

# Cancer Metabolism Programme

Bilbao, Spain

6 - 8 October 2026

## Scientific Programme



Tuesday 6th October 2026

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

11:30 REGISTRATION (LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AT 12:00)

13:00 CONFERENCE WELCOME

SESSION 1: CANCER - HOST METABOLIC COMMUNICATION

**Chair: Patricia Altea**

13:10 KEYNOTE LECTURE

**Marcia Haigis**

Harvard University, USA

'Investigating the role of metabolites in Cancer and Aging'

Q&A 13:40 - 13:55

13:55 **Ayelet Erez**

Weizmann Institute of Science, Israel

'Exploring the tumor-host crosstalk for improving diagnosis and therapy'

Q&A 14:15 - 14:25

14:25 **Preferred Paper 1**

Q&A 14:35 - 14:40

14:40 EXHIBITOR INTRODUCTIONS

14:50 COFFEE BREAK, EXHIBITION AND SOLO TRAVELLERS' MEET-UP

15:20 **Ilaria Elia**

KU Leuven, Belgium

'Metabolic cross-talk in the tumor microenvironment: rewiring cancer-T cell interactions'

Q&A 15:40 - 15:50

15:50 **Almut Schulze**

DKFZ, Germany

'Finding metabolic vulnerabilities in cancer'

Q&A 16:10 - 16:20

16:20 POSTER SPOTLIGHTS

16:30 INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM

Led by members of the Scientific Programme Committee

Q&A 16:50 - 17:00

17:00 NETWORKING SESSION 1

17:30 WELCOME RECEPTION

18:15 POSTER DISCUSSION SESSION 1

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Wednesday 7th October 2026

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08:15 **EARLY POSTER VIEWING**

08:45 **INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHT**

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**SESSION 2: METABOLIC SIGNALLING**

**Chair: Arkaitz Carracedo**

09:00 **Christian Frezza**

University of Cologne, Germany

'The role of Fumarate Hydratase in cancer'

Q&A 09:20 - 09:30

09:30 **Preferred Paper 2**

Q&A 09:40 - 09:45

09:45 **Patricia Altea**

CABIMER, Spain

'The signaling role of fatty acids in metastasis'

Q&A 10:05 - 10:15

10:15 **Alpaslan Tasdogan**

University Hospital Essen, Germany

'Targeting metabolic liabilities in cancer metastasis'

Q&A 10:35 - 10:45

10:45 **COFFEE BREAK AND EXHIBITION**

11:15 **George Poulogiannis**

ICR, UK

'Deciphering the complexities of cancer metabolism for therapeutic gain'

Q&A 11:35 - 11:45

11:45 **Preferred Paper 3**

Q&A 11:55 - 12:00

12:00 **POSTER SPOTLIGHTS**

12:10 **INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM**

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12:40 **LUNCH**

13:40 **POSTER DISCUSSION SESSION 2**

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**SESSION 3: ORGANELLE METABOLISM**

**Chair: Lydia Finley**

15:10 **Sara Sdelci**

Centre for Genomic Regulation, Spain

'Opening Pandora's Box: Metabolic Enzymes Inside the Nucleus'

	Q&A 15:30 - 15:40
15:40	<b>Preferred Paper 4</b>
	Q&A 15:50 - 15:55
15:55	<b>Preferred Paper 5</b>
	Q&A 16:05 - 16:10
16:10	<b>Kivanc Birsoy</b> Rockefeller University, USA 'Systematic approaches to study cancer cell metabolism'
	Q&A 16:30 - 16:40
16:40	<b>COFFEE BREAK AND EXHIBITION</b>
17:10	<b>Jessica Spinelli</b> Umass Chan Medical School, USA 'Metabolic and Physiological Impacts of Flexibility in the Mitochondrial Electron Transport Chain'
	Q&A 17:30 - 17:40
17:40	<b>Luca Scorrano</b> Umass Chan Medical School, Italy 'Keeping mitochondria in shape: a matter of cancer cell life and death'
	Q&A 18:00 - 18:10
18:10	<b>NETWORKING SESSION 2</b>
20:00	<b>CONFERENCE DINNER (OPTIONAL TICKETED EVENT)</b>

## Thursday 8th October 2026

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08:15	<b>EARLY POSTER VIEWING</b>
08:45	<b>INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHT</b> Led by members of the Scientific Programme Committee
	<b>SESSION 4: LESSONS LEARNED FROM METABOLISM IN CANCER AND BEYOND</b>
	<b>Chair: Ayelet Erez</b>
09:00	<b>Lydia Finley</b> MSKCC, USA 'Metabolic regulation of cell fate decisions'
	Q&A 09:20 - 09:30
09:30	<b>Arkaitz Carracedo</b> CIC Biogune, Spain 'Systemic metabolic influences of prostate cancer progression'
	Q&A 09:50 - 10:00
10:00	<b>Preferred Paper 6</b>
	Q&A 10:10 - 10:15
10:15	<b>COFFEE BREAK AND EXHIBITION</b>

10:45 Sarah-Maria Fendt  
VIB-KU Leuven Centre for Cancer Biology, Belgium  
'The role of metabolism in metastasis formation'  
Q&A 11:05 - 11:15

11:15 **KEYNOTE LECTURE**  
**Jared Rutter**  
University of Utah, USA  
'Mechanisms of Metabolite Signaling'  
Q&A 11:45 - 12:00

12:00 **SUMMARY AND CLOSE**