Conference Program

Thursday, November 3

7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Opening Keynote Lecture

Introduction and Welcome

The neurofibroma story: A role for mast cells in tumor potentiation and clinical implications

Luis F. Parada, UT Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, TX

8:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Welcome Reception

Friday, November 4

7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Session 1

Translating Our Knowledge of the Tumor

Microenvironment (From Bench to Bedside and Back)
Chairperson: Lisa M. Coussens, Knight Cancer Institute, Oregon
Health & Science University, Portland, OR, and UCSF Helen Diller

Family Comprehensive Cancer Center, San Francisco, CA

Environment-mediated drug resistance: A form of de novo drug resistanceWilliam S. Dalton, H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute, Tampa, FL

Influence of macrophage-cancer cell fusion on metastatic tumor progression* Melissa Wong, Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, OR

Bone-intrinsic and -extrinsic roles of RANKL in tumorigenesis and metastasis William Dougall, AMGEN, Inc., Seattle, WA

Patient-derived tumor grafts authentically reflect tumor pathology, growth, metastasis, and disease outcomes*

Alana L. Welm, University of Utah Huntsman Cancer Institute, Salt Lake City, UT

Targeting the stroma in pancreas cancer

Sunil R. Hingorani, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Seattle, WA

10:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Break

*Short talks from proffered papers

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Session 2

Heterogeneity in the Tumor Microenvironment Chairperson: Valerie Weaver, University of California, San Francisco, CA

Mammary stroma as an NSAID target: Implications for pregnancy-associated breast cancer

Pepper Jo Schedin, University of Colorado Denver, Aurora, CO

Basement membrane localized tumor cells are protected from HER2-targeted therapy in vivo*

Jason J. Zoeller, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA

The breast tumor microenvironment: A predictor of clinical outcome and tumor heterogeneity

Morag Park, McGill University Goodman Cancer Center, Montréal, QC, Canada

Tumor-associated macrophages and stromal TNF- α play central roles in the regulation of collagen structure as visualized by second harmonic generation and immunofluorescence*

Ryan M. Burke, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY

Tension fields and tumor evolution

Valerie Weaver

1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Poster Session A and Lunch

3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Session 3

Chronic Inflammation: Autoimmunity versus Cancer Chairperson: Lisa M. Coussens, Knight Cancer Institute, Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, OR, and UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center, San Francisco, CA

Dendritic cell subsets and function in the tumor microenvironmentMichael R. Shurin, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, PA

Modulating immune response to improve therapy for solid tumors Lisa M. Coussens

A microRNA switch regulates pro- versus antitumoral activity of macrophages Michele De Palma, San Raffaele Scientific Institute (HSR), Milan, Italy

Targeting cytokine networks in malignancy

Frances R. Balkwill, Barts Cancer Institute, Queen Mary University of London, London, United Kingdom



5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. NCI Workshop

The National Cancer Institute-Supported Tumor Microenvironment Network (TMEN) Consortium:

Goals and Objectives

Co-Chairpersons: Suresh Mohla, National Cancer Institute, Bethesda, MD, and Yves A. DeClerck, University of Southern

California/Children's Hospital, Los Angeles, CA

Saturday, November 5

7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Session 4

Mesenchymal Cells in Cancer Progression

Chairperson: Yves A. DeClerck, University of Southern California/

Children's Hospital, Los Angeles, CA

Decitabine therapy in a stroma-rich model of pancreatic carcinoma

Benjamin Tycko, Columbia University, New York, NY

Depletion of fibroblast activation protein- α expressing cells during cancer progression is associated with the development of cancer cachexia in the mouse*

Ed Roberts, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, United Kingdom

Mesenchymal stem cells and drug resistance: Lessons for neuroblastoma Yves A. DeClerck

Human ovarian carcinoma associated MSCs (CA-MSC) are Hedgehog responsive and promote tumor growth by increasing ovarian cancer stem cell proportion*
Yunjung Choi, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

