



**18th
ICML**

International
Conference
on Malignant
Lymphoma
Lugano

**17–21
June
2025**

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE (updated on 21 February 2025)

Tuesday, 17 June 2025

10:00 – 16:30 **CLOSED WORKSHOP** (in-person event - by invitation only)
*Polivalente room,
East Campus USI* **Genetics of diffuse large B cell lymphoma: toward improved diagnosis, outcome prediction and therapeutic targeting**

Co-chairs: Francesco Bertoni, Bellinzona, CH, Franco Cavalli, Bellinzona, CH and Riccardo Dalla Favera, New York, NY, US

organized with the support of: *American Association for Cancer Research – AACR
European School of Oncology Foundation - ESOF
European Society for Medical Oncology - ESMO*

14:00 – 17:00 Workshop organized in collaboration with the International Lymphoma Radiation Oncology Group - ILROG
Cinema Corso **New frontiers in radiation therapy of haematological malignancies - augmenting the effect of systemic therapy**

14:00–15:30 Part 1: Radiation therapy and CAR-T-cell therapy, an update
Chairs: David C. Hodgson, Toronto, ON, CA and Joachim Yahalom, New York, NY, US

Bridging, debulking and/or priming, what is/are the mechanisms underlying the effect of radiation therapy in CAR-T-cell therapy?
Carl DeSelm, St. Louis, MO, US

Update on the UK experience (RESTART protocol)
Andrea Kühnl, London, UK

Update on the MD Anderson experience
Bouthaina Dabaja, Houston, TX, US

Effective cytoreduction by RT prior to CAR-T salvage in aggressive B cell lymphomas
Harper Hubbeling, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York, NY, US

Update on the Toronto experience
Danielle Rodin, Toronto, ON, CA

- 15:45-17:00 Part 2: New aspects in combining systemic therapy and radiation therapy in the management of haematological malignancies
Chairs: Michael MacManus, Melbourne, AU and Joanna Yang, St. Louis, MO, US
- Managing the partial response – radiation therapy, salvage chemotherapy, CAR-T-cell therapy, or monitoring
Andrea Ng, Boston, MA, US
- Indications for radiotherapy in PET-negative advanced DLBCL
George Mikhaeel, London, UK
- 16:15-16:45 Global perspective – extranodal NK/T-cell lymphoma
- Which systemic regimen should be used today?
Qingqing Cai, Guangzhou, CN
- Radiation doses and volumes in early stages with modern systemic therapy
Shunan Qi, Beijing, CN
- 16:45-17:00 Panel discussion: Combining systemic therapy and radiation therapy in these clinical situations
All speakers

Wednesday, 18 June 2025

- 08:30 – 09:15 **“MEET THE PROFESSOR” SESSIONS**
5 parallel sessions
Room A; Room B; Cinema Corso; Auditorium, West Campus USI; Polivalente room, East Campus USI
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- 10:35 – 12:00 **EDUCATIONAL SYMPOSIA**
2 parallel sessions
Room A, Room B
- 13:00 – 14:00 **OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE**
Room A, broadcast
- WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS
Franco Cavalli, Bellinzona, CH

HENRY KAPLAN MEMORIAL LECTURES

Equal parts dreams, luck and madness: conjuring a new future for lymphoma therapy
Bruce D. Cheson, Bethesda, MD, US

The road to disease discovery: a personal journey
Elaine S. Jaffe, Bethesda, MD, US

14:00 – 15:15

PLENARY SESSION

Room A, broadcast

15:45 – 16:45

AACR – ICML JOINT SESSION

Artificial intelligence

The role of AI in pathologic diagnosis
Pierre Brousset, Toulouse, FR

The role of AI in imaging readings
Irene Buvat, Paris, FR

The role of AI in clinical trial design
Stefan Michiels, Villejuif, FR

17:00 – 18:00

“FOCUS ON...” SESSIONS

5 parallel sessions

Room A; Room B; Cinema Corso; Auditorium, West Campus USI; Polivalente room, East Campus USI

