



# 1<sup>st</sup> European Ovarian Cancer Research Symposium 2026

*Improving ovarian cancer outcomes: harnessing tumor-host interactions*

**CCBIO Satellite Symposium**

May 10-11, 2026 (Bergen - Norway)

**Scientific Program**

## Day 1: Sunday May 10, 2026

09:00 -10.00 REGISTRATION

10.00-10.15 Welcome and opening - Line Bjørge co-Director CCBIO

**Session 1:** Early detection/tumor initiation - Chairs Krister Wennerberg and Line Bjørge

**10:15-10.45:** Invited talk Usha Menon (London)

*Early detection and interception of ovarian cancer- challenges and opportunities*

**10.45-11.15:** Invited talk Ronny Drapkin (Philadelphia)

*A Pre-Cancer Atlas of Ovarian Cancer Initiation in the Fallopian Tube*

*- Dentist Olaf Aase and wife memorial lecture*

**11.15-11.30:** Selected short talk

**11.30.11.45:** Selected short talk

11:45-13:15 LUNCH AND POSTER SESSION I

**Session 2: Ethnic and histological diversity – Chairs: Ronny Drapkin and tba**

**13:15-13.45:** **Invited talk Charlie Gourley** (Edinburgh)  
*Rare ovarian cancer subtypes: what we do and don't know about their biology and its relevance for novel therapeutic strategies'*

**13.45-14.15:** **Invited talk Susana Banerjee** (London)  
*Clinical trials in Rare Ovarian Cancers: Challenges and Progress*

**14.15-14.30:** **Selected short talk**

**14.30-14.45:** **Selected short talk**

14:45-15:15 COFFEE BREAK

**Session 3: Biomarkers and precision oncology – Chairs: Frances Balkwill and Anniina Färkkilä**

**15:15-15.45:** **Invited talk Sampsa Hautaniemi** (Helsinki)  
*Mechanisms and vulnerabilities of chemotherapy resistant HGSC*

**15.45-16.15:** **Invited talk Olivia Le Saux** (Lyon)  
*Predictive biomarkers of response and resistance to immune checkpoint blockade*

**16.15-16.30:** **Selected short talk**

**16.30 -16.45:** **Selected short talk**

18.30 APERITIF

19.30 DINNER

## **Day 2: Monday May 11, 2026**

**Session 4: Preclinical modelling (Chairs: Ronny Drapkin and tba)**

**09:00-09.30:** **Invited talk Frances Balkwill** (London)  
*Multi-cellular in vitro models for pre-clinical modelling*

**09:30-10.00:** **Invited talk Krister Wennerberg** (Copenhagen)  
*Exploring and targeting drug resistance using ovarian cancer organoid models*

**10.00-10.15:** **Short selected talk**

**10.15-10.30:** **Short selected talk**

10:30-11:00 COFFEE BREAK

**Session 5 Immunology and spatial biology - (Chairs: Line Bjørge and Krister Wennerberg)**

**11:00-11.30:** **Invited talk Denarda Dangaj** (Lausanne)  
*Title: tba*

**11.30-12.00:** **Invited talk Anniina Färkkilä** (Helsinki)  
*Single-Cell Spatial Tumor Ecosystems in HGSC: Clinical Impact and Opportunities for Immunotherapy*

**12.00-12.15:** **Short selected talk**

**12.15- 12.30:** **Short selected talk**

12:30-14:00 LUNCH BREAK AND POSTER SESSION II

**Session 6**      **Emerging cell types and targets – (Chairs: Anniina Färkkilä and Frances Balkwill)**

**14:00-14.30:**    **Invited talk Hanna Dahlstand** (Stockholm)

*Cancer-Associated Fibroblasts in Ovarian Cancer: Biological Impact and Clinical Relevance*

**14.30-15.00:**    **Invited talk Frederik Marmé** (Mannheim)

*Title: tba*

**15.00-15.15:**    **Short selected talk**

**15.15-15.30:**    **Short selected talk**

**16.30- 16:45**    **Closing remarks - Anniina Färkkilä**

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