

Scientific Program

Day 1: Sunday, May 10th, 2026

09:00-10:45 REGISTRATION

10:45-11:00 WELCOME AND OPENING
Line Bjørge - CCBIO Co-Director

Session 1: Early detection / tumor initiation - Chairs: Wennerberg & Hedenfalk

11:00-11:30 Usha Menon (London) - Invited talk
Early Detection and Interception of Ovarian Cancer - Challenges and Opportunities

11:30-12:00 Ronny Drapkin (Philadelphia) - Invited talk
A Pre-Cancer Atlas of Ovarian Cancer Initiation in the Fallopian Tube
- Dentist Olaf Aase and wife memorial lecture

12:00-12:15 Tanjina Kader (Boston) - Selected short talk
Spatial integration of protein and chromosomal states reveals early aneuploidy and genotype-associated immune neighborhoods in serous ovarian cancer evolution

12:15-12:30 Michail Sideris (London) - Selected short talk
Reconstruction of epithelial transcriptional trajectories reveals heterogeneous progression and early therapy-resistance programs in high-grade serous carcinoma precursors

12:30-14:15 LUNCH & POSTER SESSION I
Evaluators: Drapkin & Kleinmanns

Session 2: Ethnic and histological diversity - Chairs: Drapkin & Zahl Eriksson

14:15-14:45 Charlie Gourley (Edinburgh) - Invited talk
Rare Ovarian Cancer Subtypes: What We Do and Don't Know About Their Biology and Its Relevance for Novel Therapeutic Strategies

14:45-15:15 Susana Banerjee (London) - Invited talk
Clinical trials in Rare Ovarian Cancers: Challenges and Progress

15:15-15:30 Sofia Westbom Fremer (Lund) - Selected short talk
Altered Immune Landscapes in Ovarian Endometriosis Prior to Ovarian Cancer Onset

15:30-15:45 Michael Anglesio (Vancouver) - Selected short talk
Integrating Molecular Subtypes and Hormone Receptors Improves Outcome Prediction: a Multi-National Endometrioid Ovarian Cancer Collaborative (MECC) study

15:45-16:15 COFFEE BREAK

Session 3: Biomarkers and precision oncology - Chairs: Jacobs & Cunnea

16:15-16:45 Sampsa Hautaniemi (Helsinki) - Invited talk

Mechanisms and Vulnerabilities of Chemotherapy Resistant HGSC

16:45-17:15 Olivia Le Saux (Lyon) - Invited talk

Predictive Biomarkers of Response and Resistance to Immune Checkpoint Blockade

17:15-17:30 Ruth Perets (Haifa) - Selected short talk

Utilizing the population shift hypothesis to inhibit PAX8 as a novel ovarian cancer therapy

17:30-17:45 Ada Junquera (Helsinki) - Selected short talk

Single-cell multiomics profiling of HGSC reveals spatially segregated trajectories of 'subsister cells' associated with clinical outcomes

19:30 APERITIF

20:00 DINNER

Day 2: Monday, May 11th, 2026

Session 4: Preclinical modelling - Chairs: Drapkin & Senkowski

09:00-09:30 Frances Balkwill (London) - Invited talk

Multi-cellular in vitro Models for Pre-Clinical Modelling

09:30-10:00 Krister Wennerberg (Copenhagen) - Invited talk

Exploring and Targeting Drug Resistance Using Ovarian Cancer Organoid Models

10:00-10:15 Katrin Kleinmanns (Bergen) - Selected short talk

Single-Cell Transcriptomic Signatures Enable Stratified Combination Therapy for Platinum-Resistant Ovarian Cancer

10:15-10:30 Jordi Gonzalez-Molina (Stockholm) - Selected short talk

Modelling the complex biophysical microenvironment in ovarian cancer

10:30-11:00 COFFEE BREAK

Session 5: Immunology and spatial biology - Chairs: Bjørge & Wennerberg

11:00-11:30 Denarda Dangaj (Lausanne) - Invited talk

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

11:30-12:00 Anniina Färkkilä (Helsinki) - Invited talk

Single-Cell Spatial Tumor Ecosystems in HGSC: Clinical Impact and Opportunities for Immunotherapy

- 12:00-12:15 Shimrit Mayer (Cambridge) - Selected short talk**
A multicellular spatial atlas stratifies epithelial ovarian cancer
- 12:15-12:30 Nathaniel Edward Bennett Saidu (Oslo) - Selected short talk**
Targeting Prostaglandin E2 Signaling for Restoring T Cell Function in Metastatic Ovarian Cancer
- 12:30-14:15 LUNCH & POSTER SESSION II**
Evaluators: Balkwill & Palomino Echeverria

Session 6: Emerging cell types and targets - Chairs: Färkkilä & Balkwill

- 14:15-14:45 Hanna Dahlstrand (Stockholm) - Invited talk**
Cancer-Associated Fibroblasts in Ovarian Cancer: Biological Impact and Clinical Relevance
- 14:45-15:15 Frederik Marmé (Mannheim) - Invited talk**
Antibody-Drug Conjugates in Ovarian Cancer
- 15:15-15:30 Ricardo Coelho (Basel) - Selected short talk**
Chemotherapy primes tumor-associated macrophages to enable caspase-8 dependent apoptosis triggered by birinapant in ovarian cancer cells
- 15:30-15:45 Shriya Varghese (London) - Selected short talk**
Profiling Cancer-Associated Fibroblasts in Advanced High-Grade Serous Ovarian Cancer Reveals Intra- and Inter-Patient Heterogeneity
- 15:45-16:00 Closing remarks - Anniina Färkkilä**

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