



**18th  
ICML**

International  
Conference  
on Malignant  
Lymphoma  
**Lugano**

**17–21  
June  
2025**

## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE (updated on 21 February 2025)

### Tuesday, 17 June 2025

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10:00 – 16:30  
*Polivalente room,  
East Campus USI*

CLOSED WORKSHOP (in-person event - by invitation only)  
**Genetics of diffuse large B cell lymphoma: toward improved diagnosis, outcome prediction and therapeutic targeting**

Co-chairs: Francesco Bertoni, Bellinzona, CH, Franco Cavalli, Bellinzona, CH and Riccardo Dalla Favera, New York, NY, US

*organized with the support of:*

*American Association for Cancer Research – AACR  
European School of Oncology Foundation - ESOF  
European Society for Medical Oncology - ESMO*

14:00 – 17:00  
*Cinema Corso*

Workshop organized in collaboration with the International Lymphoma Radiation Oncology Group - ILROG  
**New frontiers in radiation therapy of haematological malignancies - augmenting the effect of systemic therapy**

14:00–15:30

Part 1: Radiation therapy and CAR-T-cell therapy, an update  
Chairs: David C. Hodgson, Toronto, ON, CA and Joachim Yahalom, New York, NY, US

Bridging, debulking and/or priming, what is/are the mechanisms underlying the effect of radiation therapy in CAR-T-cell therapy?  
Carl DeSelm, St. Louis, MO, US

Update on the UK experience (RESTART protocol)  
Andrea Kühnl, London, UK

Update on the MD Anderson experience  
Bouthaina Dabaja, Houston, TX, US

Effective cytoreduction by RT prior to CAR-T salvage in aggressive B cell lymphomas  
Harper Hubbeling, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York, NY, US

Update on the Toronto experience  
Danielle Rodin, Toronto, ON, CA

ILROG on the Edge: Walking the “Fine Guideline” For RT-CART  
John Plastaras, Philadelphia, PA, US, on behalf of the consortium

- 15:45-17:00 Part 2: New aspects in combining systemic therapy and radiation therapy in the management of haematological malignancies  
Chairs: Michael MacManus, Melbourne, AU and Joanna Yang, St. Louis, MO, US
- Managing the partial response – radiation therapy, salvage chemotherapy, CAR-T-cell therapy, or monitoring  
Andrea Ng, Boston, MA, US
- Indications for radiotherapy in PET-negative advanced DLBCL  
George Mikhaeel, London, UK
- 16:15-16:45 Global perspective – extranodal NK/T-cell lymphoma
- Which systemic regimen should be used today?  
Qingqing Cai, Guangzhou, CN
- Radiation doses and volumes in early stages with modern systemic therapy  
Shunan Qi, Beijing, CN
- 16:45-17:00 Panel discussion: Combining systemic therapy and radiation therapy in these clinical situations  
All speakers

### **Wednesday, 18 June 2025**

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- 08:30 – 09:15 **“MEET THE PROFESSOR” SESSIONS**  
5 parallel sessions  
*Room A; Room B; Cinema Corso; Auditorium, West Campus USI; Polivalente room, East Campus USI*
- 09:30 – 10:15 **“MEET THE PROFESSOR” SESSIONS**  
5 parallel sessions  
*Room A; Room B; Cinema Corso; Auditorium, West Campus USI; Polivalente room, East Campus USI*
- 10:35 – 12:00 **EDUCATIONAL SYMPOSIA**  
2 parallel sessions  
*Room A, Room B*
- 13:00 – 14:00 **OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE**  
*Room A, broadcast*
- WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS  
Franco Cavalli, Bellinzona, CH
- HENRY KAPLAN MEMORIAL LECTURES**
- Equal parts dreams, luck and madness: conjuring a new future for lymphoma therapy  
Bruce D. Cheson, Bethesda, MD, US
- The road to disease discovery: a personal journey  
Elaine S. Jaffe, Bethesda, MD, US

