

Workshop
Trends in Translational Cancer Research
28-29 Sept 2009, Solstrand Hotel, Bergen

Preliminary Programme

Monday September 28

Opening

08:30-08:50

Welcome

Helge Wiig - Dean Medical Faculty, University of Bergen, Norway

Welcome and purpose of workshop

Jan-Willem van de Loo - Health Research, European Commission, Brussels, Belgium

SESSION 1 - Early detection and diagnosis

Chair Pantel

08:50-13:00

Clinical and prognostic relevance of minimal residual disease in breast cancer patients

Klaus Pantel - Universitätsklinikum Hamburg -Eppendorf, Germany

MicroRNAs in diagnostics of prostate cancer

Tapio Visakorpi - University of Tampere, Finland

Implications of genome-wide gene association studies in cancer

Thorunn Rafnar – deCODE Genetics, Reykjavik, Iceland

10:20-11:00 Coffee and tea

Early diagnosis of pancreatic cancer: is it possible?

Thomas Gress - University of Marburg, Germany

Early detection and diagnosis of ovarian cancer

Dirk Timmerman - University Hospitals Leuven, Belgium

Issues and markers for the detection of prostate cancer

Guido Jenster – Erasmus Medical Center, Rotterdam, the Netherlands

Panel discussion session 1

All speakers sessions 1

13:00-14.30 Lunch

SESSION 2 - Treatment and care of patients and survivors

Chair Kaasa

14:30-18:00

Challenges of therapy compliance in cancer care: the patient's perspective

Jan Geissler - European Cancer Patient Coalition, Germany

Symptom management: from the molecular biology of palliation to cachexia

Stein Kaasa - St. Olavs University Hospital, Trondheim, Norway

Neuropeptidomimetics for treatment of pain in patients with advanced stages of cancer

Andrzej Lipkowski - Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, Poland.

16:00-16:30 Coffee and tea

End-of-life care for cancer patients in Europe

Irene Higginson – King's College London, UK

Long-term side effects in childhood cancer survivors

Riccardo Haupt - Gaslini Hospital, Genoa, Italy

Panel discussion session 2

All speakers sessions 2

20:00 Dinner and music

Tuesday September 29

SESSION 3 – Haematological cancers

Chair Pui

08:30-12:30

Bottlenecks in targeted therapies in children with leukemia

Ching-Hon Pui - St. Jude Children's Research Hospital , Memphis, USA

Translational research on mantle cell lymphoma

Martin Dreyling - University of Munich, Germany

The potential of epigenetic treatment strategies in acute myeloid leukemia

Hugues de Thé - University of Paris, France

10:00-10:30 Coffee and tea

Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma: Strategies for solving problems remaining in the rituximab era

Michael Pfreundschuh - Saarland University, Homburg, Germany

Translational research and progress in multiple myeloma

Mario Boccardo – University of Turin, Italy

Novel prognostic markers in chronic lymphocytic leukemia

Richard Rosenquist – Uppsala University, Sweden

Panel discussion session 3

All speakers sessions 3

12:30-14:00 Lunch

SESSION 4 – Host-tumour interactions and treatment outcome

Chair Ann Chambers

14:00-18:00

Does tumour dormancy offer therapeutic strategies?

Ann Chambers - University of Western Ontario , London, Canada

Dynamic interactions of the nervous and immune systems with the microenvironment regulate normal and leukemic human stem cells.

Tsvee Lapidot - The Weizmann Institute, Rehovot, Israel

The quest for tumour initiating cells in glioblastoma: the rat as a transplant model for primary tumours

Rolf Bjerkvig - University of Bergen, Norway

15:30-16:00 Coffee and tea

Pathways connecting inflammation and cancer

Frances Balkwill – Queen Mary's School of Medicine and Dentistry, London, UK

Hypoxia and treatment outcome

Claudio Pisano – Sigma Tau, Rome, Italy

Metastasis: a complex network of tumor -host interactions

Jonathan Sleeman – University of Heidelberg, Mannheim, Germany

Panel discussion session 4

All speakers sessions 4

Close and adjourn

Jan-Willem van de Loo