XVII Annual Weinman Symposium

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Meeting Organizers: Michele Carbone and Cathy Zhang

Day 1 – Wednesday, January 21, 2026				
Start Time	**End Time**	**Length (min.)**	**Topic**	**Speaker**
7:15		Bus	Bus pick-up from Prince Hotel, Waikiki	
7:30	7:50	20	Breakfast—UH Cancer Center Sullivan Conference Center	
7:50	8:00	10	**Welcome**	Michele Carbone
Session 1: MicroRNA and Cancer. *Chair George Calin*				
8:00	8:05	5	**Introduction**	George Calin
8:05	8:25	20	#1 How microRNAs regulate cytotoxic T cell tumor infiltration	Carlo Croce
8:25	8:30	5	Q & A	
8:30	8:50	20	#2 DICER1 tumor predisposition syndrome	William Foulkes
8:50	8:55	5	Q & A	
8:55	9:15	20	#3 Non-coding patterns and cancer therapy	George Calin
9:15	9:20	5	Q & A	
9:20	9:40	20	#4 Towards non-coding RNA medicine in cancer	Frank Slack
9:40	9:45	5	Q & A	
9:45	10:05	20	#5 LNA-*i*-miR-221: A new frontier in miRNA-based cancer therapeutics	PierFrancesco Tassone
10:05	10:10	5	Q & A	
10:10	10:25	15	BREAK	
Session 2: Mechanisms. *Chair Giuseppe Novelli*				
10:25	10:30	5	**Introduction**	Giuseppe Novelli
10:30	10:50	20	#6 Clonal evolution in hematopoiesis	Margaret Goodell
10:50	10:55	5	Q & A	
10:55	11:15	20	#7 Regulation of tumor cell survival, death and metastasis by mutant p53 and Mdm2	Carol Prives
11:15	11:20	5	Q & A	
11:20	11:40	20	#8 Splicing factor mutations in cancer: Mechanisms and consequences	James Manley
11:40	11:45	5	Q & A	
11:45	12:05	20	#9 The complex story of the BAP1 deubiquitylase multiprotein complex	El Bachir Affar
12:05	12:10	5	Q & A	
12:10	12:30	20	#10 Mechanisms of carcinogenesis leading to mesothelioma	Haining Yang
12:30	12:35	5	Q & A	
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Day 2 – Thursday, January 22, 2026				
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7:15			Bus pick-up from Prince Hotel, Waikiki	
7:30	7:55	25	Breakfast—UH Cancer Center Sullivan Conference Center	
Session 3: Clinical Translational Session 1. *Chair Alan D' Andrea*				
7:55	8:00	5	**Introduction**	Alan D' Andrea
8:00	8:20	20	#11 Dissecting critical vulnerabilities in recalcitrant cancers	Giulio Draetta
8:20	8:25	5	Q & A	
8:25	8:45	20	#12 Targeting DNA damage	Michael Kastan
8:45	8:50	5	Q & A	
8:50	9:10	20	#13 Synthetic lethality opportunities for DNA Repair	Alan D' Andrea
9:10	9:15	5	Q & A	
9:15	9:35	20	# 14 The hematopoietic stem cell niche and implications for clinical hematopoietic cell transplantation	Sean Morrison
9:35	9:40	5	Q & A	
9:40	10:00	20	#15 Oncotripsy, a novel effective therapy for cancer patients	Christos Galanopoulos
10:00	10:05	5	Q & A	
10:05	10:20	15	BREAK	
Session 4: Clinical Translational Session 2. *Chair Harvey I. Pass*				
10:20	10:25	5	**Introduction**	Harvey I Pass
10:25	10:55	30	#16 *Nobel Lecture*: Novel targets for chemotherapy discovered with random germline mutagenesis	Bruce Beutler
10:55	11:00	5	Q & A	
11:00	11:20	20	#17 Cancer screening and management of patients with pathogenic germline *BAP1* mutations	Raffit Hassan
11:20	11:25	5	Q & A	
11:25	11:45	20	#18 NCI interventional clinical trial in carriers of germline *BAP1* mutations	David Schrump
11:45	11:50	5	Q & A	
11:50	12:10	20	#19 Inflammatory breast cancer: An aggressive disease requiring innovative solutions	Naoto T. Ueno
12:10	12:15	5	Q & A	
12:15	12:35	20	#20 Suggested improvements to design clinical trials	Luciano Mutti
12:35	12:40	5	Q & A	
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Day 3 – Friday, January 23, 2026				
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7:15			Bus pick-up from Prince Hotel, Waikiki	
7:30	7:55	25	Breakfast—UH Cancer Center Sullivan Conference Center	
Session 6: New Horizons in Cancer Research Part 1. *Chair Web Cavenee*				
7:55	8:00	5	**Introduction**	Web Cavenee
8:00	8:20	20	#21 Gene X Environment interaction in cancer	Cheryl Walker
8:20	8:25	5	Q & A	
8:25	8:45	20	#22 Neural regulation of immunity and cancer	Tak W. Mak
8:45	8:50	5	Q & A	
8:50	9:10	20	#23 Aging and cancer	Ashani Weeraratna
9:10	9:15	5	Q & A	
9:15	9:35	20	#24 Future of cancer research	Sujuan Ba
9:35	9:40	5	Q & A	
9:40	10:00	20	BREAK	
Session 7: New Horizons in Cancer Research Part 2. *Chair Bruce Beutler*				
10:00	10:05	5	**Introduction**	Bruce Beutler
10:05	10:15	10	#25 Cancer Survivor Testimony: What it takes to stay alive – The importance of cancer research	Christos Galanopoulos
10:15	10:35	20	#26 Research of an epidemic of cancer in remote villages in Cappadocia revealed that genetically induced mesotheliomas require a different medical approach	Michele Carbone
10:35	10:40	5	Q & A	
10:40	11:10	30	Q/A: Future of cancer research. Moderator: M. Carbone	Drs. Ba, Beutler, Croce, Ribas, & Governor Josh Green, MD
Session 8: Barry and Virginia Weinman Award Ceremony. *Chair Michele Carbone*				
11:10	11:15	5	**Introduction**	Michele Carbone
11:15	11:25	10	Weinman Award Ceremony	Governor Josh Green, MD
11:25	11:35	10	Weinman Award Ceremony	Weinman Family
11:35	11:40	5	Weinman Award Ceremony with Drs. Ribas, Green, Carbone, and Weinman Family	
11:40	11:45	5	XVII Weinman Award Introduction	Carlo Croce
11:45	12:15	30	# 27 **Weinman Award Lecture**	Antoni Ribas
12:15	12:20	5	Q & A	
12:20	12:30	10	XVII Weinman Faculty Photo	
12:30	**13:30**	**60**	**Faculty Lunch - 2nd Floor Lanai**	