05 - 11:15
- 11:15 **CLOSING KEYNOTE LECTURE**  
**Doug Hanahan**  
EPFL, Switzerland  
Q&A: 11:45 - 12:00

12:00 SUMMARY & CLOSE