

20th ASEICA INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

8th to 10th October 2025

Bilbao, Spain

Venue: Auditorio Norte San Mamés

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8th

09:00 **REGISTRATION & POSTER PLACING (GROUPS 1 AND 2)**

11:00 - 11:15 **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

Rafael López, President of ASEICA, Complejo Hospitalario Universitario de Santiago de Compostela *

Arkaitz Carracedo, Vice President of ASEICA, CIC bioGUNE, Bilbao*

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11:15 - 12:00 **OPENING KEYNOTE LECTURE**

Chair: Arkaitz Carracedo, Vice President of ASEICA, CIC bioGUNE, Bilbao

Unraveling the complexity of cancer ecosystems

Johanna Joyce, University of Lausanne, Switzerland

12:00 - 12:30 **OFFICIAL OPENING**

12:30 - 13:40 **SESSION 1 - COMPUTATIONAL ONCOLOGY**

Chairs: Isabel Mendizabal, CIC bioGUNE, Bilbao

Juan Miguel Cejalvo, INCLIVA – Instituto de Investigación Sanitaria, Valencia *

12:30 - 12:55 **TBD**

TBD

12:55 - 13:20 **Spatial drivers of response to cancer immunotherapy**

Francesca Ciccarelli, The Francis Crick Institute, London, UK

13:20 - 13:45 **Epigenetic memory in lymphoid tumors: biological and clinical insights**

Iñaki Martín-Subero, August Pi i Sunyer Biomedical Research Institute, Barcelona

13:45 - 15:00 **LUNCH BREAK**

15:00 - 15:30 **EDUCATIONAL LECTURE**

Chair: Ana Janic, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona

The evolution of diseases in the ageing organism

María Mittelbrunn, Instituto de Investigaciones Biomédicas Sols-Morreale, Madrid



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15:30 - 16:00 FLASH TALKS

15:30 - 15:35 Flash talk 1

15:35 - 15:40 Flash talk 2

15:40 - 15:45 Flash talk 3

15:45 - 15:50 Flash talk 4

15:50 - 15:55 Flash talk 5

15:55 - 16:00 Flash talk 6

16:00 - 16:15 FERO & ASEICA 2024 GRANT WINNER

Multimodal imaging integration for insight in tumor cell invasion

Maria Alieva, Instituto de Investigaciones Biomédicas Sols-Morreale, Madrid

16:15 - 17:15 COFFEE BREAK & AND POSTER DEFENCE (GROUP 1)

17:15 - 18:40 SESSION 2 - SCIENTIFIC AND CLINICAL CHALLENGES IN ONCOLOGY: BLADDER CANCER

Chairs: **Ignacio Durán**, Hospital Universitario Marqués de Valdecilla – IDIVAL,
Santander

Patricia Sancho, Instituto de Investigación Sanitaria Aragón, Zaragoza

17:15 - 17:30 Epidemiology of bladder cancer: New biological and translational insights

Nuria Malats, Centro Nacional de Investigaciones Oncológicas, Madrid *

17:30 - 17:45 Genomic characterization of early stage bladder cancer

TBD

17:45 - 18:00 The role of FGFR inhibition in non- muscle invasive bladder cancer

Antoni Vilaseca, Hospital Clínic Barcelona

18:00 - 18:20 Immunotherapy and antibody drug conjugates in urothelial cancer:

A paradigm change in local and advanced disease?

Thomas Powles, Barts Cancer Institute, London, UK

18:20 - 18:40 Discussion

18:45 - 19:45 MEET THE EXPERT SESSIONS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9th

09:00 - 11:00 SESSION 3 – THERAPIES

Chairs: **Sara Manzano**, Biogipuzkoa Health Research Institute, San Sebastián
Pedro Rocha, Vall d’Hebron Institute of Oncology, Barcelona

09:00 - 09:25 **TBD**
TBD

09:25 - 09:50 **Polypeptide-based nanomedicine unveiling tropism and biological barrier crossing capabilities**
María Jesús Vicent , CIPF - Valencia Biomedical Research Foundation *

09:50 - 10:15 **TILs Therapy in Solid Tumors**
Elena Garralda, Vall d’Hebron Institute of Oncology, Barcelona

SHORTS FROM ABSTRACTS

10:15 - 10:30 Short 1
10:30 - 10:45 Short 2

10:45 - 11:00 +QUEUNTRAIL & ASEICA 2024 GRANT WINNER

Phase separation of the E2A-PBX1 fusion oncoprotein drives chromatin reorganization and leukemogenicity
Gregoire Stik, Instituto de Investigación contra la Leucemia Josep Carreras, Barcelona

11:00 - 12:00 COFFEE BREAK & POSTER DEFENCE (GROUP 2)

