
Final IMMUNO-model Annual Conference

Building Bridges in Cancer Immunotherapy Modelling

20-22 May 2026, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Venue: National Institute of Biology, 121 Vecna pot, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia

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Attendees:**Core Group members****All attendees****Program****Day 1****20 May, Wednesday**

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| 08.30 - 09.00 am | Registration for the Core Group meeting, (Core Group members only) <i>NIB registration desk</i> |
| 09.00 - 12.00 pm | IMMUNO-model Core Group Meeting (Core Group members) <i>NIB conference room</i> |
| 12.00 - 01.00 pm | Lunch (Core Group members) <i>NIB gallery</i> |

Start of the official program (All attendees)

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| 12.00-01.00 pm | Registration <i>NIB registration desk</i> |
| 01.15-01.20 pm | Welcome speech local organizers and NIB director |
| 01.20-01.30 pm | Welcome speech Eva Martinez-Balibrea, action chair |
| 01.30-2.20 pm | <u>TGRC session 1: Equal opportunities - gender equality in research and the clinic</u> <i>NIB conference room</i> Chairs: Hanne Haslene-Hox, SINTEF, Norway |
| 02.20-2.50 pm | <i>Coffee break & Industry meetings</i> <i>NIB gallery</i> |
| 02.50-04.05 pm | <u>TGRC Session 2: The sex gap in immunology and immunotherapy</u> <i>NIB conference room</i> Chairs: Uzma Hasan, The Lyon Immunotherapy for Cancer Laboratory, France |
| 04.05-04.35 pm | <i>Coffee break & Industry meetings</i> <i>NIB gallery</i> |
| 04.35-06.00 pm | <u>TGRC Session 3: Industry Presentations and Networking</u> |

NIB conference room
Chairs: *TBA*

06.30 - 10.00 pm IMMUNO-model Core Group Meeting Dinner, **Core Group members**

Day 2

21 May, Thursday

Start of Scientific Program (all attendees)

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| 08.15-09.15 am | Registration <i>NIB registration desk</i> |
| 09.15-10.00 am | <u>Scientific Session 1: Immuno-models in hematologic tumors</u> <u>WG4</u> <i>NIB conference room</i> Chair: <i>TBA</i> Keynote lecture Elisa Oricchio, EPFL, Switzerland |
| 10.00-10.45 am | <u>Scientific Session 2: In vivo cancer immunotherapy models-</u> <u>WG2</u> <i>NIB conference room</i> Chair: Doreen Lau, Brunel University of London, UK Keynote lecture Erik Aarntzen, Radboud University Medical Centre |
| 10.45-11.25 am | Coffee break & Poster session WG2+WG4 <i>NIB gallery</i> |
| 11.25-12.10 pm | <u>Scientific Session 3: Advances in immuno-models</u> <i>NIB conference room</i> Chair: Eva Martinez-Balibrea, Germans Trias i Pujol Research Institute, Spain Featured speaker Jerôme Galon, INSERM, Université Sorbonne, France |
| 12.10-01.25 pm | Lunch & Poster session WG2+WG4 <i>NIB gallery</i> |
| 01.25-01.55 am | <u>Scientific Session 4: Immuno-model in hematologic tumors</u> <u>WG4</u> <i>NIB conference room</i> Chair: <i>TBA</i> Invited talk 1 |

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| 01.55-02.25am | Invited talk 2 |
| 02.25-02.35 am | Short talk |
| 02.35-03.15 pm | Coffee break & Poster session WG2+WG4 <i>NIB gallery</i> |
| 03.15-03.45 am | <u>Scientific Session 5: <i>In vivo</i> cancer immunotherapy model</u> <u>WG2</u> <i>NIB conference room</i> Chair: <i>TBA</i> |
| 03.45-4.15 pm | Invited talk 1 |
| 04.15-04.25 pm | Invited talk 2 |
| | Short talk |
| 04.25-04.55 pm | WG2 and 4 showcase and discussion <i>NIB conference room</i> Chair: <i>TBA</i> |
| 05.00-05.10 pm | GROUP PHOTO |
| 06.00-10.00 pm | NIB welcome reception- Optional Social dinner <i>Ljubljana City Centre, location and cost will be determined soon</i> |

Day 3

22 May, Friday

Scientific Program (all attendees)

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| 08.30-09.00 am | Registration <i>NIB registration desk</i> |
| 09.00-09.45 am | <u>Scientific Session 6: <i>In vitro</i> and <i>ex vivo</i> cancer immunotherapy models WG1</u> <i>NIB conference room</i> Chair: <i>TBA</i> Keynote lecture From patient tissue to in vivo models: multiscale analysis of tumour-immune interactions in brain tumours Frederik De Smet, KU Leuven, Belgium |
| 09.45-10.15 am | Invited talk 1 |
| 10.15-10.45 am | Invited talk 2 |
| 10.45-10.55 am | Short talk |
| 10.55-11.35 am | Coffee break & Poster session WG1+WG3 <i>NIB gallery</i> |

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| 11.35-12.20 pm | <u>Scientific Session 7: Immuno-models in solid tumors</u> <u>WG3</u> <i>NIB conference room</i> Chair: <i>TBA</i> Keynote lecture Marinka Žitnik, Harvard University, USA |
| 12.20-12.50 pm | Invited talk 1 |
| 12.50-12.20 pm | Invited talk 2 |
| 12.20-12.30 pm | Short talk |
| 12.30-2.00 pm | Lunch & Poster session WG1+WG3 <i>NIB gallery</i> |
| 02.00-02.30 pm | WG1 and 3 showcase and discussion <i>NIB conference room</i> Chair: <i>TBA</i> |
| 02.30-3.30 pm | <u>Interactive session: Immuno-model showcase, achievements, closure and future</u> Poster awards <i>NIB conference room</i> Chair: Eva Martinez-Balibrea, Germans Trias i Pujol Research Institute, Spain |
| 3.30 pm | Goodbye <i>Packets-cold food</i> |