



Centre for  
Cancer Biomarkers  
Norwegian Centre of Excellence – University of Bergen

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# 12<sup>th</sup> CCBIO Annual Symposium 2024

May 14-15, 2024 (Bergen - Norway)

## Scientific Program (prefinal)

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### Day 1: Tuesday May 14, 2024

09:00-10:10 REGISTRATION

10:15-10:30 **Welcome and Opening: Lars A. Akslen (Director of CCBIO)**

**Session 1: Chair:**

10:30-11:15 *CCBIO Keynote Lecture: Raza Ali (Cambridge): Charting the intact breast tumour microenvironment*

11:15-11:45 **Patrick Micke (Uppsala): Immune cell landscape in lung cancer**

11:45-13:30 LUNCH & POSTER SESSION I

**Session 2: Chair:**

13:30-14:00 **Therese Sørli (Oslo): Spatial heterogeneity in DCIS aligns with intrinsic subtypes**

14:00-14:30 **Rolf Brekken (Dallas): Phosphatidylserine - a marker of the tumor microenvironment and much more**

14:30-15:15 COFFEE BREAK

**Session 3: Chair: Roger Strand**

*Global perspectives on cancer*

15:15-15:40 **Kjell-Arne Johansson: Cancer interventions and health priorities in a global perspective using 'FairChoices: DCP Analytics Tool'**

15:40-16:00 **Daniela Costea: Reflections on cancer research for the global north and the global south**

16:00-16:35 Panel conversation: **Danilo Milanes Zambrano (Kigali), Karpal Singh (Dar es Salaam), Kjell-Arne Johansson, Daniela Costea, and John Cairns**

18:00 POSTERS & PROSECCO

19:00 DINNER

## Day 2: Wednesday May 15, 2024

- Session 4: Chair:**  
09:00-09:45 **CCBIO Keynote Lecture: Göran Jönsson (Lund):** Understanding response to immune checkpoint blockade in melanoma  
09:45-10:15 **Randy S. Watnick (Boston):** Discovery of a novel signalling pathway mediating immunosuppression in solid tumors  
10:15-11:15 COFFEE BREAK
- Session 5: Chairs: Katrin Kleinmanns, Line Bjørge**  
11:15-12:30 *Speed presentations by young investigators*  
12:30-14:30 LUNCH & POSTER SESSION II
- Session 6: Chair:**  
14:30-15:00 **Sandra Ryeom (New York):** Neuroimmune crosstalk in the gastric cancer microenvironment  
15:00-15:30 **Anna Vähärautio (Helsinki):** Tracing back primed resistance in cancer  
15:30-16:00 COFFEE BREAK
- Session 7: Chair:**  
16:00-16:30 **Linda Lindström (Stockholm):** Insights into the heterogeneity of ER-positive breast cancer - long-term risk, endocrine treatment benefit and intra-tumor heterogeneity  
16:30-17:00 **Fran Balkwill (London):** Modelling and targeting the tumour microenvironment of high-grade serous ovarian cancer  
17:00-17:15 **Closing remarks (Line Bjørge, Co-Director of CCBIO)**
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