

Tumor immunology and immunotherapy

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Program

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08:15 – 08:55 Registration

09:00 – 09:05 Welcome remarks

Session 1: Understanding the tumor environment

09:05 – 9:50 **Keynote Speaker: Maria Rescigno** (Hunimed University) Microbiota in cancer progression and treatment

09:50 – 10:15 **Johanna Joyce** (Ludwig Institute for Cancer research, Lausanne branch)
Exploring and therapeutically exploiting tumor ecosystems

10:15 – 10:40 **Ping-Chih Ho** (University of Lausanne) DDRing toward exhaustion

10:40 – 11:05 Coffee break

11:05 – 11:30 **Mikaël Pittet** (University of Geneva) Pan-cancer insights into neutrophil states

11:30 – 11:55 **Nicola Aceto** (ETH Zurich) Circulating tumor cells and their interactions with the immune system

11:55 – 13:30 Lunch

Session 2: Programming and reprogramming the TME

13:30 – 13:55 **Tatiana Petrova** (University of Lausanne) Targeting tumor vessels for neogenesis of tertiary lymphoid structures

13:55 – 14:20 **Michele De Palma** (EPFL, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne) Engineered dendritic cells

14:20 – 14:45 **Bernhard Gentner** (Lausanne University Hospital)
Engineered hematopoietic stem cells to reprogram the tumor microenvironment

14:45 – 15:10 Coffee break

15:10 – 15:35 **Denarda Dangaj** (Lausanne University Hospital) Mechanisms of early response and resistance to combinatorial anti-angiogenic and ICB therapy in recurrent human ovarian cancers

15:35 – 16:00 **Douglas Hanahan** (EPFL, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne)
FMRP: a master regulator of the immunosuppressive tumor microenvironment

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Session 3: Unravelling T cell recognition

09:05 – 9:30 **Michal Bassani-Sternberg** (Lausanne University Hospital) Addressing challenges in neoantigen discovery

09:30 – 09:55 **Alex Harari** (Lausanne University Hospital) Advancing T-cell therapies: Unraveling insights and innovations

09:55 – 10:20 **Sai Reddy** (ETH Zurich) Engineering T cell receptor specificity and function for cancer immunotherapy

10:20 – 10:45 **Coffee break**

10:45 – 11:10 **David Gfeller** (University of Lausanne)
Machine learning predictions of antigen presentation and TCR recognition in cancer

11:10 – 11:35 **Benita Wolf** (Lausanne University Hospital)
Cryo-expansion microscopy unveils the nanoscale architecture of immune synapses

11:35 – 12:00 **Camilla Jandus** (University of Geneva) Innate and adaptive immune cell help in cancer

12:00 – 13:30 **Lunch**

Session 4: Designing T cell therapy for success

13:30 – 14:15 **Keynote Speaker: Catherine Wu** (Harvard University) Personalized cancer vaccines: Updates and encouraging results

14:15 – 14:40 **Melita Irving** (University of Lausanne)
Gene-engineering strategies for improving the efficacy and safety of T cells for cancer immunotherapy

14:40 – 15:05 **Bruno Correia** (EPFL, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne)
Computational design of “smart” cells and biologics

15:05 – 15:35 **Coffee break**

15:35 – 16:00 **Caroline Arber** (University of Lausanne) Receptor design for enhanced engineered T cell therapy

16:00 – 16:25 **Li Tang** (EPFL, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne)
Type 2 immunity may hold key to long-term cancer remission

16:25 – 16:55 **George Coukos** (Ludwig Institute for Cancer research, Lausanne branch)
Engineering T cells for success in solid tumor immunotherapy

16:55 – 17:00 **Closing remarks**

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