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CutCancer Final conference

SHAPING TOMORROW: INNOVATIVE APPROACHES IN
GENETIC TOXICOLOGY AND CANCER RESEARCH

22nd–23rd October 2025

National Institute of Biology, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Wednesday, 22nd October 2025

AGENDA

8.30-9.00	Arrival of attendees & registration
9.00-9.15	Bojana Žegura, CutCancer project coordinator, National Institute of Biology
9.15-9.20	Welcome speech, Maja Ravnikar, Director of the National Institute of Biology
9.20-12.30	Session 1 – <i>Next-GENeration Tools in Genetic Toxicology: From Mechanistic Models to High-Throughput Systems</i> , <i>chairs: Bojana Žegura and Alja Štern</i>
9.20-10.00	Keynote speaker: Gareth Jenkins, Swansea University
10.00-10.30	Invited Talk 1: Marc Audebert, INRAE Toxalim
10.30-11.00	Invited Talk 2: Gill Conway, Swansea University
30 min	Coffee Break
11.30-12.00	Invited Talk 3: TBD
12.00-12.15	Short Talk 1: Matjaž Novak and Martina Štampar, National Institute of Biology
12.15-12.30	Short Talk 2: Tim Ravnjak, National Institute of Biology
12.30-13.30	Lunch break
13.30-19.30	Session 2 – <i>Tumour Microenvironment and its Targeting for Combinational Treatments</i> , <i>chairs: Barbrara Breznik and Metka Novak</i>
13.30-14.10	Keynote speaker: Mats Nilsson, Stockholm University
14.10-14.40	Invited Talk 1: Febe van Maldegem, Amsterdam University Medical Center



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14.40–15.10	Invited Talk 2: Marija Skoblar Vidmar, Institute of Oncology Ljubljana
15.10–15.40	Coffee Break
15.40–15.55	Sponsor talk: Mapping the Tumour Microenvironment in Lung Cancer with High-parameter Imaging Mass Cytometry, Ernesto Marcos Lopez, Standard BioTools
15.55–16.25	Invited Talk 3: Andrej Porčnik, University Medical Centre Ljubljana
16.25–16.55	Invited talk 4: Tadeja Režen, University of Ljubljana
16.55–17.25	Keynote speaker: Anahid Jewett, University of California Los Angeles
17.25–17.30	Closing remarks
17.30–19.30	NIB reception – dinner & poster session

Thursday, 23rd October 2025

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8.30–9.00	Arrival of attendees & registration
9.00–11.45	Session 3 – <i>From Vision to Victory: CutCancer Highlights</i> , <i>chairs: Chika Yokota and Gill Conway</i>
9.00–9.30	Pushing Boundaries: Scientific Milestones of CutCancer, Bojana Žegura and Barbara Breznik
9.30–9.45	Enabling Innovation and Excellence: Research Support in Action, Alja Štern, Metka Novak
9.45–10.00	Short Talk 1: Tina Kolenc Milavec in Simona Katrin Galun, National Institute of Biology
10.00–10.15	Short Talk 2: Enhancing NIB Administrative and Management Excellence, TBD
10.15–10.45	Coffee Break
10.45–11.45	Round table: Collaborative Microenvironments in Cancer Research, moderator: Nataša Briški
11.45–12.00	Closing remarks, Bojana Žegura
12.30	Excursion & lunch for CutCancer consortium



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- Metka Novak, National Institute of Biology, Slovenia
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- Febe van Maldegem, Amsterdam University Medical Center, Netherlands
- Gill Conway, Swansea University, United Kingdom
- Chika Yokota, Stockholm University, Sweden

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