



XXIII NIBIT Meeting

At the leading edge of cancer biotherapy

Trento, October 14-16, 2026

PRELIMINARY SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

Wednesday, October 14

12:00 Registrations
13:45 Welcome addresses

Session 1. Myeloid cells in cancer

14:00 **Leila Akkari** - *Leiden University, Leiden, The Netherlands*
From Diversity to Dependency: Plasticity and State Evolution of Myeloid Cells in Cancer

14:20 Selected abstract

14:30 **Sabina Sangaletti** - *Fondazione Istituto nazionale dei tumori, Milan, Italy*

14:50 Selected abstract
15:00 Selected abstract

15:10 **Francesca Fallarino** - *University of Perugia, Perugia, Italy*
Shaping tolerogenic trajectories in myeloid cells through extracellular vesicles and immunometabolic networks

15:30 General discussion

Session 2. Immunometabolism

16:00 **Teresa Manzo** - *University of Turin, Turin, Italy*
Lipid-Based Control of Anti-Tumor Immunity

16:20 Selected abstract

16:30 **Vincenzo Russo** - *Vita-Salute University, Milan, Italy*
Metabolic interference in cancer immunotherapy



- 16:50 Selected abstract
17:00 Selected abstract
- 17:10 **Roberta Zappasodi** - *Weill Cornell Medicine, New York, NY, USA*
Tumor metabolic control of anti-tumor immunity
- 17:30 General Discussion
- 18:15 Welcome wine & cheese & Poster Walk**

Thursday, October 15

Session 3. AI and Computational Oncology

- 09:00 **Mirea Crispin** - *University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK*
- 09:20 Selected abstract
09:30 Selected abstract
09:40 Selected abstract
- 09:50 **Francesca Demichelis** - *University of Trento, Trento, Italy*
- 10:10 General discussion
- 10:30 **Coffee break**

Session 4. Neuro-onco immunology

- 11:00 **Moran Amit** - *University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX USA*
- 11:20 Selected abstract
11:30 Selected abstract
12:40 Selected abstract
- 11:50 **Wolf Fridman** - *University of Paris/Cordeliers Research Centre, Paris, France*
Neuro-cancer mimicry: GABA modulates tumor immunity and impairs response to immunotherapy
- 12:10 General discussion
- 12:40 Lunch and poster walk**



14.00 **Highlights**

Session 5. Solving three-dimensional interactions in the tumor microenvironment

15:30 **William Hwang** - *Harvard University, Boston, MD, USA*
Spatial dissection of multicellular interactions in the pancreatic tumor microenvironment

15:50 Selected abstract

16:00 Selected abstract

16:10 Selected abstract

16:20 **Denis Wirtz** - *Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, PA, USA*
3D mapping of solid tumors and new CAR-T therapies to resolve them

16:40 General discussion

17:10 **Coffee break**

Pezcoller Keynote Lecture

17:30 **Enzo Galligioni (Trento, Italy):** *the Pezcoller Foundation, Trento, Italy*

17:40 **Vinod Balachandran** - *Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York, NY, USA*
Cold Yet Vaccinable? Vaccines for Pancreatic Cancer

18:30 **NIBIT Assembly**

20:30 **Social Dinner**

Friday, October 16

Session 6. T and B cells in cancer

08:30 **Christoph Bock** - *Medical University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria*
Programmed Cells? Single-cell Biology and Cell Engineering for Immunity and Cancer

08:50 Selected abstract

09:00 Selected abstract



09:10 Selected abstract

09:20 **Enrico Lugli** - *Humanitas Research Hospital, Milan, Italy*
Reinvigorating T cell function against solid tumors

09:40 General discussion

10:00 **Coffee break**

Session 7. Microbiota

10:30 **Maria Rescigno** - *Humanitas Research Hospital, Milan, Italy*
The microbiota in cancer treatment efficacy

10:50 Selected abstract

11:00 Selected abstract

11:10 Selected abstract

10:20 **Nicola Segata** - *University of Trento, Trento, Italy*

11:40 General discussion

Parmiani Keynote Lecture

12:00 **Ignacio Melero Bermejo** – *University of Navarra, Pamplona, Spain*
Translating synergies in cancer immunotherapy

13:00 **NIBIT Awards Nominations**

13:30 **Adjourn**