



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

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

May 14-15, 2024 (Bergen - Norway)

## Scientific Program

### 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: Carina Strell**
- 10:30-11:15 *CCBIO Keynote Lecture: Raza Ali (Cambridge): Charting the intact breast tumour microenvironment*
- 11:15-11:45 **Patrick Micke (Uppsala): Functional diagnostics for optimised lung cancer therapy**
- 11:45-13:30 LUNCH & POSTER SESSION I
- Session 2: Chair: Jim Lorens**
- 13:30-14:00 **Ian Mills (Oxford): Spatial approaches and imaging to improve prostate cancer stratification**
- 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 (Bergen): Prioritizing Cancer Care in Low- and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs): Addressing the Humanitarian Crisis and Competing Health Priorities**
- 15:40-16:00 **Daniela Costea (Bergen): Reflections on cancer research for the global north and the global south**
- 16:00-16:35 *Panel conversation: Karpal Singh (Dar es Salaam), Kjell-Arne Johansson, Daniela Costea, and John Cairns (London)*
- 18:00 POSTERS & PROSECCO
- 19:00 DINNER

## Day 2: Wednesday May 15, 2024

### Session 4: Chair: Oddbjørn Straume

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

10:15-11:30 COFFEE BREAK

### Session 5: Chairs: Katrin Kleinmanns & Line Bjørge

11:30-12:30 *Speed presentations by young investigators*

12:30-14:30 LUNCH & POSTER SESSION II

### Session 6: Chair: Line Bjørge

14:30-15:00 **Linda Lindström (Stockholm):** Insights into the heterogeneity of ER-positive breast cancer - long-term risk, endocrine treatment benefit and intra-tumor heterogeneity

15:00-15:30 **Anna Vähärautio (Helsinki):** Tracing back primed resistance in cancer

15:30-16:00 **Fran Balkwill (London):** Modelling and targeting the tumour microenvironment of high-grade serous ovarian cancer

16:00-16:15 **Closing remarks (Line Bjørge, Co-Director of CCBIO)**

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