

20th Belgian Symposium on the Integration of Molecular Biology Advances into Oncology Clinical Practice

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Friday 20th November 2026 - Afternoon

Post – MASCC Session

	12:00 - 12:30	REGISTRATION – WELCOME COFFEE
	12:30 - 12:35	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION - Jean Klastersky & Fatima Moujahid (Bordet H.U.B)
12:35 – 14:50 Chairs : J. Klastersky / F. Moujahid (Bordet H.U.B)	12:35 - 13:00	How can we use the microbiome to better predict and manage the side effects of cancer therapies - To be defined
	13:00 - 13:25	Digital Health in Supportive Care: Shifting from Reactive to Predictive - Mario Di Palma (IGR, France)
	13:25 - 13:50	Towards Precision Antiemetic Care: From Predictive Tools to Targeted Therapies - Paulien West (UZ Gent)
	13:50 - 14:15	Acupuncture in Supportive Oncology: Evidence and Clinical Applications - Lionel D'Hondt (CHU UCL Namur)
	14:15 - 14:40	Sexual and Gender Minorities in Oncology: Understanding Experiences, Improving Care - Blandine Jelli (Bordet H.U.B)
	14:40 - 14:50	CLOSING REMARKS - Jean Klastersky & Fatima Moujahid (Bordet H.U.B)

Young Session

13:30 - 14:00	REGISTRATION - WELCOME COFFEE
14:00 - 14:20	From Draft to Publication: Tips, Tricks, and AI Tools for Manuscript Writing - To be defined
14:20 - 14:40	From Slides to Delivery: Tips, Tricks, and AI Tools for Effective Oral Presentations - Luca Invernizzi (Istituto Nazionale dei Tumori, Milan, Italy)
14:40 - 15:00	Round table and Q&A : Cédric van Marcke (UCLouvain), Anouk Goudsmit (Bordet H.U.B), Thierry Berghmans, (Bordet H.U.B), Evandro de Azambuja (Bordet H.U.B)

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General session

	14:30 – 15:00	REGISTRATION + WELCOME COFFEE
	15:00 - 15:05	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION - Laurence Buisseret (Bordet H.U.B)
	15:05 - 15:30	KEYNOTE LECTURE : 20 Years of Oncology Innovation: Lessons & Future Directions - Ahmad Awada (Oncodistinct - CHIREC)
	15:30 - 15:35	Q&A
15:35 - 16:45 Chairs : M. Ignatiadis / N. Kotecki (Bordet H.U.B)		Reinventing Clinical Research in Oncology
	15:35 - 15:55	Clinical Trials 2030: How should ideal future precision oncology platform trials and data collection initiatives look like? - Kjetil Tasken (Oslo University Hospital and University of Oslo)
	15:55 - 16:15	AI-powered oncology drug development: From biomarker discovery to trial optimization - Luca Invernizzi (Istituto Nazionale dei Tumori, Milan, Italy)
	16:15 - 16:35	Beyond randomization: Platform, basket and adaptive trials in precision oncology - Philippe Aftimos (Bordet H.U.B)
	16:35 - 16:45	Q&A
	16:45 - 17:15	COFFEE BREAK
17:15 - 18:35 Chairs : A. Gombos (Bordet H.U.B) / Pierre Freres (CHU Liège)		Emerging Therapies
	17:15 - 17:30	Cancer Vaccines – How mRNA vaccines work and why they matter in oncology - Sophie Lucas (UCLouvain)
	17:30 - 17:45	Cancer Vaccines in the Clinic: where do we stand across tumor types? - Bart Neyns (UZ Brussel)
	17:45 - 18:05	Bispecific Antibodies – 'Redefining targeting strategies in oncology' - Mariana Brandao (Bordet H.U.B)
	18:05 - 18:25	Cell Therapies – From hematology to solid tumors: where do we stand? - Sébastien Anguille (UZA)
	18:25 - 18:35	Q&A

BITOX session

18:35 - 19:45 Chair : M. Verhaert (AZ Sint-Maria Halle - BITOX)	18:35 - 18:55	Toxicity of T cell engagers - Iris Dirven (UZB)
	18:55 - 19:15	From rescue to prophylaxis: second-line immunosuppression to uncouple efficacy and toxicity of immune checkpoint inhibitors - Maxime Ilzkovitz & Louis Wolff (Bordet H.U.B)
	19:15 - 19:35	Patient centered approach of chronic rheumatological toxicity - Alice Tison (CHU Brest, France)
	19:35 - 19:45	Q&A
	19:45 - 19:55	CLOSING REMARKS - Michael Ignatiadis (Bordet H.U.B)
	19:55 - 21:30	NETWORKING WALKING DINNER

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Saturday 21st November 2026 - Morning

General session

	08:30 - 09:00	REGISTRATION + WELCOME COFFEE
	09:00 - 09:05	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION – Michail Ignatiadis (Bordet H.U.B)
9:05 - 10:10 Chairs : L. Buisseret (Bordet H.U.B) / M. Morfouace (EORTC - IGR)		IMMUcan : Integrated iMMUUnoprofiling of large adaptive CANcer patient cohorts
	09:05 - 09:10	General Introduction : The IMMUcan Consortium - Stephane Lejeune (EORTC)
	09:10 - 09:25	Breast cohort - Elisa Agostinetti & Christos Sotiriou (Bordet H.U.B)
	09:25 - 09:40	Head & Neck - Athénaïs van der Elst & Jean-Pascal Machiels (UCLouvain)
	09:40 - 10:00	RCC/Lung cohort & Colon - Jeremy Blanc (Bordet H.U.B) & Marie Morfouace (EORTC-IGR, France)
	10:00 - 10:10	Q&A
10:10 - 10:25 Chair : S. Rottey (UGent)		Winners Pfizer Oncology & Hematology Award 2026
	10:25 - 11:00	COFFEE BREAK
11:00 - 11:50 Chairs : W. Lybaert (VITAZ - UZA) / A. Awada (Oncodistinct - CHIREC)		Targeting the 'Undruggable' Targets
	11:00 - 11:20	BruPaCT – Translational pancreas biology, RAS context, tumour plasticity, resistance - Jean-Luc Van Laethem (Bordet H.U.B)
	11:20 - 11:40	RAS inhibition in pancreatic cancer: what changes for clinical practice? - Jeroen Dekervel, (UZ Leuven)
	11:40 - 11:50	Q&A
11:50 - 12:20 Chairs : P. Aftimos (Bordet H.U.B) / B. Maes (Jessa Hospital)		Precision Medicine Updates
	11:50 - 12:05	National MTB update - David Schroder (GHDC)
	12:05 - 12:20	Liquid Biopsy multi-gene NGS panel – a new reality in Belgium - Brigitte Maes (Jessa Hospital)
	12:20 - 12:35	Actionable is not binary: practical solutions towards functional precision oncology - Cédric van Marcke (UCLouvain)
	12:35 - 12:45	Q&A
	12:45 - 12:55	Oncology News in Belgium - Evandro de Azambuja (BSMO President)
	12:55 - 13:05	CLOSING REMARKS