- 14:00 – 15:15      **PLENARY SESSION**  
*Room A, broadcast*
- 15:45 – 16:45      **AACR – ICML JOINT SESSION**  
**Artificial intelligence**
- The role of AI in pathologic diagnosis  
Pierre Brousset, Toulouse, FR
- The role of AI in imaging readings  
Irene Buvat, Paris, FR
- The role of AI in clinical trial design  
Stefan Michiels, Villejuif, FR
- 17:00 - 18:00      **“FOCUS ON...” SESSIONS**  
5 parallel sessions  
*Room A; Room B; Cinema Corso; Auditorium, West Campus USI; Polivalente room, East Campus USI*

**Thursday, 19 June 2025**

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- 08 :15 – 09 :00      **“MEET THE PROFESSOR” SESSIONS**  
5 parallel sessions  
*Room A; Room B; Cinema Corso; Auditorium, West Campus USI; Polivalente room, East Campus USI*
- 09:15 – 10 :30      **“CLINICAL CASES DISCUSSION” SESSIONS**  
3 parallel sessions  
*Room A, Cinema Corso, Auditorium, West Campus USI*
- 09:15 – 10 :30      **SESSION on BASIC AND TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH (AACR-ICML Joint session)**
- Room B*              **MECHANISMS OF RESISTANCE**  
Chair: Margaret A. Shipp, Boston, MA, US
- To small molecule inhibitors  
John F. Seymour, Melbourne, AU
- To T-cell redirecting therapies  
Ash A. Alizadeh, Stanford, CA, US
- To checkpoint inhibitors  
Margaret A. Shipp, Boston, MA, US
- 11 :00 – 12 :00      **PARALLEL SESSIONS**
- 13 :00 – 13 :45      **GIANNI BONADONNA MEMORIAL LECTURE**  
*Room A, broadcast*  
Supported by the European School of Oncology Foundation – ESOF
- Molecular classification of aggressive B-cell lymphomas  
David Scott, Vancouver, CA
- 13 :45 – 15 :15      **PARALLEL SESSIONS**

13 :45 – 16 :45 **PAEDIATRIC SESSION** (invited lectures and proffered presentations)  
*Auditorium,*  
*West Campus USI*

Relapsed/refractory mature B-NHL in children and adolescents  
Amos Burke, Birmingham, UK

Exosomes and miRs in childhood NHL and Hodgkin's lymphoma  
Lara Mussolin, Padua, IT

15 :30 – 16 :45 **PARALLEL SESSIONS**

17 :00 – 18 :00 **"FOCUS ON..." SESSIONS**  
5 parallel sessions

### **Friday, 20 June 2025**

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08:15 – 09 :00 **"MEET THE PROFESSOR" SESSIONS**  
5 parallel sessions  
*Room A; Room B; Cinema Corso; Auditorium, West Campus USI; Polivalente room, East Campus USI*

09:15 – 10:30 **"CLINICAL CASES DISCUSSION" SESSIONS**  
2 parallel sessions  
*Room A, Cinema Corso*

09:15 – 10 :30 **SESSION on BASIC AND TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH**

*Room B* **EPIGENETICS**  
Chair Ari Melnick. New York. NY. US

Epigenetic mechanisms and therapy for B-cell lymphomas  
Ari Melnick, New York, NY, US

Non-coding mutations  
Riccardo Dalla Favera. New York. NY. US

Therapeutic targeting  
Franck Morschhauser. Lille. FR

09:15 – 12 :00 **Workshop organized in collaboration with the International Lymphoma Radiation Oncology Group – ILROG**  
*Auditorium,*  
*West Campus USI* **Low doses, few fractions, and new indications for radiation therapy in haematological malignancies**

Chairs: Umberto Ricardi. Turin. IT and Lena Specht. Copenhagen. DK

The growing use of radiation therapy of multiple myeloma: Looking for clues for better integration with new therapies  
Alexandra Drevfuss. New York. NY. US

Single fraction of 4 Gy for indolent lymphomas – evidence and clinical guidelines  
Brandon Imber. New York. NY. US

Is adjuvant systemic therapy indicated for patients with early stage indolent lymphomas treated with radiation therapy – immediate vs. deferred treatment  
Michael MacManus. Melbourne. AU

Response-adapted ultra-low-dose radiation therapy for gastric MALT lymphoma  
Bouthaina Dabaia. Houston. TX. US

