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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24th

11:00 – 18:30 **5th ASEICA-Joven Retreat**

21:00 ASEICA Joven Dinner

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25th

09:00 – 10:00 **REGISTRATION & POSTER PLACEMENT (BLOCK 1)**

10:00 – 10:15 **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

Rafael López, ASEICA President. Complejo Hospitalario Universitario de Santiago de Compostela.
Arkaitz Carracedo, ASEICA Vice-President. CIC Biogune, Bilbao.

10:15 – 11:00 **OPENING · KEYNOTE LECTURE**

Chair: **Ana Ruiz-Sáenz**, Congress scientific co-coordinator.
CIC Biogune, Bilbao.

10:15 – 10:50 **Life, death, and inflammation in cancer: Unlocking novel therapeutic opportunities through cell death and immune signaling**

Henning Walczak, Institute of Biochemistry I, University of Cologne; UCL Cancer Institute, University College London, United Kingdom.

10:50 – 11:00 **Q&A**

11:00 – 11:15 **OFFICIAL OPENING**

11:15 – 12:15 **SESSION 1 · SIGNALING, IMMUNITY & EPIGENETICS IN CANCER**

Chairs: **Amancio Carnero**, Instituto de Biomedicina de Sevilla, Universidad de Sevilla.

María Caffarel, Instituto de Investigación Sanitaria Biodonostia, San Sebastián.

11:15 – 11:35 **Ubiquitin signaling at the crossroads of cancer and immunity**

Ivan Dikić, Institute of Biochemistry II, Goethe University, Frankfurt, Germany.

11:35 – 12:55 **TBD**

Verónica Torrano, Universidad del País Vasco, Bizkaia.

- 11:55 – 12:15** **Single-cell epigenomics and transcriptional plasticity in cancer**
Eduard Batlle, Institute for Research in Biomedicine, Barcelona.
- 12:15 – 13:15** **ROUND TABLE | RESEARCH FUNDING IN CANCER RESEARCH**
- 13:15 - 14:45** **LUNCH BREAK & POSTER DEFENSE**
- 14:45 – 15:45** **EDUCATIONAL LECTURE**
Chair: Marisol Soengas, Centro Nacional de Investigaciones Oncológicas, Madrid.
- 14:45 – 15:30** **Unleashing the immune system against cancer: lessons learned and future Directions**
 TBD
- 15:30 – 15:45** **Q&A**
- 15:45 – 16:10** **FLASH TALKS***
Chair: TBD
- 15:45 – 15:49 Flash Talk 1
- 15:49 – 15:53 Flash Talk 2
- 15:53 – 15:58 Flash Talk 3
- 15:58 – 16:02 Flash Talk 4
- 16:02 – 16:06 Flash Talk 5
- 16:06 – 16:10 Flash Talk 6
- * 4 minutes talk + 1 minute Q&A*
- 16:10 – 16:20** **Fundación Fero · 2025 GRANT WINNER**
Miniaturized patient tissue models with reconstructed microbiomal microenvironments for interactive colorectal cancer therapy
L. Francisco Lorenzo-Martín, Centro de Investigación del Cáncer de Salamanca.
- 16:20 – 17:10** **COFFEE BREAK AND POSTER DEFENSE**

- 17:10 – 18:30** **SESSION 2 · ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN BIOMEDICINE**
*Chairs: José M. Jerez Aragonés, Universidad de Málaga.
Fátima Al-Shahrou, Centro Nacional de Investigaciones Oncológicas, Madrid.*
- 17:10 – 17:25** **Artificial Intelligence transforming biology**
Raúl Rabadán, Columbia University, New York, USA.
- 17:25 – 17:40** **Artificial Intelligence to uncover cancer driver mechanisms**
Núria López-Bigas, Instituto de Investigación Biomédica Barcelona.
- 17:40 – 17:55** **Artificial Intelligence: innovation and opportunities in the pharmaceutical industry**
Andrea Giovannucci, Bristol Myers Squibb, Sevilla
- 17:55 – 18:10** **Artificial Intelligence in biomedicine: Opportunities, limits and responsibilities**
TBD
- 18:10 – 18:30** **Debate**
- 18:30 - 19:30** **MEET WITH THE EXPERTS**
The opportunity to interact with the speakers

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26th

- 09:00 – 09:45** **POSTER PLACEMENT**
- 09:45 – 10:30** **SESSION 3 · EXERCISE AND CANCER**
Chair: Soraya Casla, Ejercicio y Cáncer, Madrid.
- 09:45 – 10:00** **Exercise as a systemic biological signal: myokines, inflammation and cancer**
Alejandro Lucía, Faculty of Medicine, Health and Sports, Universidad Europea de Madrid.
- 10:00 – 10:15** **Exercise as a systemic intervention in cancer**
Sharlene Gill, University of British Columbia; BC Cancer, Vancouver, Canada.
- 10:15 – 10:30** **Debate**

10:30 – 11:06**SHORT TALKS***Chair: Sandra Muñoz Galván*, Instituto de Biomedicina de Sevilla.

10:30 – 10:42

Short Talk 1

10:42 – 10:54

Short Talk 2

10:54 – 11:06

Short Talk 3

* 7 minutes talk + 5 minutes Q&A

11:06 – 12:00**COFFEE BREAK AND POSTER DEFENSE****12:00 – 13:20****SESSION 4 · EARLY ONSET CANCER***Chairs: TBD*

12:00 – 12:20

The rising burden of early-onset cancer: Epidemiological trends and open questions**Eileen Morgan**, International Agency for Research on Cancer World Health Organization, Lyon, France.