The participation and contribution of mesenchymal stem cells in tumor stroma formation

Frank C. Marini, Wake Forest Comprehensive Cancer Center, Winston-Salem, NC

10:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Session 5

Vascular Programs in the Tumor Microenvironment Chairperson: Gabriele Bergers, University of California, San Francisco, CA

Integrating immunoregulatory and vascular signaling programs in cancer through galectin-glycan interactions

Gabriel Rabinovich, Instituto de Biología y Medicina Experimental, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Role of HIF-2 α in tumor-associated macrophage function and implications for therapy of colitis-associated colon cancer*

Jessica E.S. Shay, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA

Microenvironment and tumor cell crosstalk in tumor resistance Gabriele Bergers

Exploring the potential of macrophage-targeted modulation of NF-kappaB for breast cancer therapy*

Fiona Yull, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

Hypoxic response and regulation of vascular response in metastasis

Randall S. Johnson, University of California, San Diego, La Jolla, CA

1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Poster Session B and Lunch

3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Session 6

Microbiomes and Cancer

Chairperson: Drew Pardoll, Johns Hopkins Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center, Baltimore, MD

Stromal contributions to APC-mediated tumorigenesis

Monica Bertagnolli, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, MA

Antibiotics administration alters the microenvironment and impairs responsiveness to CpG-based immunotherapy in murine tumors*

Noriho Iida, National Cancer Institute, Frederick, MD

Altering the tumor microenvironment via specific blockade of immune checkpoint pathways

Drew Pardoll

B cells are required for immunosuppressive activity in Ly6Chi monocytes during inflammation initiated by epidermally restricted H-RAS expression*

Andrew J. Gunderson, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA

The role of DNA repair in response to inflammation

Leona D. Samson, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

5:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Break



5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Session 7

The Microenvironment of the Niche

Chairperson: David C. Lyden, Cornell University Weill Medical

College, New York, NY

The evolving metastatic niche

David C. Lyden

Exosomal transfer of stromal microRNA 21 to ovarian cancer cells increases invasion and migration potential through upregulation of matrix metalloproteinase 1* Ngai Na Chloe Co, University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX

Solid tumors target the hematopoietic stem cell niche for metastasis Russell S. Taichman, University of Michigan School of Dentistry, Ann Arbor, MI

Stromal SPARC critically regulates secondary lymphoid tissues homeostasis and has a role in B lymphoma development*

Sabina Sangaletti, Fondazione IRCCS Instituto Nazionale Tumori, Milan, Italy

Intravital imaging of metastasis

Eric Sahai, Cancer Research UK, London, United Kingdom

Sunday, November 6

7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Session 8

Lymphatics: New Roles in the Tumor Microenvironment Chairperson: Melody A. Swartz, Swiss Institute for Experimental Cancer Research, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (EPFL), Lausanne, Switzerland

Tumor and lymph node lymphangiogenesis in cancer progression

Michael J. Detmar, ETC Zurich Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Zurich, Switzerland

Eμ-c-myc B lymphocytes promote lymphogenous metastasis of lymphoma and melanoma*

Alanna Ruddell, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Seattle, WA

Tumor lymphangiogenesis: Escape route or manipulator of host immunity? Melody A. Swartz

Tumor infiltration by naive T cells is dependent on location of growth, presence of endogenous lymphocytes, and acquisition of lymphoid-like characteristics*

J. David Peske, University of Virginia School of Medicine, Charlottesville, VA

Molecular mechanisms of tumor invasion into lymphatic vessels

Dontscho Kerjaschki, University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria

*Short talks from proffered papers

10:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Closing Keynote Lecture

In the footsteps of Virchow: Lymphocyte-produced cytokines in tumor development progression and responses to therapy

Michael Karin, University of California, San Diego, La Jolla, CA

11:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Closing Remarks/Departure