Tuesday, March 6, 2007 (Palazzo Vecchio)

Opening Session

19:00  Greetings:

   Isaac P. Witz, Tel Aviv, Israel,
   President, International Cancer Microenvironment Society

   Margaret Foti, Philadelphia, USA,
   Chief Executive Officer, American Association for Cancer Research

   Raffaella Giavazzi, Bergamo, Italy,
   President, Italian Cancer Society

19:30  Opening lecture

   Alberto Mantovani, Milan, Italy
   MOLECULAR LINKS BETWEEN INFLAMMATION AND CANCER

20:15  Welcome Reception
Wednesday, March 7, 2007

Plenary Session I - Gene Expression Regulation in the Tumor Microenvironment - Auditorium

Session dedicated to the memory of Raphael Kafka

Chairperson: Eitan Yefenof

08:30 Menashe Bar-Eli, Houston, TX, USA
TRANSCRIPTIONAL REGULATION IN MELANOMA PROGRESSION: IMPLICATIONS FOR THERAPY

08:55 Hans Clevers, Utrecht, The Netherlands
Wnt AND Notch COOPERATE TO MAINTAIN PROLIFERATIVE COMPARTMENTS IN CRYPTS AND INTESTINAL NEOPLASIA

09:20 Avraham Raz, Detroit, MI, USA
DOWN-REGULATION OF PHOSPHOGLUCOSE ISOMERASE/AUTOCRINE MOTILITY FACTOR RESULTS IN MESENCHYMAL-TO-EPITHELIAL TRANSITION OF HUMAN LUNG FIBROSARCOMA CELLS

09:45 Yoel Kloog, Tel Aviv, Israel
THE PALMITATES AND THE HYPERVARIABLE REGION OF H-Ras: RASOSOMES, H-Ras/GALECTIN-1 COMPLEX FORMATION, TRAFFICKING AND SIGNALING

10:10 Margareta M. Müller, Heidelberg, Germany
MOLECULAR NETWORKS THAT ACTIVATE THE TUMOR MICROENVIRONMENT AND PROMOTE TUMOR PROGRESSION

10:35 Valerie M. Weaver, Philadelphia, PA, USA
SPATIAL-MECHANICAL REGULATION OF MALIGNANT TRANSFORMATION AND TREATMENT RESPONSE

11:00-11:30 – Coffee
Plenary Session II - Inflammatory Reactions in the Tumor Microenvironment - Auditorium

Session dedicated to the memory of Jacqueline Seroussi

Chairperson: Margaret Foti

11:30  Frances Balkwill, London, UK  
       MODIFYING THE INFLAMMATORY CYTOKINE NETWORK OF HUMAN CANCER

11:55  Giorgio Trinchieri, Frederick, MD, USA  
       TOLL-LIKE RECEPTOR SIGNALING IN HEMATOPOIETIC AND NON-HEMATOPOIETIC CELLS: ROLE IN CANCER

12:20  Jeffrey W. Pollard, Bronx, NY, USA  
       TUMOR-EDUCATED MACROPHAGES PROMOTE TUMOR PROGRESSION AND ENHANCE METASTASIS

12:45  Lisa M. Coussens, San Francisco, CA, USA  
       INFLAMMATION, HUMORAL IMMUNITY AND CANCER DEVELOPMENT

13:10-14:30 – Lunch
Plenary Session III - Immune Functions in the Tumor Microenvironment - Auditorium

Session dedicated to the memory of Diana Mary and Dr. Stanley Steyer

Chairperson: Raffaella Giavazzi

14:30 Ron N. Apte, Beer Sheba, Israel
THE IMPORTANCE OF MOLECULES OF THE IL-1 FAMILY IN CARCINOGENESIS AND TUMOR INVASIVENESS

14:55 Theresa L. Whiteside, Pittsburgh, PA, USA
TUMOR-DERIVED MICROVESICLES AND THEIR BIOLOGIC EFFECTS: ANOTHER WAY FOR TUMORS TO ESCAPE FROM THE IMMUNE SYSTEM

15:20 Wolf H. Fridman, Paris, France
LOCAL IMMUNE CONTEXTURE, METASTASIS AND SURVIVAL IN COLORECTAL CANCER

15:45 Richard Bankert, Buffalo, NY, USA
IN SITU TARGETING OF QUIESCENT HUMAN TUMOR-ASSOCIATED MEMORY T CELLS IN THE TUMOR MICROENVIRONMENT FOR RE-ACTIVATION AND TUMOR KILLING: A THERAPEUTIC STRATEGY

