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# 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**

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**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)  
*From Immune Presence to Immune Function: Functional and Spatial Biomarkers in Ovarian Cancer Immuno-Oncology*
- 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)

*Antibody-Drug Conjugates in Ovarian Cancer*

**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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