Gastric motion and adaptive radiation therapy for gastric lymphoma  
Peter Meidahl Petersen, Copenhagen, DK

Options for consolidation of methotrexate based response in primary CNS lymphoma – efficacy and safety  
Joachim Yahalom, New York, NY, US

New indications for radiation therapy of mantle cell lymphoma  
Klaus Herfarth, Heidelberg, DE

Few and large fractions (hypofractionation) in modern radiation therapy for haematological malignancies – convenient and safe in selected patients  
Joanna Yang, St. Louis, MO, US

Panel discussion  
All speakers

11 :00 – 12 :00

**PARALLEL SESSIONS**

13:00 – 13:45  
Room A

**JOHN ULTMANN MEMORIAL LECTURE**

Supported by the American Association for Cancer Research – AACR

Extranodal lymphomas: improved outcome through international collaborative research  
Emanuele Zucca, Bellinzona, CH

13:45 – 15:15

**PARALLEL SESSIONS**

13:45 – 17:00  
*Auditorium,  
West Campus USI*

**ONCOLOGY NURSING SESSION** (invited lectures and proffered presentations)

Chair: Manuela Eicher, Lausanne, CH

Invited lecture  
Maaïke E.M. de Ruijter, Amsterdam, NL

Invited lecture  
Matt Fowler, Derby, UK

14:30 – 17:00  
*Polivalente room,  
East Campus USI*

**UCLI – ICML JOINT SESSION**

LYMPHOMA RESEARCH: NEWS FROM CHINA AND EUROPE

Honorary co-chairs: Jun Ma, Harbin, CN, Jun Zhu, Beijing, CN, Franco Cavalli, Bellinzona, CH, Julie Vose, Omaha, NE, US

Executive co-chairs: Yuqin Song, Beijing, CN, Xiaoqiu Li, Shanghai, CN, Davide Rossi, Bellinzona, CH, Laurence L. de Leval, Lausanne, CH

Welcome from the co-chairs

Advances in DLBCL Management: Highlights from China  
Donglu Zhao, Harbin, CN

State-of-the-art of Liquid Biopsy in Lymphoma  
Davide Rossi, Bellinzona, CH

T-cell Lymphoma Treatment: The Chinese Perspective  
Meng Wu, Beijing, CN

Updates in Radiation Therapies in the Treatment of Lymphoma  
Lena Specht, Copenhagen, DK

International Overview of Chinese Novel Drugs in Indolent Lymphoma  
Ou Bai, Changchun, CN

New trends in lymphoma treatment in Western Countries  
Pier Luigi Zinzani, Bologna, IT

Conclusions remarks by the co-chairs

15:15 – 15:30 **Report of the 18-ICML Closed Workshop**  
*Room A* *Speaker to be defined*

15:30 – 17:00 **PARALLEL SESSIONS**

17:45 – 18:45 **THE BIG DEBATE**  
*Room A* **Ongoing controversies in B-cell lymphoma management**

Chair: Emanuele Zucca, Bellinzona, CH

Satellite symposium organized by the Foundation for the Institute of Oncology Research (IOR) and supported by unrestricted educational grants from AbbVie AG, AstraZeneca AG, BeiGene, Eli Lilly, Johnson & Johnson and Roche.

**DEBATE 1.**

Should CNS prophylaxis still be offered to DLBCL patients?

YES > Andrés J.M. Ferreri, Milan, IT

NO > Kate Cwynarski, London, UK

**DEBATE 2.**

Which is the best strategy for initial CLL / SLL treatment?

Short-term BCL2 targeting > John F. Seymour, Melbourne, AU

Continuous BTK inhibition > Stephan Stilgenbauer, Ulm, DE

**DEBATE 3.**

Is POLA-R-CHP the new standard for all DLBCL?