16:10 Sharon Evans, Buffalo, NY, USA
LOCAL MICROENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL OF CD8 T CELL TRAFFICKING WITHIN THE TUMOR MICROENVIRONMENT

16:35-17:00 - Coffee

Plenary Session IV - Tumor-Associated Stroma and Extracellular Matrix - Auditorium

Chairperson: Angelo Messina

17:00 Lynn Matrisian, Nashville, TN, USA
THE MATRIX METALLOPROTEINASES AS MEDIATORS OF TUMOR: HOST COMMUNICATION

17:25 Harold L. Moses, Nashville, TN, USA
STROMAL AND EPITHELIAL TGF-β SIGNALING IN CANCER

17:50 Israel Vlodavsky, Haifa, Israel
THE IMPACT OF HEPARANASE ON TUMOR METASTASIS AND ANGIogenesis

20:30 – Conference Dinner
Thursday, March 8, 2007

Symposium I - Local Tumor Immunity - Auditorium

Chairperson: Eva Klein

08:30 Luca Vannucci, Prague, Czech Republic
A PARADOXICAL HYPOTHESIS: MIGHT A CONTROLLED IMMUNE SUPPRESSION HELP TO RESCUE THE IMMUNE RESPONSE IN A PRO-INFLAMMATORY TUMOR MICRO-ENVIRONMENT?

08:42 Karin Jöhrer, Innsbruck, Austria
MYELOMA-DERIVED CHEMOKINES AND THEIR IMPACT ON IMMUNE CELL HOMEOSTASIS AND RESPONSE

08:54 Janet E. Price, Houston, TX, USA
CXCL12 AS A MEDIATOR OF INTERACTIONS BETWEEN BREAST CANCER CELLS AND THE BONE MICROENVIRONMENT

09:06 Beatriz Arteta, Bizkaia, Spain
TUMOR-ACTIVATED ENDOTHelial MANNOSE RECEPTOR CONTRIBUTES TO REGIONAL IMMUNE TOLERANCE DURING EXPERIMENTAL COLON CARCINOMA METASTASIS TO THE LIVER

09:18 Milada Sirova, Prague, Czech Republic
IMMUNOSTIMULATORY EFFECT OF HPMA-BASED POLYMERIC CONJUGATE IN TUMOUR TREATMENT

09:30 Stephanie Darmanin, Sapporo, Japan
ALL-TRANS RETINOIC ACID ENHANCES MURINE DENDRITIC CELL MIGRATION TO DRAINING LYMPH NODES VIA THE BALANCE OF MATRIX METALLOPROTEINASES AND THEIR INHIBITORS
Symposium II – Angiogenesis and Transendothelial Migration - Auditorium

Chairperson: Menashe Bar-Eli

09:45  **Elena Voronov**, Beer-Sheva, Israel
TUMOR-DERIVED INTERLEUKIN-1 BETA IS A MAJOR FACTOR IN TUMOR ANGIOGENESIS

09:57  **Jin Chen**, Nashville, TN, USA
A CRITICAL ROLE OF EphA2 RECEPTOR TYROSINE KINASE IN TUMOR ANGIOGENESIS

10:09  **Ido Nevo**, Tel-Aviv, Israel
THE INVOLVEMENT OF FRAC TALKINE IN BONE-MARROW-ENDOTHEL IUM TRANSMIGRATION OF NEUROBLASTOMA CELLS

10:21  **Irene F. Newsham**, Houston, TX, USA
DISSECTING THE EXTRAVASATION PROCESS OF METASTATIC BREAST CANCER CELLS USING AN ELECTRIC CELL SUBSTRATE IMPEDANCE SYSTEM (ECIS) ASSAY

10:33  **Ashleigh Hill**, Belfast, Northern Ireland, UK
CD44 REGULATES THE EXPRESSION OF THE PROTEASES CATHEPSIN K AND MT1-MMP IN BREAST CANCER CELLS: IMPLICATIONS FOR METASTASIS TO BONE

10:45  **Suzanne McFarlane**, Belfast, Northern Ireland, UK
CORTACTIN AND PAXILLIN ARE KEY INTERMEDIATES IN CD44-INITIATED INTEGRIN MEDIATED ADHESION OF BREAST CANCER CELLS TO BONE MARROW ENDOTHEL IUM

10:57  **Michael E. Maragoudakis**, Patras, Greece
NEW INSIGHTS INTO THE ROLE OF THROMBIN IN ANGIOGENESIS AND TUMOR PROGRESSION

