

Thursday, 25 September 2025

12:30
16:30 Registration

Welcome Session

13:30 –
14:30 Opening Remarks (President of ESPCR, Congress Chair)

Fritz Anders Medal (Manfred Scharl)

14:30 – 16:00 **Session 1: Melanosomes, melanin biochemistry**

(Chairs: Graça Raposo, Dvir Gur)

14:30 – 14:50	From melanosome biogenesis to intercellular communication (Educational Talk)	Graça Raposo
14:50 – 15:05	Genetic and biochemical regulation of crystal formation in pigment cells (Long Talk)	Dvir Gur
15:05 – 15:15	Short talk (from abstracts)	NN
15:15 – 15:25	Short talk (from abstracts)	NN
15:25 – 15:35	Short talk (from abstracts)	NN
15:35 – 15:50	Shedding light on the Aryl Hydrocarbon Receptor roles in pigmentation	Pedro Moura-Alves
16:00 – 16:30	<i>Refreshments</i>	

16:30 – 18:15 **Session 2: Melanocyte development and differentiation**

(Chairs: Kerrie Marie, Miguel Seabra)

16:30 – 16:50	Cross-talk between melanocytes and keratinocytes in the skin (Educational Talk)	Miguel Seabra
16:50 – 17:05	Embryonic gene module re-expression in melanoma yields insights into a Hdac2-driven mechanism of plastic adaptation (Long Talk)	Kerrie Marie
17:05 – 17:15	Short talk (from abstracts)	NN
17:15 – 17:25	Short talk (from abstracts)	NN

17:50 – 18:15	Pigment cell formation from the zebrafish neural crest (Long Talk)	Robert Kelsh
17:40 – 17:50	Short talk (from abstracts)	NN
18:00 – 18:15	Determinants of melanocyte heterogeneity (Long Talk)	Richard White
18:15 – 18:30	short break	
18:30 – 19:15	Flash talks session #1 (Poster teasers)	
19:15 – 21:00	Welcome reception, POSTER SESSION #1	
Registration		

Session 3: Melanocytic nevi and tumor development

**8:30 –
10:30**

(Chairs: Heather Etchevers, Lukas Sommer)

8:30 – 8:50	Seeds of Cancer: How Malignant Cells and Their Environment Spark Tumor Initiation (Educational Talk)	Lukas Sommer
8:55 – 9:10	A mouse MITF suppressor mutation and melanoma (Long Talk)	Eirikur Steingrimsdottir
9:15 – 9:25	Short talk (from abstracts)	NN
9:25 – 9:35	Short talk (from abstracts)	NN
9:35 – 9:50	Monitoring and mitigating cancer cell plasticity to overcome therapy resistance in melanoma (Long Talk)	Chris Marine
9:50 – 10:00	Short talk (from abstracts)	NN
10:00 – 10:15	Identity crisis: stemness in the human melanocyte lineage (Long Talk)	Heather Etchevers
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Refreshments</i>	

Session 4: Albinism, Cutaneous mosaicism and further hereditary pigm. Disorders

**11:00 –
12:30**

(Chairs: Lluís Montoliu)

11:00 – 11:20	Albinism: beyond hypopigmentation (Educational Talk)	Lluís Montoliu
11:20 – 11:35	Albinism, Culture, and Society. An Approach to Albinism from a Social and Interactional Perspective (Long Talk)	Jose Antonio Solves Almela
11:35 – 11:45	Short talk (from abstracts)	NN
11:45 – 11:55	Short talk (from abstracts)	NN
11:55 – 12:10	Albinism genetics: not so black and white (Long Talk)	Panos Sergouniotis
12:10 – 12:20	Short talk (from abstracts)	NN
12:30 – 13:00	Flash talk session #2: Poster teasers	
13:00 – 14:30	POSTER SESSION #2 – Lunch	

