



**18th Biennial Congress of the Metastasis Research Society
November 15 – 17, 2021**

Monday, November 15	Tuesday, November 16	Wednesday, November 17
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Monday, November 15, 2021

Session 1 – Evolutionary and Microenvironmental Shaping of Metastasis

Chairs: Cédric Blanpain, MD, PhD, Université Libre de Bruxelles (Belgium) and Kent Hunter, PhD, Center for Cancer Research at National Cancer Institute (USA)

2:00 pm – 2:15 pm

Welcome Remarks and Award Presentation:

Women in Science Achievement Award

Dr. Liliana Ossowski, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai (USA)

Remarks and presentation by Julio Aguirre-Ghiso, PhD

2:15 pm – 2:45 pm

Plenary Session:

Joan Massagué, PhD, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (USA)

2:45 pm – 3:15 pm

Cédric Blanpain, MD, PhD, Université Libre de Bruxelles (Belgium)

3:15 pm – 3:30 pm

Adrienne Boire, MD, PhD, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (USA)

Break and Networking

3:30 pm – 3:45 pm

Session 2 – Plasticity of Metastatic Cells: EMT and Stem Cell Programs

Chairs: Melanie Werner-Klein, PhD, University of Regensburg (Germany) and Julio Aguirre-Ghiso, PhD, Albert Einstein Cancer Center (USA)

3:45 pm – 4:15 pm

Jacco Van Rheenen, PhD, Netherlands Cancer Institute (Netherlands)

4:15 pm – 4:45 pm

Melanie Werner-Klein, PhD, University of Regensburg (Germany)

4:45 pm – 5:00 pm

Maria Giselle Peters, PhD, Universidad de Buenos Aires (Argentina)

Session 3 – Meet the Experts

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Session 4 – Dissemination and Dormancy Mechanisms

Chairs: Maria Soledad Sosa, PhD, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai (USA) and Alana Welm, PhD, Huntsman Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Utah (USA)

2:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Award Presentation and Seminar:

I.J. “Josh” Fidler Innovation in Metastasis Research Award

John Condeelis, PhD, Albert Einstein College of Medicine (USA)

Introduction by Jose Javier Bravo-Cordero, PhD

2:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Cyrus Ghajar, PhD, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center (USA)

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Peter Croucher, PhD, Garvan Institute of Medical Research (Australia)

3:30 pm – 3:45 pm

Maria Soledad Sosa, PhD, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai (USA)

Break and Networking

3:45 pm – 4:00 pm

Session 5 – Meet the Experts

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Session 6 – Immune Regulation of Metastasis

Chairs: Paula Bos, PhD, Virginia Commonwealth University (USA) and Mohamed Bentires-Alj, PhD, University of Basel (Switzerland)

5:00 pm – 5:15 pm

Award Presentation:

The Paget-Ewing Award

Zena Werb, PhD

Acceptance and Remarks by Mikala Egeblad, PhD

5:15 pm – 5:45 pm

Gabriel Rabinovich, PhD, National University of Cordoba (Argentina)

5:45 pm – 6:00 pm

Paula Bos, PhD, Virginia Commonwealth University (USA)

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

Session 7 – Transcriptional and Metabolic Control of Metastasis

Chairs: Sarah Maria Fendt, PhD, VIB KU Leuven Center for Cancer Biology (Belgium) and Erik Sahaj, PhD, The Francis Crick Institute (UK)

2:00 pm – 2:30 pm

David Tuveson, MD, PhD, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (USA)

2:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Sarah Maria Fendt, PhD, VIB KU Leuven Center for Cancer Biology (Belgium)

Break and Networking

3:00 pm – 3:15 pm

Sue Eccles Young Investigator Award in Cancer Metastasis Research

3:15 pm – 3:45 pm

Li Ma, PhD, MD Anderson Cancer Center (USA)

Introduction by Dihua Yu, MD, PhD

Session 8 – Liquid Biopsies in Metastasis Research and the Clinic

Chairs: Dolores Di Vizio, MD, PhD, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center (USA) and Conor Lynch, PhD, H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute (USA)

3:45 pm – 4:15 pm

Dolores Di Vizio, MD, PhD, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center (USA)

4:15 pm – 4:30 pm

Leonora Balaj, PhD, Harvard Medical School (USA)

Concluding Remarks

4:45 pm – 5:15 pm

Julio Aguirre-Ghiso, PhD (MRS President)

Erik Sahai, PhD (MRS President-elect)