11:10-11:30 – Coffee
Symposium III – Targeting Tumor – Microenvironment Interactions – Sala Verde

Chairperson: Wolf H. Fridman

08:30 Youcef M. Rustum, Buffalo, NY, USA
MODULATION OF TUMOR MICROENVIRONMENT BY Selenium CORRELATES WITH ENHANCED THERAPEUTIC EFFICACY

08:50 Mark Pines, Bet Dagan, Israel
INHIBITION OF FIBROBLAST TO MYOFIBROBLAST TRANSITION BY HALOFUGINONE CONTRIBUTE TO THE CHEMOTHERAPY-MEDIATED ANTI-TUMORAL EFFECT

09:02 Eva Corey, Seattle, WA, USA
TREATMENT OF OSTEOBLASTIC METASTASES OF PROSTATE CANCER WITH ANTI-RESORPTIVE AGENTS DECREASES TUMOR GROWTH

09:14 Irit Gil-Ad, Petah-Tiqva, Israel
EVIDENCE FOR THE ANTI-TUMOR ACTIVITY OF THE ANTIDEPRESSANT SERTRALINE AGAINST SENSITIVE AND MULTI DRUG RESISTANT CANCER CELLS AND IN A MICE COLON CARCINOMA MODEL

09:26 Gary Acton, London, UK
REVIEW OF PHASE II STUDIES OF THE VASCULAR DISRUPTING AGENT DMXAA (AS1404) IN COMBINATION WITH CHEMOTHERAPY

09:38 Clarisa Salado, Bizkaia, Spain
ANTIMETASTATIC INTERVENTION SITES FOR RESVERATROL IN THE INFLAMMATORY MICROENVIRONMENT GENERATED BY TUMOR-ACTIVATED HEPATIC SINUSOIDAL ENDOTHELIAL CELLS

09:50 Kellie A. Charles, London, UK
CLINICAL INVESTIGATION OF THE BIOLOGICAL ACTIVITY OF AN ANTI-TNF-ALPHA MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY, INFliximab, IN THE TUMOUR MICROENVIRONMENT OF PATIENTS WITH ADVANCED OVARIAN CANCER

10:02 Laura F. Gibson, Morgantown, WV, USA
MICROENVIRONMENT SUPPORT OF A UNIQUE LEUKEMIC CELL POPULATION WITH STEM CELL PROPERTIES

10:14 Sumanta Goswami, New York, NY, USA
TUMOR MICROENVIRONMENT INDUCED INVASIVE AND DRUG RESISTANT BREAST CANCER CELLS

10:26 Fabio Pastorino, Genoa, Italy
TARGETING LIPOSOMAL CHEMOTHERAPY VIA BOTH TUMOR CELL-SPECIFIC AND TUMOR VASCULATURE-SPECIFIC LIGANDS POTENTIATES THERAPEUTIC EFFICACY
10:38  **Bratko Filipič**, Ljubljana, Slovenia
EXTRACELLULAR Ca++ IONS AFFECT THE CYTICIDAL AND ANTIPROLIFERATIVE ACTIVITY OF HUMAN INTERFERON \( \alpha \)

10:50-11:30 – **Coffee**

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**Symposium IV – Local Expressions of Inflammation – Sala Verde**

**Session dedicated to the memory of Professor Shraga Segal**

**Chairperson: Ron Apte**

11:30  **Eli Pikarsky**, Jerusalem, Israel
NF-\( \kappa \)B IN HEPATOCARCINOGENESIS - LESSONS FROM DIFFERENT ANIMAL MODELS

11:50  **Adi Zipin-Roitman**, Tel-Aviv, Israel
CXCL10 PROMOTES INVASIVE-RELATED PROPERTIES IN COLORECTAL CARCINOMA CELLS

12:02  **Venkateshwar G. Keshamouni**, Ann Arbor, MI, USA
TGF-BETA-INDUCED IRAK-M EXPRESSION IN TUMOR ASSOCIATED MACROPHAGES REGULATES LUNG TUMOR PROGRESSION

12:14  **Nicholas J. Clemons**, Cambridge, UK
THE LUMINAL MICROENVIRONMENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF OESOPHAGEAL ADENOCARCINOMA

12:26  **Sandra O. Gollnick**, Buffalo, NY, USA
NEUTROPHILS PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE IN DEVELOPMENT OF TUMOR SPECIFIC CD8+ T CELL RESPONSES