Thursday, 19 June 2025

08 :15 – 09 :00

“MEET THE PROFESSOR” SESSIONS

5 parallel sessions

Room A; Room B; Cinema Corso; Auditorium, West Campus USI; Polivalente room, East Campus USI

09:15 – 10 :30

“CLINICAL CASES DISCUSSION” SESSIONS

3 parallel sessions

Room A, Cinema Corso, Auditorium, West Campus USI

09:15 – 10 :30

SESSION on BASIC AND TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH (AACR-ICML Joint session)

Room B

MECHANISMS OF RESISTANCE

Chair: Margaret A. Shipp, Boston, MA, US

To small molecule inhibitors
John F. Seymour, Melbourne, AU

To T-cell redirecting therapies
Ash A. Alizadeh, Stanford, CA, US

To checkpoint inhibitors
Margaret A. Shipp, Boston, MA, US

11:00 – 12:00

PARALLEL SESSIONS

13:00 – 13:45

*Room A,
broadcast*

GIANNI BONADONNA MEMORIAL LECTURE

Supported by the European School of Oncology Foundation – ESOF

Molecular classification of aggressive B-cell lymphomas
David Scott, Vancouver, CA

13:45 – 15:15

PARALLEL SESSIONS

13:45 – 16:45

PAEDIATRIC SESSION (invited lectures and proffered presentations) Chairs:
Francesco Ceppi, Lausanne, CH and Wilhelm Wössmann, Hamburg, DE

Relapsed/refractory mature B-NHL in children and adolescents
Amos Burke, Birmingham, UK

Exosomes and miRs in childhood NHL and Hodgkin's lymphoma
Lara Mussolin, Padua, IT

15:30 – 16:45

PARALLEL SESSIONS

17:00 – 18:00

"FOCUS ON..." SESSIONS
5 parallel sessions

Friday, 20 June 2025

08:15 – 09:00

"MEET THE PROFESSOR" SESSIONS
5 parallel sessions

Room A; Room B; Cinema Corso; Auditorium, West Campus USI; Polivalente room, East Campus USI

09:15 – 10:30

"CLINICAL CASES DISCUSSION" SESSIONS
2 parallel sessions
Room A, Cinema Corso

09:15 – 10 :30

SESSION on BASIC AND TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH

Room B

EPIGENETICS

Chair Ari Melnick, New York, NY, US

Epigenetic mechanisms and therapy for B-cell lymphomas

Ari Melnick, New York, NY, US

Non-coding mutations

Riccardo Dalla Favera, New York, NY, US

Therapeutic targeting

Franck Morschhauser, Lille, FR

09:15 – 12 :00

Auditorium,

West Campus USI

Workshop organized in collaboration with the International Lymphoma Radiation Oncology Group – ILROG
Low doses, few fractions, and new indications for radiation therapy in haematological malignancies

Chairs: Umberto Ricardi, Turin, IT and Lena Specht, Copenhagen, DK

The growing use of radiation therapy of multiple myeloma: Looking for clues for better integration with new therapies

Alexandra Dreyfuss, New York, NY, US

Single fraction of 4 Gy for indolent lymphomas – evidence and clinical guidelines

Brandon Imber, New York, NY, US

Is adjuvant systemic therapy indicated for patients with early stage indolent lymphomas treated with radiation therapy – immediate vs. deferred treatment

Michael MacManus, Melbourne, AU

Response-adapted ultra-low-dose radiation therapy for gastric MALT lymphoma

Bouthaina Dabaja, Houston, TX, US

Gastric motion and adaptive radiation therapy for gastric lymphoma

Peter Meidahl Petersen, Copenhagen, DK

Options for consolidation of methotrexate based response in primary CNS lymphoma – efficacy and safety

