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#### CONFIRMED SPEAKERS

René Bernards, *Amsterdam, The Netherlands*  
Alissa Weaver, *Vanderbilt School of Medicine, Nashville, TN, USA*  
Raffaele Colombo, *Zymeworks Inc, Vancouver, Canada*  
Christophe Le Tourneau, *Institut Curie, Paris, France*  
Giorgio Seano, *Institut Curie, Paris, France*  
Mattia Zampieri, *Basel, Switzerland*  
Nelson Dusetti, *Marseille, France*  
Martin Bergö, *Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden*  
Thales Papagiannakopoulos, *NYU, New York, USA*  
Sophie Tartare-Deckert, *C3M, Nice, France*  
Javad Nazarian, *University Children's Hospital Zurich, Switzerland*  
Angela Riedel, *Würzburg, Germany*  
Angela Nieto, *UMH, Alicante, Spain*  
Patrick Mehlen, *CRCL, Lyon, France*

#### ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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#### TOPICS/SESSIONS

Innovative therapies  
Tumor microenvironment & cellular cross-talk  
Challenging sites of tumorigenesis: junior scientist session  
Cancer progression and treatments

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## EDITO

Dear Congress members, Dear participants, Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to Marseille,

We have the pleasure and the honor to invite you to participate at the first edition of the CRCM Symposium (Centre de Recherche en Cancérologie de Marseille) that emerges with a biannual intention.

Since 2008, CRCM scientists including 450 people and 21 teams, has been developing programs of basic and clinical research, with the unchanging desire to transfer fundamental data to the clinic, the « benchside to bed » principle that constitutes the foundation of our institution to make significant breakthroughs and improve the therapeutic management of cancer patients.

The symposium is organized around the scientific topics represented by two departments of CRCM: Comet (Cell Communication and Microenvironment) and Translate-IT (Translational research and Innovative therapies).

During these two days and a half, we gathered an exceptional program with diverse and state of the art sessions with special focus on tumour microenvironment and cellular crosstalk, based on metabolic and extra-vesicular communication, nanotechnologies, tumor cell signaling and pharmacologic innovations.

The Palais du Pharo will constitute a privileged venue to host the invited national and international keynote and lecture speakers with outstanding expertise in the cancerology domain. We are convinced that the surroundings and striking views of the Mediterranean and the Old Port, will be an additional incentive to participate in this extraordinary opportunity to build up new collaborations and favour exchanges with researchers and speakers.

Note the date in your agendas, we are looking forward to host many of you for this first session and specially encourage young scientists to register.




The Scientific and Organizing Committee

## PROGRAMME

## WEDNESDAY 04 FEBRUARY

16:00-17:00	General introduction	
17:00-18:00	Keynote	 <b>René BERNARDS (Amsterdam, The Netherlands)</b> Netherlands Cancer Institute in Amsterdam / Functional Cancer Genetics / Professor of molecular carcinogenesis at The Netherlands Cancer Institute in Amsterdam
18:00-19:00	Keynote	 <b>Alissa WEAVER (Nashville, USA)</b> Vanderbilt University School of Medicine / Professor of Cell & Developmental Biology / Professor of Pathology, Microbiology and Immunology

## THURSDAY 05 FEBRUARY

09:00-09:10	Welcome speech	
09:10-10:30	<b>SESSION 1 : Innovative Therapies - Part 1 - New therapies</b>	
09:10	Keynote	 <b>Antibody Drug Conjugates: Facts &amp; Fiction.</b> <b>Raffaele COLOMBO (Vancouver, Canada)</b> Associate Director, Medicinal Chemistry at Zymeworks based in Vancouver / ADC Therapeutic Development
10:00	Lecture	 <b>Old wine in a New Bottle: Protacs in Oncology.</b> <b>Christophe LE TOURNEAU (Paris, France)</b> Medical Oncologist at the Institut Curie and Full Professor of Medicine at Paris-Saclay University / He is heading the Department of Drug Development and Innovation (D3i) as well as the Head and Neck Clinic
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00-13:00	<b>SESSION 1 : Innovative Therapies - Part 2</b>	
	<b>Therapy resistance and tumor plasticity</b>	
11:00	Lecture	 <b>Giorgio SEANO (Paris, France)</b> Group Leader of the Tumor Microenvironment Lab at Institut Curie, Paris-Orsay
11:30	Lecture	 <b>Mattia ZAMPIERI (Basel, Switzerland)</b> Professor of Biochemistry at the Department of Biomedicine, Basel. University of Basel
12:00	Lecture	 <b>Nelson DUSETTI (Marseille, France)</b> Nelson Duseti is an oncology researcher with expertise in pancreatic cancer / Translational research in pancreatic cancer
12:30	Short talks	
13:00-14:30	Lunch Break - Posters Session	

## THURSDAY 05 FEBRUARY

14:30-15:55 **SESSION 2 : Tumor microenvironment and cellular cross-talk - part 1**

14:30 Keynote

**Martin BERGO (Sweden)**

Vice president of Karolinska Institutet / Professor of molecular medicine

15:20 Lecture

**Metabolic Mechanisms of Lung Cancer Progression.****Thales PAPAGIANNAKOPOULOS (Langone, USA)**

Associate Professor and is also the Director of the Molecular Oncology and Tumor Immunology Program

15:55-16:25 **Coffee Break**16:25-18:30 **SESSION 2 : Tumor microenvironment and cellular cross-talk - part 2**

16:25 Oral Communications

17:10 Lecture

**Sophie TARTARE-DECKERT (Nice, France)**The Mediterranean Centre for Molecular Medicine (C3M)  
InsERM Research Director and cancer biologist

17:45 Oral Communications

19:30 **Congress Dinner**

## FRIDAY 06 FEBRUARY

09:00-10:40 **SESSION 3: Challenging sites of tumorigenesis: junior scientist session Part 1**

09:00 Keynote

**Javad NAZARIAN (Zurich, Switzerland)**

Professor at the University of Zürich, Head of the Translational Program at DIPG/DMG Research Center[smex-ctp.trendmicro.com], University Children's Hospital in Zürich, Switzerland.

10:00 Oral Communications

10:40-11:00 **Coffee Break**11:00-12:30 **SESSION 3: Challenging sites of tumorigenesis: junior scientist session Part 2**

11:00 Lecture

**Angela RIEDEL (Würzburg, Germany)**Institute of Pathology, University of Würzburg, Würzburg, Germany.  
Angela Riedel practices in Würzburg, Germany. Her top areas of expertise are Multiple Myeloma, Lung Metastases, Mantle Cell Lymphoma (MCL), and Melanoma.

11:35 Oral Communications

12:30-14:00 **Lunch Break & Posters Sessions**14:00-16:00 **SESSION 4 : Cancer progression and treatments**

14:00 Keynote

**Angela NIETO (Alicante, Spain)**

Angela Nieto is Full Professor at the Instituto de Neurociencias (CSIC-UMH) in Alicante, Spain, and Head of the institute's Developmental Neurobiology Unit

14:35 Lecture

**Targeting netrin-1 in oncology: from a cell biology hypothesis to clinical data.****Patrick MELHEN (Lyon, France)**Patrick Mehlen. Director Research Cancer Center of Lyon (CRCL)  
Patrick Mehlen was one of the discoverers of the addictive receptor paradigm: from an original mechanism of cell death to clinical trials

15:05 Oral Communications.

15:30 Poster / Talk prizes.