

# 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 **Proffered 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

Led by members of the Scientific Programme Committee

## Wednesday 7th October 2026

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08:15 **EARLY POSTER VIEWING**

08:45 **INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHT**

Led by members of the Scientific Programme Committee

**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 **Proffered 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 **Proffered Paper 3**

Q&A 11:55 - 12:00

12:00 **POSTER SPOTLIGHTS**

12:10 **INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM**

Led by members of the Scientific Programme Committee

12:40 **LUNCH**

13:40 **POSTER DISCUSSION SESSION 2**

Led by members of the Scientific Programme Committee

**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 **Proffered Paper 4**
- Q&A 15:50 - 15:55
- 15:55 **Proffered Paper 5**
- Q&A 16:05 - 16:10
- 16:10 **Kivanc Birsoy**  
Rockefeller University, USA  
'Systematic approaches to study cancer cell metabolism'
- Q&A 16:30 - 16:40
- 16:40 COFFEE BREAK AND EXHIBITION
- 17:10 **Jessica Spinelli**  
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 **Luca Scorrano**  
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 NETWORKING SESSION 2
- 20:00 CONFERENCE DINNER (OPTIONAL TICKETED EVENT)

## Thursday 8th October 2026

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

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

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**