Centre for Cancer Biomarkers
Centre of Excellence - University of Bergen

14th CCBIO Annual Symposium 2026

May 12–13, 2026 (Bergen - Norway)

Scientific Program

Day 1: Tuesday, May 12, 2026

08:30-09:45	REGISTRATION
09:45-10:00	**Welcome and Opening: Lars A. Akslen (Director of CCBIO)**
Session 1:	**Chair: Line Bjørge (Co-Director of CCBIO)**
10:00-11:00	*Keynote lecture:* **William A. Haseltine (New York):** From discovery to innovation and real-world impact
11:00-11:45	**Ronny Drapkin (Philadelphia):** Translational studies and biomarkers in gynecologic cancer
11:45-13:30	LUNCH & POSTER SESSION I
Session 2:	**Chair: Oddbjørn Straume**
13:30-14:00	**Gema Moreno-Bueno (Madrid):** Genetic studies of gynecologic and breast cancers
14:00-14:30	**Janne Lehtiö (Stockholm):** Breast cancer proteogenomics
14:30-15:00	**Vera Thiel (Heidelberg):** Trace-me-if-you-can. How cancer-associated neurons shape the TME
15:00-15:45	COFFEE BREAK
Session 3:	**Chair: Line Bjørge**
	Short presentations by industry: Developments and future possibilities
15:45-16:00	**Simen Myhre (MSD):** Transitional medicine: From bench to «darkside»
16:00-16:15	**Hege Edvardsen (GSK):** Building collaboration with the industry – the ways, the hows and the whys
16:15-16:30	**Randeep Mandla (Pfizer):** Pfizer – a snapshot of history, areas of focus and opportunities
16:30-16:45	Discussion
18:00	APERITIF
19:00	CONFERENCE DINNER

Day 2: Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Session 4:	**Chair: Carina Strell (Co-Director of CCBIO)**
09:00-09:30	**Bart Neyns (Brussels):** Dendritic cell biology and immunotherapy
09:30-10:00	**Keith Hunter (Liverpool):** Spatial transcriptomic and proteomic analysis of the TME
10:00-10:30	**Jon Amund Kyte (Oslo):** Immunotherapy for treatment-resistant solid cancers
10:30-11:15	COFFEE BREAK
Session 5:	**Chairs: Katrin Kleinmann & Line Bjørge**
11:15-12:10	***Speed presentations by young investigators***
Session 6:	**Chair: Bjørn Tore Gjertsen**
	From science to innovation and startup industry
12:15-12:35	**Christian Kersten (Kristiansand):** From bed to bed. Storytelling about serendipity, research, and innovation – How difficult or easy can it be to help patients?
12:35-12:55	**Karl-Henning Kalland (Bergen):** Immunotherapy of prostate cancer (CryoIT): The startup challenge
13:00-15:00	LUNCH & POSTER SESSION II
Session 7:	**Chair: Camilla Krakstad**
15:00-15:30	**Dorian Forte (Bologna):** Immunotherapy and acute leukemia
15:30-16:00	**Francis Jacob (Basel):** Immunometabolism, extracellular vesicles and immunotherapy in acute myeloid leukemia
16:00-16:15	**Closing remarks: Line Bjørge (Co-Director of CCBIO)**

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