

1st Edition

CRCM Symposium

CANCER RESEARCH CENTER MARSEILLE



Comet

Cell communication &
Microenvironment dpt.



Translate-IT

Translational research &
Innovative therapies dpt.

**4 - 6
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CONFIRMED SPEAKERS

Martin Bergö (*Stockholm, Sweden*)
René Bernards (*Amsterdam, The Netherlands*)
Raffaele Colombo (*Vancouver, Canada*)
Nelson Dusetti (*Marseille, France*)
Patrick Mehlen (*Lyon, France*)
Gérard Milano (*Nice, France*)
Javad Nazarian (*Zurich, Switzerland*)
Angela Nieto (*Alicante, Spain*)
Thales Papagiannakopoulos (*New York, USA*)
Angela Riedel (*Wurzburg, Germany*)
Giorgio Seano (*Paris, France*)
Sophie Tartare-Deckert (*Nice, France*)
Alissa Weaver (*Nashville, USA*)
Mattia Zampieri (*Basel, Switzerland*)

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MARSEILLE
Palais du Pharo

TOPICS/SESSIONS

Innovative therapies
Tumor microenvironment & cellular cross-talk
Challenging sites of tumorigenesis: junior scientist session
Cancer progression and treatments

EDITO

Dear Congress members, Dear participants, Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to Marseille,

We have the pleasure and the honor to invite you to participate at the first edition of the CRCM Symposium (Centre de Recherche en Cancérologie de Marseille) that emerges with a biannual intention.

Since 2008, CRCM scientists including 450 people and 21 teams, has been developing programs of basic and clinical research, with the unchanging desire to transfer fundamental data to the clinic, the « benchside to bed » principle that constitutes the foundation of our institution to make significant breakthroughs and improve the therapeutic management of cancer patients.

The symposium is organized around the scientific topics represented by two departments of CRCM: Comet (Cell Communication and Microenvironment) and Translate-IT (Translational research and Innovative therapies).

During these two days and a half, we gathered an exceptional program with diverse and state of the art sessions with special focus on tumour microenvironment and cellular crosstalk, based on metabolic and extra-vesicular communication, nanotechnologies, tumor cell signaling and pharmacologic innovations.

The Palais du Pharo will constitute a privileged venue to host the invited national and international keynote and lecture speakers with outstanding expertise in the cancerology domain. We are convinced that the surroundings and striking views of the Mediterranean and the Old Port, will be an additional incentive to participate in this extraordinary opportunity to build up new collaborations and favour exchanges with researchers and speakers.

Note the date in your agendas, we are looking forward to host many of you for this first session and specially encourage young scientists to register.

The Scientific and Organizing Committee

PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 4

16:00-17:00	General introduction	
17:00-18:00	Keynote	To be defined René BERNARDS (Amsterdam, The Netherlands) Netherlands Cancer Institute, Amsterdam
		
18:00-19:00	Keynote	To be defined Alissa WEAVER (Nashville, USA) Vanderbilt University School of Medicine
		

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 5

09:00-09:10	Welcome words	
09:10-10:30	SESSION 1: Innovative Therapies - New therapies	
09:10	Keynote	Antibody Drug Conjugates: Facts & Fiction. Raffaele COLOMBO (Vancouver, Canada) Zymeworks
		
10:00	Lecture	Old wine in a New Bottle: Protacs in Oncology. Gérard MILANO (Nice, France) Centre Antoine Lacassagne, Nice, France
		
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00-13:00	SESSION 1: Innovative Therapies - Therapy resistance and tumor plasticity	
11:00	Lecture	Targeting glioblastoma cell state transitions induced by chemoradiation or neurosurgery. Giorgio SEANO (Paris, France) Institut Curie, Paris-Orsay
		
11:30	Lecture	To be defined Mattia ZAMPIERI (Basel, Switzerland) University of Basel
		
12:00	Lecture	Exploring therapy resistance in pancreatic cancer through transcriptomic signatures. Nelson DUSETTI (Marseille, France) CRCM Cancer research center, Marseille
		
12:30	Oral communications	
13:00-14:30	Lunch Break - Posters Session	
14:30-15:55	SESSION 2: Tumor microenvironment and cellular cross-talk	
14:30	Keynote	Redox regulation of cancer metastasis. Martin BERGO (Stockholm, Sweden) Karolinska Institutet
		

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THURSDAY FEBRUARY 5

- 15:20 Lecture **Metabolic Mechanisms of Lung Cancer Progression.**
Thales PAPAGIANNAKOPOULOS (New York, USA)
Langone University



- 15:55-16:25 Coffee Break

16:25-18:30 SESSION 2: Tumor microenvironment and cellular cross-talk

- 16:25 Oral communications

- 17:10 Lecture **Role of melanoma cell plasticity in extracellular matrix remodeling and therapy resistance**
Sophie TARTARE-DECKERT (Nice, France)
The Mediterranean Centre for Molecular Medicine (C3M)



- 17:45 Oral communications

- 19:30 Congress Dinner

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 6

09:00-10:40 SESSION 3: Challenging sites of tumorigenesis: junior scientist session

- 09:00 Keynote **Understanding the biology of childhood high-grade gliomas: from knowledge gaps to therapeutic opportunities.**
Javad NAZARIAN (Zurich, Switzerland)
University of Zürich
University Children's Hospital



- 10:00 Oral communications

10:40-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:30 SESSION 3: Challenging sites of tumorigenesis: junior scientist session

- 11:00 Lecture **Understanding the link between immune evasion and metastasis: A story of stromal - immune cell interactions in tumor-draining lymph nodes**
Angela RIEDEL (Würzburg, Germany)
University of Würzburg



- 11:35 Oral communications

12:30-14:00 Lunch Break & Poster Sessions

14:00-16:00 SESSION 4: Cancer progression and treatments

- 14:00 Keynote **Cancer cell plasticity trajectories in the primary tumor and to the metastatic site.**
Angela NIETO (Alicante, Spain)
Instituto de Neurociencias (CSIC-UMH)



- 14:35 Lecture **Targeting netrin-1 in oncology: from a cell biology hypothesis to clinical data.**
Patrick MELHEN (Lyon, France)
Research Cancer Center of Lyon (CRCL)



- 15:05 Oral communications

- 15:30 Poster / Talk prizes

- 15:45 Closing words

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