

EACR-OECI: Patient Involvement in Cancer Research Programme

Virtual Event, Worldwide

28 October 2025



Scientific Programme

Tuesday 28th October 2025

Listed times are in Central European Time (CET)

13:30 **WELCOME**

SESSION 1: PATIENT PARTNERSHIPS IN RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY

To include the importance of involving patients from the start of a research project and case studies of successful partnerships between researchers and patients.

Chair: George Sflomos

13:35 **Juan-Jose Ventura**
Cancer Patients Europe, Belgium

Q&A: 13:55-14:05

14:05 **Marianna Vitaloni**
Digestive Cancers Europe (DiCE), Belgium
'Patient Co-creation in GI Cancer Research'

Q&A: 14:25-14:35

14:35 **George Sflomos**
EPFL, Switzerland

Q&A: 14:55-15:05

15:05 **BREAK**

SESSION 2: BREAKING BARRIERS IN PATIENT INVOLVEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

To include Education - Improving Communication Between Patients and Researchers. Overcoming challenges in translating complex scientific concepts for patient understanding/communication.

Chair: Marta Puyol

15:25 **Tanja Spanic**
Europa Donna, Slovenia

Q&A: 15:45-15:55

15:55 **Robin Urquhart**
Dalhousie University, Canada
'From driving research funding to mobilizing knowledge: patient involvement across the cancer research continuum'

Q&A: 16:15-16:25

16:25 **Terri Conneran**
KRAS Kickers, USA

Q&A: 16:45-16:55

16:55	BREAK
17:10	DISCUSSION SESSION Implementing Actionable Outcomes
17:55	SUMMARY AND CLOSE