Inaugural meeting of the Israeli Society for Cancer Research

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Tel-Aviv University
Scientific Program

08:30 – Greetings – Chairperson: Isaac P. Witz, Tel Aviv

Prof. Ehud Gazit, Vice President for Research & Development, Tel Aviv University
Prof. Benjamin Sredni, Chief Scientist, Ministry of Health
Ms. Miri Ziv, Director General, The Israel Cancer Association

Session 1.- Molecular Genetics – Chairperson: Tamar Peretz, Jerusalem
09:00 – Gad Rennert – Haifa, Molecular and environmental epidemiology of colorectal cancer in Israel
09:20 – Efrat Levi-Lahad – Jerusalem, Cancer risks in BRCA1 and BRCA2 carriers
09:40 – Moshe Oren – Rehovot, The many faces of p53 in cancer
10:00 – Varda Rotter – Rehovot, Identification and Characterization of p53-associated “Gene Signatures” involved in Cellular Transformation
10:20 – Doron Ginsberg - Ramat Gan, Novel functions of the transcription factor E2F

10:40 – Coffee & Poster Viewing

Key-note Lecture – Chairperson: Isaac P. Witz, Tel Aviv
11:00 –Anne-Lise Børresen-Dale, President EACR, Oslo, Molecular profiling of breast cancer; Relevance for early diagnosis and treatment

Session 2.- Functional Genetics - Chairperson: Yinon Ben Neriah, Jerusalem
11:40 – Gideon Rechavi – Tel Aviv, Aberrant RNA editing in cancer
12:00 – Israel Vlodavsky – Haifa, Heparanase: one molecule with multiple functions in inflammation and cancer progression
12:20 – Eli Keshet – Jerusalem, VEGF-driven angiogenesis
12:40 – Ilan Tsarfati – Tel Aviv, The role of Met in breast cancer: from cell motility to metastasis

13:00 – Lunch & Poster Viewing

Session 3.- Cellular Biology of Cancer Progression – Chairperson: Yona Keisari, Tel Aviv
14:00 – Dov Zipori - Rehovot - Tumor-initiating cells are a biological entity distinct from stem cells: lessons from multiple myeloma
14:20 – Michal Neeman – Rehovot, Imaging the contribution of fibroblasts to tumor angiogenesis
14:40 – Ron Apte - Beer Sheva, Regulation of cancer-mediated inflammation by IL-1Rb signaling
15:00 – Eitan Galun – Jerusalem, Inflammation and regeneration in hepatocarcinogenesis
15:20 – Eli Pikarsky – Jerusalem, Early phases of hepatocellular carcinoma – lessons from mouse models

15:40 – Coffee & Poster Viewing

Session 4.- Novel approaches to Cancer Therapy – Chairperson: Uri Nir, Ramat Gan
16:10 – Yosef Yarden – Rehovot, Oncogenic signal transduction networks and their implications to cancer therapy
16:30 – Yoel Kloog – Tel Aviv, Design of the Ras inhibitor Salirasib: From a new concept to an oral feasibility study in pancreatic cancer
16:50 – Varda Shoshan-Barmatz – Beer Sheva, The mitochondrial protein VDAC as a new target for cancer therapy
17:10 – Shimon Slavin - Tel Aviv, Stem cell transplantation and cell therapy for the treatment of hematological malignancies and metastatic solid tumors

17:30 – Poster Prizes and Concluding Remarks – Chairperson: Eliezer Flescher, Tel Aviv

18:00 - Business Meeting – Chairperson: Eliezer Flescher, Tel Aviv