

PADOVA MEETING 2026
FUTURE OF ALCL: NOVEL THERAPIES, ORIGINS, BIO-MARKERS
AND MECHANISM OF RESISTANCE
7th - 9th September 2026

 **PALAZZO DELLA SALUTE**
VIA SAN FRANCESCO 90,
35121 PADUA, ITALY

DAY 1 - Monday, 7th September 2026

	12:30 – 13:30	Arrival and Light Lunch
	13:30 – 14:40	Opening Remarks and Organization Detail - Suzanne Turner - University of Cambridge, UK and Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic - Lara Mussolin - University of Padova, Italy Welcome Address - Alessandra Biffi - Director of the Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Clinic , University of Padova, Italy
	13:40 – 14:00	Back to the future: the diagnosis of pediatric lymphoma in the multiomics era - Invited local speaker: Marco Pizzi, University of Padova, Italy
	14:00 – 14:20	Teaching Machines to Read Lymphomas - Invited local speaker: Luca Vedovelli , University of Padova, Italy
	14:20 – 14:40	Development of a TME-based Immunoscore as a prognostic and predictive biomarker for ALCL - Magdalena Kršić - University Clinic, Munich, Germany
	14:40 – 15:00	Investigating the role of STAT5 in ALCL pathogenesis - Stefania Massari - MedUni Vienna/University, Hospital, Vienna, Austri
	14:20 – 14:40	Oncogenic TYK2 fusions: Discovery and mechanistic basis of a new taxonomic entity and targetable vulnerability in T cell lymphoma - Invited speaker: Jack Liang - Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York
	15:00 – 15:15	Coffee break
	16:00 – 16:20	Investigating the role of the T cell receptor (TCR) in ALCL pathogenesis towards the development of an innovative therapeutic approach - Carla Vasquez-Amos - University of Cambridge, United Kingdom
	16:20 – 16:40	Establishment of ALK-autoantibodies, T cell responses against ALK and cell-free DNA as biomarkers and for response monitoring of patients with ALCL - Will Shephard - University Clinic Hamburg-Eppendorf, Germany
	16:40 – 17:00	Epigenetics of ALCL Drug Resistance - Katarina Misura - MedUni Vienna/University, Hospital Vienna, Austria
	17:00 – 17:30	Interplay of EZH2, G9A, and DNMT1 in Epigenetic Silencing of Core Genes in NPM1::ALK-Transformed T Cells - Invited speaker: Cosimo Lobello - Medical University of Vienna
	18:00 – 19:00	Historical walking tour
	20:00 – 23:00	Dinner at the historic Caffè Pedrocchi - Via VIII Febbraio 15, Padua

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DAY 2 - Tuesday, 8th September 2026

9:00 – 9:20	STAT1 as tumor suppressor and potential therapy target in Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma - Nicola Mora - MedUni Vienna/University, Hospital - Vienna, Austria
9:20 – 9:40	Investigating the diverse microenvironment of ALCL and its effects on the sub-clonal heterogeneity of tumours - Aiindrila Dhara - Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic
9:40 – 10:00	Integration of clonal evolution and single-cell mutational and expression profiles in ALK+ ALCL - Julia Montague - University of Milano-Bicocca, Milan, Italy
10:00 – 10:30	Decoding the relationship between inter-patient bone marrow microenvironment heterogeneity and clinical outcome - Invited Speaker: Nina Prokoph - Heidelberg
 10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 11:20	Validation of bypass mechanisms of resistance to ALK TKIs in ALCL - Enrique Abarca Rios - Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic
11:20 – 11:40	Identification of new biomarkers of disease resistance in ALCL of Childhood - Rebekka Salzmänn - University of Padova, Italy
11:40 – 12:20	Role of FBX045 E3 ubiquitin ligase in lymphoma - Invited Speaker: Kojo Elenitoba - Johnson, MSKCC, New York
 12:20 – 14:20	Lunch and speed-networking session
14:20 – 14:35	Opportunities with the European Haematology Association (EHA) - Invited Speaker: Francesco Cerisoli
14:35 – 14:55	Zebrafish Avatar: Bridging Bench and Bedside in Precision Oncology - Invited local speaker: Diana Corallo , Pediatric Research Institute FCS, Padova
14:35 – 14:55	Plasticity of Tumor Cells: A Paradigm Shift in Pediatric Neuroblastoma - Invited local speaker: Sanja Aveic , Pediatric Research Institute FCS, Padova
15:15 – 15:30	Closing remarks - Scientific Advisory Board (Prof Megan Lim , Prof Mariusz Wasik) - Suzanne Turner

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DAY 3 - September 9th, Business and Science Workshop (students only)

9:00 – 16:00 Alexandra Huener, The Milner Institute and Kurt Pike, Johnson and Johnson

9:00 – 9:45 **From Research to Innovation: how to manage your Intellectual Property Rights**
- Davide Ederle - Paediatric Research Institute, Fondazione Città della Speranza, Padova (Italy)

9:45 – 10:45 **Innovation Starts with "What If?"**
- Alexandra Huener - Milner Therapeutics Institute, University of Cambridge, UK



10:30 – 11:00

Coffee break

11:15 – 11:45 **Innovation & Entrepreneurship: Opportunities and Next Steps**
- Alexandra Huener - Milner Therapeutics Institute, University of Cambridge, UK

11:45 – 12:15 **Sourcing funding**
- Alexandra Huener - Milner Therapeutics Institute, University of Cambridge, UK

11:40 – 12:20 **Building Partnerships with Pharma**
- Kurt Pike - JNJ Innovation, Senior Director, Discovery Product Development & Supply (DPDS)



13:00 – 14:00

Lunch

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