



Centre for
Cancer Biomarkers
Centre of Excellence - University of Bergen

14th CCBIO Annual Symposium 2026

May 12–13, 2026 (Bergen - Norway)

Scientific Program

Day 1: Tuesday, May 12, 2026

08:30-09:45 REGISTRATION

09:45-10:00 **Welcome and Opening: Lars A. Akslen (Director of CCBIO)**

Session 1: **Chair: Line Bjørge (Co-Director of CCBIO)**

10:00-11:00 **Keynote lecture: William A. Haseltine (New York):** From discovery to innovation and real-world impact

11:00-11:45 **Ronny Drapkin (Philadelphia):** Translational studies and biomarkers in gynecologic cancer

11:45-13:30 LUNCH & POSTER SESSION I

Session 2: **Chair: Oddbjørn Straume**

13:30-14:00 **Gema Moreno-Bueno (Madrid):** New insights into endometrial cancer for improving personalized medicine

14:00-14:30 **Janne Lehtiö (Stockholm):** Towards proteome medicine – What can molecular phenotypes add to clinical decision-making?

14:30-15:00 **Vera Thiel (Heidelberg):** Trace-me-if-you-can. How cancer-associated neurons shape the TME

15:00-15:45 COFFEE BREAK

Session 3: **Chair: Line Bjørge**

Short presentations by industry: Developments and future possibilities

15:45-16:00 **Simen Myhre (MSD):** Transitional medicine: From bench to «darkside»

16:00-16:15 **Hege Edvardsen (GSK):** Building collaboration with the industry – the ways, the hows and the whys

16:15-16:30 **Randeep Mandla (Pfizer):** Pfizer – a snapshot of history, areas of focus and opportunities

16:30-16:45 Discussion

18:00 APERITIF

19:00

CONFERENCE DINNER

Day 2: Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Session 4: Chair: Carina Strell (Co-Director of CCBIO)

09:00-09:30 **Bart Neyns (Brussels)**: Pioneering intratumoral injection of conventional dendritic cells for the treatment of immune-checkpoint inhibition refractory solid tumors

09:30-10:00 **Keith Hunter (Liverpool)**: Spatial transcriptomic and proteomic analysis of the TME

10:00-10:30 **Jon Amund Kyte (Oslo)**: Immunotherapy for treatment-refractory solid cancers

10:30-11:15 COFFEE BREAK

Session 5: Chairs: Katrin Kleinmann & Line Bjørge

11:15-12:10 *Speed presentations by young investigators*

Session 6: Chair: Bjørn Tore Gjertsen

From science to innovation and startup industry

12:15-12:35 **Christian Kersten (Kristiansand)**: From bed to bed.

Storytelling about serendipity, research, and innovation –
How difficult or easy can it be to help patients?

12:35-12:55 **Karl-Henning Kalland (Bergen)**: Immunotherapy of prostate cancer (CryoIT):
The startup challenge

13:00-15:00 LUNCH & POSTER SESSION II

Session 7: Chair: Camilla Krakstad

15:00-15:30 **Dorian Forte (Bologna)**: Immunometabolism, extracellular vesicles and immunotherapy in acute myeloid leukemia

15:30-16:00 **Francis Jacob (Basel)**: Multi-modal profiling and drug treatment prediction in ovarian cancer

16:00-16:15 **Closing remarks: Line Bjørge (Co-Director of CCBIO)**

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