12:38  **Christoph Peters**, Freiburg, Germany
INVASION AND METASTASIS OF MAMMARY CANCER DEPENDS ON TUMOR- AND STROMA-CELL DERIVED CYSTEINE CATHEPSINS

12:50  **Gwendal Lazenec**, Montpellier, France
INTERLEUKIN-8 (IL-8) IS AN IMPORTANT MARKER FOR BREAST CANCER METASTASIS

13:02  **Janine T. Erler**, Stanford, CA, USA
TUMOR-SECRETED LYSYL OXIDASE IS REQUIRED FOR METASTATIC NICHE

13:14  **Ioannis Stasinopoulos**, Baltimore, MD, USA
LOSS OF COX-2 LIMITS TUMOR GROWTH AND INHIBITS METASTASIS
Symposium V – Signaling and Regulation of Gene Expression I – Auditorium

Chairperson: Avraham Raz

11:30 Antonella Naldini, Siena, Italy
HYPOXIA INDUCES THE EXPRESSION OF PROTEASE-ACTIVATED RECEPTOR (PAR)-1 THROUGH THE HYPOXIC INDUCIBLE FACTOR (HIF)-1A IN BREAST CANCER CELLS

11:50 Marcelo Ehrlich, Tel-Aviv, Israel
PHOSPHOLIPASE D IS AN EFFECTOR AND REGULATOR OF THE EPITHELIAL TO MESENCHYMAL TRANSITION OF MOUSE MAMMARY TUMOR CELLS

12:10 Robert Gatenby, Tucson, AZ, USA
THE ROLES OF MICROENVIRONMENTAL HYPOXIA AND ACIDOSIS IN CARCINOGENESIS

12:22 Hongyan Cui, Sapporo, Japan
ENHANCED EXPRESSION OF ASPARAGINE SYNTHETASE UNDER GLUCOSE-DEPRIVED CONDITIONS PROTECTS PANCREATIC CANCER CELLS FROM APOPTOSIS INDUCED BY GLUCOSE DEPRIVATION AND CISPLATIN

12:34 Elena Tirrò, Catania, Italy
SILENCING OF BCR-ABL/JAK2-INDUCED SURVIVIN SENSITIZES IMATINIB RESISTANT CML CELLS TO HYDROXYUREA

12:46 Maria Grazia Borrello, Milan, Italy
ONCOGENE-INDUCED PROMOTION OF AN INFLAMMATORY MICROENVIRONMENT: THE THYROID MODEL

12:58 Carlton D. Donald, Charleston, SC, USA
THE PAX2 ONCOGENE MAY PROMOTE CANCER CELL SURVIVAL THROUGH THE SUPPRESSION OF IMMUNE-MEDIATED RECOGNITION AND DESTRUCTION: NEW INSIGHT TO A NOVEL TARGET FOR CANCER THERAPY

13:10 Medhat Shehata, Vienna, Austria
LYMPHOID MICROENVIRONMENT SUPPORTS SURVIVAL OF B-CLL CELLS: ROLE OF TGF-BETA AND PI3-K/Akt PATHWAY

13:22 Andrei Thomas-Tikhonenko, Philadelphia, PA, USA
c-Myc-REGULATED MicroRNAs PROMOTE TUMOR GROWTH THROUGH EFFECTS ON ANGIOGENESIS AND TUMOR MICROENVIRONMENT

Afternoon free
Friday, March 9, 2007

08:30-10:00 – Poster Session – Auditorium

10:00-10:30 – Coffee

Symposium VI - Signaling and Regulation of Gene Expression II - Auditorium

Chairperson: Adriana Albini

10:30 Rachel Bar-Shavit, Jerusalem, Israel
PAR1 IN MALIGNANT AND PHYSIOLOGICAL INVASION: IDENTIFICATION OF LINKERS TO BETA-CATENIN, PROMOTER SIGNATURES & SILENCING MODALITIES

10:50 Zaidoun Salah, Jerusalem, Israel
TRANSCRIPTIONAL REGULATIONS OF hPAR1 IN PROSTATE CARCINOMA

11:02 Andrei V. Bakin, Buffalo, NY, USA
NEW INSIGHTS IN THE MECHANISMS OF THE TGF-BETA EFFECTS ON TUMOR MICROENVIRONMENT AND THE METASTATIC POTENTIAL

11:14 Ugo Cavallaro, Milan, Italy
THE NCAM/FGFR COMPLEX: A NOVEL CROSS-TALK INVOLVED IN METASTASIS?