Joachim Yahalom, New York, NY, US

New indications for radiation therapy of mantle cell lymphoma

Klaus Herfarth, Heidelberg, DE

Few and large fractions (hypofractionation) in modern radiation therapy for haematological malignancies – convenient and safe in selected patients

Joanna Yang, St. Louis, MO, US

Panel discussion
All speakers

11:00 – 12:00

PARALLEL SESSIONS

13:00 – 13:45

JOHN ULTMANN MEMORIAL LECTURE

Room A

Supported by the American Association for Cancer Research – AACR

Extranodal lymphomas: improved outcome through international collaborative research
Emanuele Zucca, Bellinzona, CH

13:45 – 15:15

PARALLEL SESSIONS

13:45 – 17:00

ONCOLOGY NURSING SESSION (invited lectures and proffered presentations)

Auditorium,

Chair: Manuela Eicher, Lausanne, CH

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Invited lecture

Maike E.M. de Ruijter, Amsterdam, NL

Invited lecture

Matt Fowler, Derby, UK

14:30 – 17:00

UCL – ICML JOINT SESSION

Polivalente room,

LYMPHOMA RESEARCH: NEWS FROM CHINA AND EUROPE

East Campus USI

Honorary co-chairs: Jun Ma, Harbin, CN, Jun Zhu, Beijing, CN, Franco Cavalli, Bellinzona, CH, Julie Vose, Omaha, NE, US

Executive co-chairs: Yuqin Song, Beijing, CN, Xiaoqiu Li, Shanghai, CN, Davide Rossi, Bellinzona, CH, Laurence L. de Leval, Lausanne, CH

Welcome from the co-chairs

Advances in DLBCL Management: Highlights from China

Donglu Zhao, Harbin, CN

State-of-the-art of Liquid Biopsy in Lymphoma

Davide Rossi, Bellinzona, CH

T-cell Lymphoma Treatment: The Chinese Perspective

Meng Wu, Beijing, CN

Updates in Radiation Therapies in the Treatment of Lymphoma

Lena Specht, Copenhagen, DK

International Overview of Chinese Novel Drugs in Indolent Lymphoma
Ou Bai, Changchun, CN

New trends in lymphoma treatment in Western Countries
Pier Luigi Zinzani, Bologna, IT

Conclusions remarks by the co-chairs

15:15 – 15:30
Room A **Report of the 18-ICML Closed Workshop**
Speaker to be defined

15:30 – 17:00 **PARALLEL SESSIONS**

17:45 – 18:45
Room A **THE BIG DEBATE**
Ongoing controversies in B-cell lymphoma management

Chair: Emanuele Zucca, Bellinzona, CH

Satellite symposium organized by the Foundation for the Institute of Oncology Research (IOR) and supported by unrestricted educational grants from AbbVie AG, AstraZeneca AG, BeiGene, Eli Lilly, Johnson & Johnson and Roche.

DEBATE 1.

Should CNS prophylaxis still be offered to DLBCL patients?

YES > Andrés J.M. Ferreri, Milan, IT

NO > Kate Cwynarski, London, UK

DEBATE 2.

Which is the best strategy for initial CLL / SLL treatment?

Short-term BCL2 targetting > John F. Seymour, Melbourne, AU

Continuous BTK inhibition > Stephan Stilgenbauer, Ulm, DE

DEBATE 3.

Is POLA-R-CHP the new standard for all DLBCL?

YES > Sonali M. Smith, Chicago, IL, US

NO > Jonathan W. Friedberg, Rochester, NY, US

19:00 – 21:00
Cinema Corso ESMO-ICML Special Joint Event (in-person event only)
“Burkitt” documentary film
Panel discussion

08:15 – 09:30 **SESSION - LATE BREAKING ABSTRACTS**

09:30 – 10:45 **PARALLEL SESSIONS**

Room A and B

10:45 – 11:15 **18-ICML HIGHLIGHTS “Take Home Messages”**
Martin Dreyling, Munich, DE