Session 5: Vitiligo, hair graying, further acq. pigment. Disorders

**14:00 –
15:40**

(Chairs: Meri Tulic, Mauro Picardo)

14:00 – 14:20	tba (Educational Talk)	Mauro Picardo
14:20 – 14:35	New aspects of vitiligo: Trained immunity and immune-biological changes during therapy (Long Talk)	Rosalie Luiten
14:35 – 14:45	Short talk (from abstracts)	NN
14:45 – 14:55	Short talk (from abstracts)	NN
15:00 – 15:15	Vitiligo as an emerging topic for Health Services Research in Germany – current status and future directions (Long Talk)	Markus Böhm
15:15 – 15:25	Short talk (from abstracts)	NN
15:25 – 15:40	Early Repigmentation Approach for Stopping the Evolution of vitiligo: A prospective multicentric translational study (Long Talk)	Meri Tulic

15:40 – 16:10	<i>Refreshments</i>	NN
<u>16:10 – 16:30</u>	Session 6: Transcriptional and posttranscript. Regulation, (epi-)genetics (Chairs: Panagiotis Karras, Marie-Dominique Galibert)	
16:10 – 16:30	From Gene Expression to Epigenetics: Regulatory Mechanisms Fueling Melanoma Pathogenesis (<i>Educational Talk</i>)	Marie-Dominique Galibert
16:30 – 16:45	Dissecting intratumor heterogeneity in melanoma metastasis (<i>Long Talk</i>)	Panagiotis Karras
16:50 – 17:00	Short talk (from abstracts)	NN
17:00 – 17:10	Short talk (from abstracts)	NN
17:15 – 17:30	All that Remains: Melanoma Residual Disease and Disease Recurrence (<i>Long Talk</i>)	Liz Patton
17:30 – 17:40	Short talk (from abstracts)	NN
17:40 – 17:55	LncRNAs in melanoma therapy resistance (<i>Long Talk</i>)	Eleonora Leucci
18:00 – 19:00	<i>ESPCR General Assembly</i>	
19:30	<i>Award Dinner</i>	

Saturday, 27 September 2025

8:00 – 9:30 Registration

9:00 – 10:45 Session 7: Melanoma metastasis

(Chairs: Luisa Lanfranccone, Colin Goding)

9:00 – 9:20	Phenotype-switching and Melanoma metastasis (<i>Educational Talk</i>)	Colin Goding
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9:20 – 9:35	Targeting metabolic liabilities in cancer metastasis (Long Talk)	Alpaslan Tasdogan
9:35 – 9:45	Short talk (from abstracts)	NN
9:45 – 9:55	Short talk (from abstracts)	NN
10:00 – 10:15	MyD88 plays a crucial role in promoting the dissemination of melanoma cells (Long Talk)	Luisa Lanfranccone
10:15 – 10:25	Short talk (from abstracts)	NN
10:25 – 10:40	Melanosomes role in melanoma immunity	Carmit Levy
10:45 – 11:15	<i>Refreshments</i>	

Session 8: Therapeutic options for pigment cell disease

11:15 - 12:50

(Chairs: Carola Berking, Corinne Bertolotto)

11:15 – 11:35	Melanoma Therapy: Chances and Challenges (Educational Talk)	Carola Berking
11:35 – 11:50	Synergistic effects of thiopurines and immune checkpoint inhibitors in melanoma therapy (Long Talk)	Daniela de Zio
11:50 – 12:00	Short talk (from abstracts)	NN
12:00 – 12:10	Short talk (from abstracts)	NN
12:10 – 12:20	Short talk (from abstracts)	NN
12:20 – 12:35	The molecular mechanisms involved in uveal melanoma (Long Talk)	Corinne Bertolotto
12:50 – 13:20	Key Note Speech	Marisol Soengas

Concluding Remarks

13:20 – 13:30	(President of ESPCR, Congress Chair ESPCR 2025, Congress Chair 2027)	
13:30	End of ESPCR 2025 annual meeting	