11:26 Cameron N. Johnstone, Philadelphia, PA, USA
PARVIN-BETA, A NEGATIVE REGULATOR OF INTEGRIN-LINKED KINASE SIGNALING, MODULATES CELLULAR INVASION AND PEROXISOME PROLIFERATOR-ACTIVATED RECEPTOR GAMMA ACTIVITY

11:38 Manikuntala Kundu, Kolkata, India
HELCOBACTER PYLORI-MEDIATED SIGNALING IN GASTRIC EPITHELIAL CELLS AND ITS IMPLICATIONS IN HELICOBACTER-MEDIATED GASTRIC ULCER AND GASTRIC CARCINOMA

11:50 Tiziana Triulzi, Milan, Italy
RELEVANCE OF BREAST CARCINOMA EXTRACELLULAR MATRIX COMPOSITION IN DRUG SENSITIVITY

12:02 Rosaria Orlandi, Milan, Italy
EXREACELLULAR MATRIX (ECM) - DRIVEN ANALYSIS OF GENE EXPRESSION DATA FROM BREAST AND OVARIAN CANCER
Symposium VII – Tumor-Stroma Interactions – Sala Verde

Chairperson: Israel Vlodavsky

10:30 Maty Tzukerman, Haifa, Israel
THE HUMAN EMBRYONIC STEM CELL-DERIVED MICROENVIRONMENT HAS THE POTENTIAL TO UNVEIL CANCER SUBPOPULATIONS THAT DO NOT DEVELOP INTO TUMORS IN CONVENTIONAL MURINE XENOGRAFTS

10:50 Edna Cukierman, Philadelphia, PA, USA
ALTERED 3D-ADHESIONS SUPPORT A Src/FAK DEPENDENT INTEGRIN CROSSTALK DURING STROMAGENESIS

11:10 Luuk J.A.C. Hawinkels, Leiden, The Netherlands
MATRIX METALLOPROTEINASE-9 (MMP-9) MEDIATES TUMOUR CELL VEGF RELEASE INDUCING ENDOTHELIAL CELL ANGIogenesis

11:22 Zoi Diamantopoulou, Patras, Greece
P10, A PEPTIDE WITH ANTI TUMOUR BIOLOGICAL ACTIONS

11:34 Iker Badiola, Leioa, Spain
IMPLICATION OF DISCOIDIN DOMAIN RECEPTORS IN THE ACTIVATION OF HEPATIC STELLATE CELLS DURING LIVER METASTASIS

11:46 Amitava Chatterjee, Kolkata, India
CULTURE OF HUMAN BREAST CANCER CELLS (MCF-7) IN PRESENCE OF FIBRONECTIN IN SERUM FREE MEDIUM ACTIVATES MMP-2 & MMP-9

11:58 Susan Deutscher, Columbia, MO, USA
NOVEL IN VIVO TUMOR-IMAGING AND TARGETING AGENTS USING GALECTIN-3 PEPTIDE AGONISTS

12:10 Delia Mezzanzanica, Milan, Italy
DELOCALIZATION OF ACTIVATED LEUKOCYTE CELL ADHESION MOLECULE FROM THE CELL MEMBRANE IS A MOLECULAR PREDICTOR OF SURVIVAL IN ADVANCED OVARIAN CARCINOMA PATIENTS

12:30-14:00 – Business Meeting and Lunch - Auditorium
**Plenary Session V - Tumor-Endothelium Interactions - Auditorium**

Chairperson: Kari Alitalo

14:00 Eli Keshet, Jerusalem, Israel  
VEGF-INDUCED RECRUITMENT OF PRO-ANGIOGENIC CIRCULATING CELL

14:25 Jaques Huot, Québec, QC, Canada  
BI-DIRECTIONAL SIGNALLING INDUCED BY E-SELECTIN AND DEATH RECEPTOR-3 IN COLON CANCER METASTASIS

**Plenary Session VI – Dangerous Liaisons in the Tumor Microenvironment - Auditorium**

Chairperson: Eiichi Tahara

14:50 Yves Declerck, Los Angeles, CA, USA  
CONTRIBUTION OF BONE MARROW MESENCHYMAL CELLS TO BONE METASTASIS

15:15 Kelvin P. Lee, Buffalo, NY, USA  
DENDRITIC CELLS SUPPORT MULTIPLE MYELOMA CELL SURVIVAL THROUGH CD28 RECEPTOR ACTIVATION

15:40 Neta Erez, San Francisco, CA, USA  
ROLES OF CARCINOMA ASSOCIATED FIBROBLASTS IN MOUSE MODELS OF CERVICAL AND SKIN CARCINOGENESIS

