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## PROGRAM

### ***Cutting Edge Cancer Immunotherapies on Course to Cures***



[CaixaForum](#) Madrid, 18th and 19th of January 2027

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**Dates :** 18th and 19th of January 2027

**Venue:** [CaixaForum Madrid](#)

P.º del Prado, 36, 28014 Madrid. Spain

## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

### 18th January (Monday)

09:45-10:15 Registration

10:15-10:30 Welcome Richard Cornall / José Andrés Gómez Cantero / Joseba Campos Capelastegui / Ignacio Melero

**Session 1:** Chairs Juan José Lasarte/ Pedro Berraondo

10:30-10:50 Opening Lecture: Filipe Pereira- Lund University, Sweden

"Dendritic Cell Reprogramming for Cancer Immunotherapy"

10:50-11:00 Q&A

11:00-11:20 Ignacio Melero- CIMA / CUN / University of Oxford, Spain

"Cross-priming and costimulation cancer immunotherapy"

11:20-11:30 Q&A

11:30-11:50 David Sancho- CNIC, Spain

"cDC-1 dendritic cells in cancer immunotherapy"

11:50-12:00 Q&A

12:00-12:30 Break



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**Session 2: Chairs Alvaro Teijeira / Fernando Aranda**

12:30-12:50 Mikala Egeblad- *Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, USA*

“Neutrophil extracellular traps (NETs) in cancer”

12:50-13:00 Q&A

13:00-13:20 Santiago Zelenay- *Cancer Research UK Manchester Institute, UK*

“The dual role of inflammation in cancer immunity”

13:20-13:30 Q&A

13:30-13:50 Jörg Wischhusen- *University of Würzburg School of Medicine, Germany*

“GDF-15 as an actionable mediator in cachexia and immunosuppression”

13:50-14:00 Q&A

14:00-14:20 Frances Balkwill- *Barts Cancer Institute, Queen Mary University of London, UK*

“Macrophage functions and targets in the tumor microenvironment of high-grade serous ovarian cancer”

14:20-14:30 Q&A

14:30-15:30 *Lunch Buffet*

**Session 3: Chairs Miguel Fernández de Sanmamed / María Rodríguez Ruiz**

15:30-15:50 Alfred Zippelius- *University of Basel, Switzerland*

“Rational combination immunotherapies: mechanistic insights and emerging strategies”

15:50-16:00 Q&A

16:00-16:20 Inge Marie Svane- *Center for Cancer Immune Therapy (CCIT), Denmark*

“Vaccination against immunosuppressive factors”

16:20-16:30 Q&A

16:30-16:50 Marleen Kok- *Netherlands Cancer Institute, Holland*

“Window of opportunity trials in cancer immunotherapy”

16:50-17:00 Q&A

17:00-17:30 *Break*

**Session 4: Chairs Ignacio Melero / David Withers**

17:30-17:50 Eileen Parkes- *University of Oxford, UK*

“Chromosomal chaos and immune surveillance”

17:50-18:00 Q&A



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18:00-18:20 Benjamin Fairfax- *University of Oxford, UK*

"Understanding determinants of response, resistance and side effects in cancer treatment with checkpoint inhibitors"

18:20-18:30 Q&A

18:30-18:50 Fadi Issa- *Nuffield Department of Surgical Sciences, University of Oxford, UK*

"Digital spatial profiling to explore immune cell infiltrates"

18:50-19:00 Q&A

## 19th January (Tuesday)

09:00-9:15 Gabriel Rabinovich / Angel Font- *Barcelona CaixaResearch Institute's Presentation*

**Session 5: Chairs Gabriel Rabinovich / Francisco Sanchez Madrid**

09:15-09:35 Jim Allison- *M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, University of Texas, USA*

"The discovery and development of checkpoint inhibitors"

09:35-09:45 Q&A

09:45-10:05 Gabriel Rabinovich- *CaixaResearch Institute, Spain*

"Glycocheckpoints"

10:05-10:15 Q&A

10:15-10:35 Padmanee Sharma- *M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, University of Texas, USA*

"The tumor microenvironment in response to immunotherapy"

10:35-10:45 Q&A

10:45-11:15 Break

**Session 6: Chairs Antonio González / José Luis Pérez Gracia**

11:15-11:35 Paolo Ascierto- *Istituto Nazionale Tumori IRCCS "Fondazione G. Pascale", Italy*

"Novel immunotherapy combinations for the treatment of melanoma"

11:35-11:45 Q&A

11:45-12:05 Aurélien Marabelle- *Université Paris-Saclay, France*

"Intratumoral agents for cancer immunotherapy"

12:05-12:15 Q&A

12:15-12:35 Bruno Sangro- *Clínica Universidad de Navarra, Spain*

"Liver cancer at a turning point: the (r)evolution of immunotherapy"

12:35-12:45 Q&A



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12:45-13:05 Anthony B. El-Khoueiry- *USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center, USA*

"Novel anti PD1+CTLA-4 combinations to treat digestive tumors"

13:05-13:15 Q&A

13:15-14:15 *Lunch Buffet*

**Session 7:** *Chairs Felipe Gálvez Cancino / Juan Dubrot*

14:15-14:35 Ricardo Fernandes- *CAMS Oxford Institute, UK*

"Induced-proximity strategies to modulate inhibitory receptor signalling in cancer immunotherapy"

14:35-14:45 Q&A

14:45-15:05 Closing Keynote Lecture: Kurt Schalper- *Yale School of Medicine, USA*

"Deciphering and targeting tumor-immune cell interactions in cancer"

15:05-15:15 Q&A

15:15-15:20 *Meeting Adjourns: Ignacio Melero*



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