12:20 – 12:40

Molecular and cellular mechanisms underlying early-onset tumorigenesis**José Perea-García**, Molecular Oncology Group, IMDEA Nutrition; Vithas Arturo Soria University Hospital, Madrid.

12:40 – 13:00

Environment, epigenetics and early-onset cancer risk**Manel Esteller**, Sant Pau Research Institute, Barcelona.

13:00 – 13:20

Early-Onset cancer in the clinic: biological differences and unmet needs**Andrés Cervantes**, INCLIVA - Instituto de Investigación Sanitaria, Valencia.**13:20 – 14:45****LUNCH BREAK AND POSTER VIEWING****2ND ASEICA MUJER WORKSHOP****14:45 – 16:25****SESSION 5 · TARGETING CANCER VULNERABILITIES***Chairs: Arkaitz Carracedo*, CIC bioGUNE, Bilbao.**Paula Soares**, i3S – Instituto de Investigação e Inovação em Saúde, Universidade do Porto, Portugal.

14:45 – 15:05

Unbalancing DNA repair pathway choice as a cancer vulnerability

TBD

- 15:05 – 15:25** **From response to relapse on PARP inhibitors: ctDNA kinetics for response and early detection of reversion mutations**
Ilario De Toma, Oncology Data Science and AI, AstraZeneca, Barcelona.
- 15:25 – 15:45** **Exploring cancer vulnerabilities in prostate cancer: PARP inhibitors**
David Olmos, Centro Nacional de Investigaciones Oncológicas, Madrid.
- 15:45 – 16:05** **Trapping metabolic vulnerabilities in cancer as new therapeutic opportunity**
Thomas Helleday, Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden.
- 16:05 – 16:25** **Tracking tumor adaptation under therapy: Translational insights**
TBD
- 16:25 – 17:15** **ASEICA COLLABORATIVE GRANTS 2026**
- ASEICA PREMIOS CONÓCELAS
ASEICA TALLER DE FORMACIÓN EN INNOVACIÓN ASEICA - Fundación “la Caixa”
II AYUDA Fundación Domingo Martínez
AYUDAS DE VIAJE - CRIS Contra el Cáncer/RAICEX
III Programa Dual CRIS-Contra el Cáncer - ASEICA
VII AYUDA Fundación FERO-ASEICA
VIII AYUDA +queuntrail – ASEICA
- 17:15 – 18:15** **COFFEE BREAK AND POSTER DEFENSE**
- 18:15 – 19:15** **ASEICA ASSEMBLY**
Only members.
- 21:15** **CONGRESS DINNER**
Pre-registration required. Limited Spots available.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27th

- 09:30 – 11:10** **SESSION 6 · NEW DRUGS IN THE HORIZON: BEYOND SMALL MOLECULES AND CLASSICAL ANTIBODIES**
Chairs: Noelia Tarazona, INCLIVA - Instituto de Investigación Sanitaria, Valencia.
Marcos Malumbres, Vall d’Hebron Institute of Oncology, Barcelona.
- 09:30 – 11:10** **Targeted protein degradation as a therapeutic modality in cancer**
TBD

- 09:50 – 10:10 **Developing degrader therapies in prostate cancer: Opportunities and hurdles**
Josep Maria Piulats, Institut Català d'Oncologia, Barcelona.
- 10:10 – 10:30 **Trojan Horse EVs: Engineering extracellular vesicles as carriers for drug and mRNA delivery in cancer therapy**
María Mayán, Centro de Investigación en Nanomateriales y Biomedicina de la Universidade de Vigo.
- 10:30 – 10:50 **Next generation antibody–drug conjugates: translational lessons from the clinic**
Christophe Massard, Gustave Roussy Institute, Villejuif, France.
- 10:50 – 11:00 **Genomic predictors of metastasis and early development of targeted antimetastasis therapies in prostate cancer**
CRIS Contra el Cáncer · 2025 GRANT WINNER
Ignacio González, Hospital Universitario 12 de Octubre, Madrid.
- 11:00 – 11:10 **Improving the delivery and potency of anti-tumoral siRNAs and miRNAs through the use of destination motifs**
+queuntrail · 2025 GRANT WINNER
Rubén García, National Centre for Biotechnology - Spanish National Research Council, Madrid.
- 11:10 – 12:10** **COFFEE BREAK AND POSTER DEFENSE**
- 12:10 – 12:30** **FLASH TALKS**
Chairs: **Ana Janic**, Universidad Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona.
Javier Pascual, Hospital Universitario Virgen de la Victoria, Malaga.
- 12:10 – 12:14 Flash Talk 7
- 12:14 – 12:18 Flash Talk 8
- 12:18 – 12:22 Flash Talk 9
- 12:22 – 12:26 Flash Talk 10
- 12:26 – 12:30 Flash Talk 11

* 3 minutes talk + 1 minute Q&A

12:30 – 13:00**2026 AWARDS****ABSTRACTS AWARDS**

Best Poster Award

Best Oral Communication Award

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ASEICA Cancer Research Award

ASEICA Women and Science Award

ASEICA Basic Young Researcher Talent Award

ASEICA Clinical Young Researcher Talent Award

ASEICA Social Commitment Award

13:00 – 13:45**CLOSING · KEYNOTE LECTURE**

Chair: **Ignacio Durán**, Congress Co-Scientific Coordinator, Hospital Universitario Marqués de Valdecilla – IDIVAL, Santander.

13:00 - 13:30

Early drug development in the era of precision oncology: Achievements and challenges ahead

Lillian L. Siu, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, Toronto, Canada. AACR President.

13:00 - 13:45

Q&A**13:45 – 14:00****CLOSING REMARKS**

Rafael López, ASEICA President. Complejo Hospitalario Universitario de Santiago de Compostela.