16:05-16:30 – Coffee
Plenary session VII – Targeting the Tumor Microenvironment: Preclinical and Clinical Trials I - Auditorium

Session dedicated to the memory of Mary A. Pikovski

Chairperson: Yves DeClerck

16:30 Alexander Levitzki, Jerusalem, Israel
ERADICATING EGFR OVER-EXPRESSING TUMORS BY TARGETED DELIVERY OF PolyIC

16:55 Eiichi Tahara, Hiroshima, Japan
A MODEL FOR COMPREHENSIVE PREVENTION OF GASTRIC CANCER BASED ON NOVEL BIOMARKERS AND LONGITUDINAL HEALTH DATABASE OF ATOMIC BOMB SURVIVORS

17:20 Adriana Albini, Milan, Italy
THE MICROENVIRONMENT AS A TARGET OF CANCER CHEMOPREVENTION

17:45 Yona Keisari, Tel Aviv, Israel
IN SITU DESTRUCTION OF SOLID MALIGNANT CANCER BY COMBINATION RADIO-PHYSICO-CHEMICAL TREATMENTS AND ACTIVATION OF ANTI-TUMOR IMMUNITY

18:10 Benjamin Bonavida, Los Angeles, CA, USA
YING YANG 1 (YY1) AND RAF KINASE INHIBITOR PROTEIN (RKIP) REGULATE TUMOR CELL RESISTANCE TO APOPTOSIS BY CHEMO-IMMUNOTHERAPY

20:30 - Farewell Evening
Saturday, March 10, 2007

Plenary session VIII – Targeting the Tumor Microenvironment: Preclinical and Clinical Trials II - Auditorium

Chairperson: Fernando Vidal-Vanaclocha

08:30 Michael R. Shurin, Pittsburgh, PA, USA
DENDRITIC CELLS IN THE TUMOR MICROENVIRONMENT: FROM EXPERIMENTS TO THERAPY

08:55 Fernando Vidal-Vanaclocha, Bilbao, Viscaya, Spain
MICROENVIRONMENT-DEPENDENT GENE EXPRESSION PATTERNS IN HEPATIC METASTASES FROM COLON CARCINOMA PATIENTS. PHARMACOGENOMIC IMPLICATIONS

09:20 Daniel Zagury, Paris, France
THE UTILITY OF TNFα VACCINATION IN THE PREVENTION OF CACHEXIA AT TERMINAL STAGES OF CANCER

09:45 Ruth Lupu, Evanston, IL, USA
BLOCKADE OF A KEY MOLECULAR-ACTIVATION SWITCH IN THE SUB-DOMAIN III OF ER2 EXTRACELLULAR DOMAIN (ECD) RECAPITULATES THE ANTI-HER2 ACTIONS OF TRASTUZUMAB, PERTUZUMAB AND LAPATINIB

10:10 Bonnie Hylander, Buffalo, NY, USA
DEFINING THE ANTI-TUMOR EFFICACY OF Apo2L/TRAIL AGAINST PATIENT-DERIVED PANCREATIC TUMOR XENOGRAFTS IN SCID MICE

10:35 Adriana Haimovitz-Friedman, New York, NY, USA
bFGF AND VEGF INHIBIT RADIATION-INDUCED APOPTOSIS OF ENDOTHELIAL CELLS BY INHIBITING ACID SPHINGOMYELINASE ACTIVITY

11:00-11:30 – Coffee
Plenary session IX – The Tumor Microenvironment Drives Tumor Progression - Auditorium

Chairperson: Suresh Mohla

11:30  Eva Klein, Stockholm, Sweden
       CONTRIBUTION OF EBV INFECTION AND THE MICROENVIRONMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF HODGKIN’S AND NK-LYMPHOMAS

11:55  Catherine Sautès-Fridman, Paris, France
       TRAF4 OVEREXPRESSION IS A COMMON CHARACTERISTIC OF HUMAN CARCINOMA

12:20  Yves St-Pierre, Laval, QC, Canada
       GALECTIN-7 PLAYS A CENTRAL ROLE IN TUMORIGENESIS

12:45  Judith Leibovici, Tel Aviv, Israel
       THE AGED ORGANISM AS A MALIGNANCY REDUCING MICROENVIRONMENT

13:10  Jan Zeromski, Poznan, Poland
       EXPRESSION OF TOLL-LIKE RECEPTORS IN THE MICROENVIRONMENT OF LARYNGEAL CARCINOMA

13:35 - Adjourn