Room A

11:15 – 11:30 **CLOSURE AND FAREWELL**
Franco Cavalli, Bellinzona, CH

Room A

13:30 – 18:00 **VII INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON CANINE LYMPHOMA** What lies ahead in canine lymphoma
therapy? organized by the European Canine Lymphoma Network

Room B

EDUCATIONAL SYMPOSIA:

Clonal precursors

Lecture 1. Clonal hematopoietic stem cell precursors

Lecture 2. Clonal T-cell precursors

Lecture 3. Clonal B-cell precursors

Lecture 4. Clonal plasma cell precursors

> Markus Manz, Zürich, CH - chair

> Claire Dearden, London, UK

> Paolo Ghia, Milano, IT

> Angela Dispenzieri, Rochester, MN, US

Mantle cell lymphoma

Lecture 1. The biomarkers we need

Lecture 2. First line therapy: BTKi? Transplant?

Lecture 3. Relapsed disease: sequencing:

> Simone Ferrero, Turin, IT

> Martin Dreyling, Munich, DE - chair

> Eva Giné Soca, Barcelona, ES

“MEET THE PROFESSOR” SESSIONS:

1) Autoimmune complications of lymphoproliferative diseases

2) Nodular lymphocyte-predominant Hodgkin lymphoma

* Diagnosis

* Management

3) CLL and Richter

4) Non-clonal lymphoproliferative diseases

* Diagnosis

* Management of Castleman disease

5) Classic Hodgkin lymphoma

6) Multiple myeloma

7) T-cell redirecting therapies

8) Peripheral T-cell lymphoma

9) Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma and high grade lymphoma

10) Follicular lymphoma

11) Marginal zone lymphomas

12) Waldenström Macroglobulinemia

> Wilma Barcellini, Milan, IT

> Elias Campo, Barcelona, ES

> Peter Borchmann, Cologne, DE

> Matthew S. Davids, Boston, MA, US

> Stefan Dirnhofer, Basel, CH

> Angela Dispenzieri, Rochester, MN, US

> Andrew M. Evens, New Brunswick, NJ, US

> Francesca Gay, Torino, IT

> Gloria Iacoboni, Barcelona, ES

> Won Seog Kim, Seoul, KR

> Grzegorz S. Nowakowski, Rochester, MN, US

> Jessica Okosun, London, UK

> Sonali M. Smith, Chicago, IL, US

> Steven P. Treon, Boston, MA, US

CHALLENGING CASES DISCUSSION SESSIONS:

Aggressive B-cell lymphomas

Chair: Ranjana H. Advani, Palo Alto, CA (USA)

Presenter: Maria Cristina Piroso, Bellinzona, CH

Discussants: Brad Kahl, Saint Louis, MO, US, Laurie Sehn, Vancouver, CA, Lena Specht, Copenhagen, DK

Difficult Pathological Cases

Chair: Elias Campo, Barcelona, ES

Presenters: Federico Jauk, Bellinzona, CH and Emanuele Zucca, Bellinzona, CH

Discussants: Stephan Dirnhofer, Basel, CH, Leticia Quintanilla-Martinez, Tübingen, DE

Indolent NHLs and CLL

Chair: Jonathan Friedberg, Rochester, NY, US

Presenter: Adalgisa Condoluci, Bellinzona, CH

Discussants: Jonathan Friedberg, Rochester, NY, US, David C. Hodgson, Toronto, CA, Michael Hallek, Cologne, DE

Paediatric lymphomas

Panelists: Amos Burke, Birmingham, UK, Francesco Ceppi, Lausanne, CH, Lara Mussolin, Padua, IT, Wilhelm Wössmann, Hamburg, DE

T-cell lymphomas

Chair: Won Seog Kim, Seoul, KR

Presenter: Ilaria Romano, Bellinzona, CH

Discussants: Won Seog Kim, Seoul, KR, Kerry J. Savage, Vancouver, CA, Pier Luigi Zinzani, Bologna, IT