

AACR on Campus-Malaysia (AACRoC-MY) – KUALA LUMPUR

PROGRAM

Date: 10th-11th November 2025

Venue: Auditorium at Nexus, Level 3A,
Connexion Conference & Event Centre (CCEC), Kuala Lumpur

Day 1: 10th November 2025 (Monday)

8.00 – 9.00 am	Registration
9.00 – 9.15 am	Opening and arrival of Guest of Honour
9.15 – 9.20 am	Welcome speech by Chairperson <i>Prof. Dr. Cheong Sok Ching, Cancer Research Malaysia</i>
9.20 – 9.25 am	Opening remark by Past President of AACR <i>Prof. Dr. Elizabeth M. Jaffee, Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins</i>
9.25 – 9.40 am	Opening speech by Guest of Honour <i>Datuk Prof. Ulung Dr. Looi Lai Meng, Academy of Sciences Malaysia (ASM)</i>
9.40 – 10.00 am	Officiating ceremony and photo session
10.00 – 11.00 am	SESSION 1: ADVANCEMENT AND INNOVATION IN CANCER IMMUNOTHERAPY
10.00 - 10.10 am	Topic introduction by local expert Dr. Lim Kue Peng, Cancer Research Malaysia
10.10 – 10.40am	“Advancement of cancer immunotherapy: focusing on cancer vaccines and immune checkpoint inhibitors” Prof. Dr. Elizabeth M. Jaffee, Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins
10.40 - 11.00 am	Q&A and discussion

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11.00 – 11.30 am	Coffee Break and Poster Session
11.30 – 12.30 pm	SESSION 2: LEVERAGING CANCER GENOMICS FOR PRECISION ONCOLOGY
11.30 – 11.40am	Topic introduction by local expert Dr. Mohd Suffian Azizan, Cancer Research Malaysia
11.40 – 12.10pm	“Transforming precision oncology by unlocking the power of cancer genomics in the era of AI” Dr. Paul C. Boutros, NCI-designated Cancer Center at Sanford Burnham Prebys Medical Discovery Institute
12.10 – 12.30pm	Q&A and discussion
12.30 – 2.00 pm	Networking Lunch & Poster Session
1.15 – 2.00 pm	Poster session
2.00 – 3.00 pm	SESSION 3: EARLY DETECTION, PREVENTION, SCREENING AND IMPLEMENTATION
2.00 – 2.10 pm	Topic introduction by local expert Prof. Nur Aishah Mohd Taib, Universiti Malaya
2.10 – 2.40 pm	“Effective strategies in cancer prevention, screening and implementation” Prof. Dr. Electra D. Paskett, The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center
2.40 – 3.00 pm	Q&A and discussion
3.00 – 4.00 pm	SESSION 4: INNOVATIONS AND BEST PRACTICES IN EARLY CLINICAL TRIAL DESIGN

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3.00 – 3.10 pm	Topic introduction by local expert Dr. Akhmal Yusof, Clinical Research Malaysia
3.10 – 3.40 pm	“Latest innovations, best practices and challenges in early-phase clinical trial design” Dr. Timothy Yap, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
3.40 – 4.00 pm	Q&A and discussion
4.00 – 4.30 pm	Coffee Break and Poster Session
4.30 – 5.15 pm	<p>SESSION 5: PANEL DISCUSSION - CANCER DISPARITIES, ADVOCACY AND CARE [Chair: Prof. Dr. Cheong Sok Ching, Cancer Research Malaysia]</p> <p>Panel speakers: Prof. Dr. Elizabeth M. Jaffee, Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins Prof. Dr. Electra D. Paskett, The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center Dr. Izzuna Mudla Mohamed Ghazali, Medical Development Division Head, Malaysian Health Technology Assessment Section (MaHTAS, MOH) Dr. Ho Gwo Fuang, Curie Oncology Malaysia Ms. Lim Kim Foong, Breast Cancer Welfare Association Malaysia</p> <p>Session description: <i>This session will explore the global challenges and discuss the economical-social determinants contributing to unequal cancer outcomes, effective advocacy strategies to influence policy changes, and best practices in cancer care delivery. The panelists will share their extensive experiences and diverse perspectives, providing actionable insights and advice tailored to the context of Malaysia and Southeast Asia. This session promises to be a valuable opportunity for local scientists, healthcare professionals, and</i></p>

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	<p><i>advocates to learn from global leaders and apply these insights to make a meaningful impact on cancer care in their respective area.</i></p> <p>Take Home Learning: <i>Attendees will leave with a comprehensive understanding of the factors contributing to cancer disparities, and learn effective advocacy strategies to promote equitable cancer care and influence health policy. They will discover best practices and innovative approaches in cancer care that can be adapted to local contexts, and understand the importance of collaboration between researchers, healthcare providers, policymakers, and communities. Attendees will gain valuable knowledge on how to address these challenges in reducing cancer disparities and improving cancer care in their communities. Additionally, attendees will receive practical advice and actionable insights from global experts on implementing strategies to reduce cancer disparities and improve patient outcomes in the region.</i></p>
5.15 – 5.30 pm	Closing remarks for Day 1

Day 2: 11th November 2025 (Tuesday)

8.00 – 8.30 am	Check-in / Registration
8.30 – 9.30 am	<p>SESSION 6: SCHOLARLY PUBLISHING IN CANCER RESEARCH</p> <p>Title: Scholarly Publishing in Cancer Research</p> <p>Speaker: Dr. Lisa Situ, Assistant Editor of <i>Cancer Discovery</i>, AACR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publishing in the AACR journals • Writing a manuscript • Navigating the editorial process and peer review
9.30 – 10.30 am	SESSION 7: Successful Grantsmanship and Grants Administration

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	<p>Title: Successful Grantsmanship and Grants Administration</p> <p>Speaker: Dr. Yixian (John) Zhang, Vice President, Research and Grants Administration, AACR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Grant Writing ▪ Grant Application ▪ Assessing Impact ▪ AACR Grants and Awards Programs
10.30 – 11.30 am	Coffee Break and Poster Session
11.30 – 11.50 am	<p>SESSION 8: DEFEATING CANCER THROUGH GLOBAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING</p> <p>Title: Introduction to TYAN & YSN-ASM</p> <p>Speakers: Prof. Dr. Cheong Sok Ching, The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) Young Affiliates Network (TYAN) Prof. Dr. Mai Chun Wai, Young Scientist Network-Academy of Sciences Malaysia (YSN-ASM)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focusing on initiatives and resources to support young scientists' professional development.
11.50 – 12.50 pm	<p>SESSION 9: PANEL SESSION - RESEARCH INTEGRITY IN CANCER RESEARCH</p> <p>Title: The Conduct and Reporting of Sound, Ethical Cancer Science and Related Biosciences</p> <p><i>[Chair: Prof. Dr. Mai Chun Wai, Young Scientist Network- Academy of Sciences Malaysia (YSN-ASM)]</i></p>

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1.00 – 2.00 pm	Lunch
2.00 – 3.30 pm	Poster and networking session
3.30 – 4.30 pm	Closing and award ceremony

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