YES > Sonali M. Smith, Chicago, IL, US

NO > Jonathan W. Friedberg, Rochester, NY, US

19:00 – 21:00 **ESMO-ICML Special Joint Event (in-person event only)**  
*Cinema Corso* “Burkitt” documentary film  
Panel discussion

**Saturday, 21 June 2025**

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08:15 – 09:30 **SESSION - LATE BREAKING ABSTRACTS**

09:30 – 10:45 **PARALLEL SESSIONS**  
*Room A and B*

10:45 – 11:15 **18-ICML HIGHLIGHTS “Take Home Messages”**  
*Room A* Martin Dreyling, Munich, DE

11:15 – 11:30 **CLOSURE AND FAREWELL**  
*Room A* Franco Cavalli, Bellinzona, CH

13:30 – 18:00

**VII INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON CANINE LYMPHOMA**

*Room B*

What lies ahead in canine lymphoma therapy?  
organized by the European Canine Lymphoma Network

## EDUCATIONAL SYMPOSIA:

### Clonal precursors

Lecture 1. Clonal hematopoietic stem cell precursors

Lecture 2. Clonal T-cell precursors

Lecture 3. Clonal B-cell precursors

Lecture 4. Clonal plasma cell precursors

> Markus Manz, Zürich, CH - chair

> Claire Dearden, London, UK

> Paolo Ghia, Milano, IT

> Angela Dispenzieri, Rochester, MN, US

### Mantle cell lymphoma

Lecture 1. The biomarkers we need

Lecture 2. First line therapy: BTKi? Transplant?

Lecture 3. Relapsed disease: sequencing:

> Simone Ferrero, Turin, IT

> Martin Dreyling, Munich, DE - chair

> Eva Giné Soca, Barcelona, ES

## “MEET THE PROFESSOR” SESSIONS:

1) Autoimmune complications of lymphoproliferative diseases

2) Nodular lymphocyte-predominant Hodgkin lymphoma

\* Diagnosis

\* Management

3) CLL and Richter

4) Non-clonal lymphoproliferative diseases

\* Diagnosis

\* Management of Castleman disease

5) Classic Hodgkin lymphoma

6) Multiple myeloma

7) T-cell redirecting therapies

8) Peripheral T-cell lymphoma

9) Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma and high grade lymphoma

10) Follicular lymphoma

11) Marginal zone lymphomas

12) Waldenström Macroglobulinemia

> Wilma Barcellini, Milan, IT

> Elias Campo, Barcelona, ES

> Peter Borchmann, Cologne, DE

> Matthew S. Davids, Boston, MA, US

> Stefan Dirnhofer, Basel, CH

> Angela Dispenzieri, Rochester, MN, US

> Andrew M. Evens, New Brunswick, NJ, US

> Francesca Gay, Torino, IT

> Gloria Iacoboni, Barcelona, ES

> Won Seog Kim, Seoul, KR

> Grzegorz S. Nowakowski, Rochester, MN, US

> Jessica Okosun, London, UK

> Sonali M. Smith, Chicago, IL, US

> Steven P. Treon, Boston, MA, US

## CHALLENGING CASES DISCUSSION SESSIONS:

### Aggressive B-cell lymphomas

Chair: Ranjana H. Advani, Palo Alto, CA (USA)

Presenter: Maria Cristina Piroso, Bellinzona, CH

Discussants: Brad Kahl, Saint Louis, MO, US, Laurie Sehn, Vancouver, CA, Lena Specht, Copenhagen, DK

### Difficult Pathological Cases

Chair: Elias Campo, Barcelona, ES

Presenters: Federico Jauk, Bellinzona, CH and Emanuele Zucca, Bellinzona, CH

Discussants: Stephan Dirnhofer, Basel, CH, Leticia Quintanilla-Martinez, Tübingen, DE



## **Indolent NHLs and CLL**

Chair: Jonathan Friedberg, Rochester, NY, US

Presenter: Adalgisa Condoluci, Bellinzona, CH

Discussants: Jonathan Friedberg, Rochester, NY, US, David C. Hodgson, Toronto, CA, Michael Hallek, Cologne, DE

## **Paediatric lymphomas**

Panelists: Amos Burke, Birmingham, UK, Francesco Ceppi, Lausanne, CH, Lara Mussolin, Padua, IT, Wilhelm

Wössmann, Hamburg, DE

## **T-cell lymphomas**

Chair: Won Seog Kim, Seoul, KR

Presenter: Ilaria Romano, Bellinzona, CH

Discussants: Won Seog Kim, Seoul, KR, Kerry J. Savage, Vancouver, CA, Pier Luigi Zinzani, Bologna, IT