

WORKING DRAFT AGENDA
JW Marriott Washington DC, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Wednesday, February 26

- 7:30am- 5:00pm Grant Review Committee Meeting (by invitation).....Salon I
- 12:00-5:30pm Melanoma Patients, Advocates & Foundations ForumSalon IV
- 4:00-8:00pm *Retreat Registration open*.....*Foyer of Salon III & IV*
- 6:00-7:30pm **Opening Reception**.....**Penn Avenue Terrace**

Thursday, February 27

- 6:30am-6:00pm *Registration*.....*Foyer of Salon III & IV*
- 7:00-8:15am General Breakfast.....Salon II
- 7:00-8:15 am Young Investigators Breakfast (by invitation only).....Salon I
- 8:30-8:45am Opening Remarks Day 1**.....**Salon III & IV**
 Michael Kaplan, MRA President & CEO
 Marc Hurlbert, MRA Chief Science Officer
 To Be Determined, Patient Advocate
- 8:45-9:15am Lecture**
Jedd Wolchok, MSKCC Maintaining Innovation: New directions in melanoma research (confirmed)
- 9:15-11:25am Session 1: Novel therapeutic approaches for treating melanoma**
Chair: TBD
- 9:15-9:40 **Thorsten Mempel, Massachusetts General Hospital:** CARMA1 in Control of Regulatory T Cell Function in Melanoma (confirmed)
- 9:40-10:05 **Elaine Fuchs, The Rockefeller University:** Melanocyte stem cells and their progression to malignancy and metastasis (confirmed)
- 10:05-10:20 *Break*
- 10:20-10:40 **Nick Huntington, Monash University:** Effective melanoma immunity by targeting NK cell checkpoints (confirmed)
- 10:40-11:00 **Rizwan Haq, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute:** Biomarker-based application of anti-apoptotic inhibitors in melanoma (confirmed)
- 11:00-11:25 **Richard White:** Adipocytes in the melanoma microenvironment (confirmed)

11:25-11:55am Lecture: Padmanee Sharma, University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center: Title TBD (confirmed)

11:55am-12:05pm Transition to lunch

12:05-1:05pm Networking Lunch and General Roundtables #1.....Salon I & II

12:00-2:30pm Scientific Advisory Panel meeting and Lunch (invitation only).....The Senate Room

1:05-1:20pm Transition to general session room (Salon III & IV)

1:20-2:30pm Session 2: Understanding melanoma metastasis
Chair: TBD

1:20-1:45 Eva Hernando, New York University: The role of amyloid beta in brain metastasis (confirmed)

1:45-2:05 Florian Karreth, Moffitt Cancer Center: The miR-29 circuit in melanoma initiation and progression (confirmed)

2:05-2:30 Carmit Levy, Tel-Aviv University: Identification of novel regulators of melanoma brain metastasis (confirmed)

2:30-2:50pm Break

2:50-4:00pm Session 3: Special Focus - Acral Melanoma
Chair: TBD

2:50-3:15 Boris Bastian, University of California, San Francisco: The genetics of acral melanoma (confirmed)

3:15-3:35 Phyu Aung, MD Anderson Cancer Center: Molecular and immune profiling of acral melanoma from various ethnicities (confirmed)

3:35-4:00 Ruth Halaban, Yale University and Aaron Newman, Stanford University: Title TBD (confirmed)

4:00-4:30pm Lecture: James Allison, University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center: Immune checkpoint blockade in cancer therapy: Historical perspective, new opportunities, and prospects for cures (confirmed)

4:30-4:35 Closing Remarks Day 1
Kristen Mueller, MRA Scientific Program Director

4:45-6:15pm Young Investigator and Pilot Awardee Poster Session.....Penn Avenue Terrace
All retreat attendees encouraged to attend

6:30-9:00 pm Reception and Dinner.....Zaytinya*
Dress: Casual 701 9th St NW
Reception: 6:30-7:00pm; Dinner 7:15pm

Friday, February 28

6:30-10:00am Registration open.....Foyer of Salon III & IV

7:00-8:30am Networking Breakfast and General Roundtables #2.....Salon II

7:00-8:30 am Industry Roundtable Breakfast (by invitation only).....Salon I

8:40-8:45 m Opening Remarks Day 2.....Salon III & IV
Kristen Mueller

8:45-9:15am Lecture: Christian Blank, Netherlands Cancer Institute: Neoadjuvant approaches for treating melanoma (confirmed)

9:15-11:30am Session 4: Understanding melanoma initiation to improve patient outcomes
Chair: TBD

9:15-9:40 Chengyu Liang, University of Southern California: Molecular Mechanisms of UV-induced Mutagenesis in Melanoma (confirmed)

9:40-10:00 Eleonora Leucci, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven: LncRNAs as modulators of protein synthesis rewiring in melanoma (confirmed)

10:00-10:25 Lorenz Studer, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center: Cell of origin as a driver of heterogeneity in melanoma (confirmed)

10:25-10:45 Break

Session 5: Novel approaches for diagnosing melanoma and assessing therapeutic efficacy
Chair: TBD

10:45-11:05 Ashish Kulkarni, University of Massachusetts, Amherst: A nanoscale technology for real-time tracking of immunotherapy response (confirmed)

11:05-11:30 Joann Elmore, University of California, Los Angeles: The importance of applying AI to assess histologic features to improve melanoma diagnosis (confirmed)

11:30am-12:15pm Panel Discussion: Maintaining the Momentum: New directions in melanoma research

12:15pm-12:30pm Closing Remarks
Michael Kaplan and Marc Hurlbert

- 12:30-1:30 pm Lunch and Departures.....Salon II
- 12:30-6:00 pm Lunch and Melanoma Models Workshop (Chaired by Dr. Liz Patton and Dr. Glenn Merlino) (by invitation only).....Salon I

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