

Friday, 4th of May 2012

09.00 a.m. Welcome and introduction
Barbara Seliger (Halle)

Session: Immune escape I
Chair: Soldano Ferrone

09.15 – 09.45 a.m.
Federico Garrido (Granada - E)
Hard and soft MHC molecular lesions in tumor cells:
Implications for tumor rejection and escape

09.45 – 10.15 a.m.
Mepur Ravindranath (Los Angeles - USA)
Importance of immunogenicity of HLA-E in oncology

10.15 – 10.35 a.m.
Matthias Kloor (Heidelberg - D)
The immunophenotype of mismatch repair-deficient
cancers

10.35 – 11.00 a.m. Coffee break

Session: Immune escape II
Chair: Federico Garrido

11.00 – 11.30 a.m.
Barbara Seliger (Halle - D)
The yin and yang of HLA class I abnormalities in
tumors

11.30 – 12.00 p.m.
Paschen, Annette (Essen - D)
Expression, regulation and clinical significance of
stress-inducible NKG2D ligands in malignant melano-
ma

12.00 - 12.30 a.m.
Ofer Mandelboim (Jerusalem - IL)
Manipulation of innate immune recognition by cellular
and by viral microRNAs

12.30 – 01.30 p.m. Lunch break

Session: Immune suppression and immune response
Chair: Costas Baxevanis

01.30 – 02.00 p.m.
Francesco Marincola (Bethesda - USA)
Identifying the appropriate strategy to understand tu-
mor immune responsiveness

02.00 – 02.30 p.m.
Rolf Kiessling (Stockholm - S)
Counteracting tumor-induced immune suppression

02.30 – 03.00 p.m.
Ralph Mocikat (Munich - D)
Recruitment and activation of natural killer cells in
a mouse model of endogenously arising B-cell
lymphoma

03.00 – 03.30 p.m. Coffee break

Session: Immunotherapeutic strategies I
Chair: Franco Marincola

03.30 – 04.00 p.m.
Peter Brossart (Bonn - D)
Development of RNA-based vaccines

04.00 – 04.45 p.m.
Per Thor Straten (Herlev - DK)
Melanoma immunotherapy by transfer of *in vitro* ex-
panded tumor infiltrating lymphocytes

04.45 – 05.15 p.m.
Michele Maio (Siena - I)
Anti-CTLA4 therapy in melanoma

05.15 – 05.45 p.m.
Costas Baxevanis (Athens - G)
Strategies for improving the efficacy of therapeutic
cancer vaccines

Saturday, 5th of May 2012

Session: Tumor microenvironment + immune response
Chair: Rolf Kiessling

08.30 – 09.00 a.m.
Viktor Umansky (Mannheim – D)
Modulation of immunosuppression in melanoma micro-
environment induced by chronic inflammation

09.00 – 09.20 a.m.
Elfriede Noessner (Munich - D)
Suppression of cytotoxic effector cells in the tumor
milieu and possibilities for reversion

09.20 – 09.50 a.m.
Joerg Wischhusen (Wuerzburg - D)
Interactions between NK and breast cancer cells: elimi-
nation, escape and EMT

09.50 – 10.20 a.m. Coffee break

Session: Immunotherapeutic strategies II
Chair: Per Thor Straten

10.20 – 10.50 a.m.
Keynote speaker
Hans-Georg Rammensee (Tuebingen - D)
Peptide antigen characterization for clinical immuno-
therapy studies

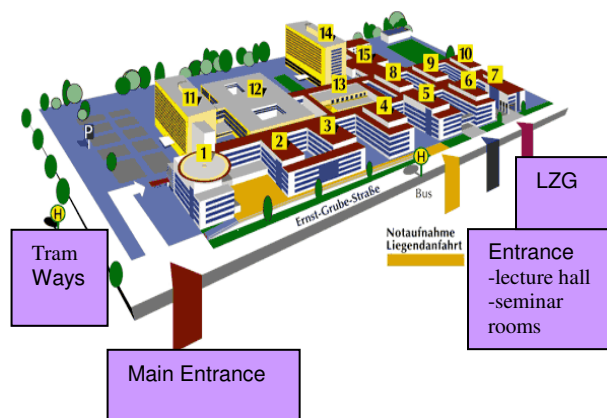
10.50 – 11.20 a.m.
Soldano Ferrone (Pittsburgh - USA)
Combinatorial therapy for the treatment of malignant
diseases

11.20 – 11.50 a.m.
Anne Letsch (Berlin - D)
Analysis of resistance mechanisms in the context of
WT-1-peptide vaccination

11.50 – 12.00 p.m. Closing remarks

Meeting location:

Martin Luther University
University Hospital (Halle-Kroellwitz)
Ernst-Grube-Strasse 40; 06120 Halle
Building 6, Lecture Hall



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