12:00 - 13:15 SESSION 4 - SYSTEMIC INFLUENCE AND CANCER

Chairs: **Juan Rodriguez-Vita**, CIPF - Valencia Biomedical Research Foundation
Clara Montagut, Hospital del Mar Research Institute, Barcelona

12:00 - 12:25 **Fueling cancer: Exploring the role of metabolism in tumorigenesis**
Guadalupe Sabio, Centro Nacional de Investigaciones Oncológicas, Madrid



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12:25 - 12:50

Hypothalamic regulation of cancer cachexia

Miguel López, Center for Research in Molecular Medicine and Chronic Diseases,
Santiago de Compostela

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Flash talk 11

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Flash talk 12

13:45 - 15:00

LUNCH BREAK

15:00 - 15:30

EDUCATIONAL LECTURE

Chair: Ander Urricoetxea, Onkologikoa, San Sebastián

Exercise and cancer: effects and underlying mechanisms

Anne May, UMC Utrech, The Netherlands

15:20 - 15:50

SHORT TALKS FROM ABSTRACTS

15:20 - 15:35

Short talk 3

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Short talk 4

15:50 - 16:30

PATIENT ADVOCACY ROUND TABLE

16:30 - 16:50

ASEICA - COLLABORATIVE GRANTS 2025

Chair: Ana Cuenda, Centro Nacional de Biotechnología (CNB-CSIC), Madrid

16:50 - 17:50

COFFEE BREAK & POSTER DEFENCE (GROUP 3)

17:50 - 18:30

KEYNOTE

Chair: Marisol Soengas, Past President of ASEICA, Centro Nacional de
Investigaciones Oncológicas, Madrid

The various layers of intratumor heterogeneity and their impact on tumor immunity

Yardena Samuels, Weizmann Institute of Science, Israel & EACR President



18:30 - 19:45 **ASEICA ASSAMBLEY**
Only Members

21:00 **CONGRESS DINNER**
Registration is required. Limited Places.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10th

09:00 -11:00 **SESSION 5 - SCIENTIFIC AND CLINICAL CHALLENGES IN ONCOLOGY:
NEUROENDOCRINE TUMORS**
Chairs: **Miguel F. De Sanmamed**, Clínica Universidad de Navarra, Pamplona*
Ana Zubiaga, University of the Basque Country, UPV/EHU, Leioa

09:00 - 09:25 **Understanding the biology of neuroendocrine carcinomas to identify therapeutic
approaches through the study of plasticity**
Álvaro Quintanal-Villalonga, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York,
USA

09:25 - 09:50 **Translational research in Small Cell Lung Cancer**
Eduarne Arriola, Hospital del Mar Research Institute, Barcelona*

09:50 - 10:15 **Targeting angiogenesis in NETs**
Rocío García-Carbonero, Hospital Universitario 12 de Octubre, Madrid *

FLASH TALKS

10:15 - 10:20 Flash talk 13
10:20 - 10:25 Flash talk 14
10:25 - 10:30 Flash talk 15

SHORT FROM ABSTRACTS

10:30 - 10:45 Short talk 5

10:45 - 11:00 **FUNDACIÓN DOMINGO MARTÍNEZ - 2024 AWARD WINNER**
Mitochondrial genetic signatures and their impact on cancer cell behavior
Ana Victoria Lechuga-Vieco, Institute for Research in Biomedicine, Barcelona



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11:00 - 12:00 **COFFEE BREAK & POSTER DEFENCE (GROUP 4)**

12:00 - 13:15 **SESSION 6 - IMPLEMENTING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN CANCER RESEARCH**

Chairs: **Marcos Malumbres**, Vall d'Hebrón Institute of Oncology, Barcelona *

Noelia Tarazona, INCLIVA-Instituto de Investigación Sanitaria, Valencia *

12:00 - 12:25 **The data bottlenecks in AI-supported cancer research**

Alfonso Valencia, Barcelona Supercomputing Center

12:25 - 12:50 **Leveraging multidisciplinary data, machine learning, and systems chemical biology to accelerate cancer drug discovery**

Albert Antolin, Bellvitge Biomedical Research Institute, L'Hospitalet de Llobregat

12:50 - 13:15 **Improving cancer research with AI: From data to decision-making**

Raquel Pérez-López, Vall d'Hebrón Institute of Oncology, Barcelona

13:15 - 14:00 **CLOSING KEYNOTE LECTURE**

Chair: **Rafael López**, President of ASEICA, Complejo Hospitalario Universitario de Santiago de Compostela

Exploiting immune surveillance to target colorectal cancer

Alberto Bardelli, Scientific Director, IFOM ETS The AIRC Institute of Molecular Oncology, Milan. Full Professor, Dept. of Oncology, University of Torino

14:00 - 14:10 **BEST POSTER & ORAL COMMUNICATION AWARD**

14:10 - 14:20 **CLOSING REMARKS**

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