

Tentative Program

AACR on Campus-Malaysia (AACRoC-MY) - KUCHING

Date: 13th-14th November 2025

Venue: Ranyai Ballroom, Level 4, The Waterfront Hotel, Kuching, Sarawak

Day 1: 13th November 2025 (Thursday)

8.00 – 9.00 am	Registration
9.00 – 9.15 am	Opening and arrival of Guest of Honour
9.15 – 9.20 am	Welcome speech by Chairperson <i>Prof. Dr. Cheong Sok Ching, Cancer Research Malaysia</i>
9.20 – 9.25 am	Opening remark by Past President of AACR <i>Prof. Dr. Elizabeth M. Jaffee, Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins</i>
9.25 – 9.40 am	Opening speech by Guest of Honour <i>Datuk Amar Prof. Dr. Sim Kui Hian, Deputy Premier of Sarawak, Minister of Public Health, Housing and Local Government, Sarawak</i>
9.40 – 10.00 am	Officiating ceremony and photo session
10.00 – 11.00 am	SESSION 1: ADVANCEMENT AND INNOVATION IN CANCER IMMUNOTHERAPY
10.00 - 10.10 am	Topic introduction by local expert Prof. Edmund Sim Ui Hang, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS)
10.10 – 10.40am	“Advancement of cancer immunotherapy: focusing on cancer vaccines and immune checkpoint inhibitors” Professor Dr. Elizabeth M. Jaffee, Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins
10.40 - 11.00 am	Q&A and discussion

11.00 – 11.30 am	Coffee Break and Poster Session
11.30 – 12.30 pm	SESSION 2: LEVERAGING CANCER GENOMICS FOR PRECISION ONCOLOGY
11.30 – 11.40am	Topic introduction by local expert Dr. Mohamad Hazwan Fikri, Cancer Research Malaysia
11.40 – 12.10pm	“Transforming precision oncology by unlocking the power of cancer genomics in the era of AI” Dr. Paul C. Boutros, UCLA Health Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center
12.10 – 12.30pm	Q&A and discussion
12.30 – 2.00 pm	Networking Lunch & Poster Session
1.15 – 2.00 pm	Poster session
2.00 – 3.00 pm	SESSION 3: EARLY DETECTION, PREVENTION, SCREENING AND IMPLEMENTATION
2.00 – 2.10 pm	Topic introduction by local expert Prof. Dr. Cheong Sok Ching, Cancer Research Malaysia
2.10 – 2.40 pm	“Effective strategies in cancer prevention, screening and implementation” Professor Dr. Electra D. Paskett, The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center
2.40 – 3.00 pm	Q&A and discussion
3.00 – 4.00 pm	SESSION 4: INNOVATIONS AND BEST PRACTICES IN EARLY CLINICAL TRIAL DESIGN
3.00 – 3.10 pm	Topic introduction by local expert Dr. Voon Pei Jye, Sarawak General Hospital

3.10 – 3.40 pm	“Latest innovations, best practices and challenges in early-phase clinical trial design” Dr. Timothy Yap, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
3.40 – 4.00 pm	Q&A and discussion
4.00 – 4.30 pm	Coffee Break and Poster Session
4.30 – 5.15 pm	SESSION 5: PANEL DISCUSSION - CANCER DISPARITIES, ADVOCACY AND CARE <i>[Chair: Prof. Dr. Cheong Sok Ching, Cancer Research Malaysia]</i> Panel speakers: Professor Dr. Elizabeth M. Jaffee, Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins Professor Dr. Electra D. Paskett, The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center Dr. Veronica Lughah, Sarawak Medical Department, MOH Sarawak Dr. Voon Pei Jye, Sarawak General Hospital Mr. Chris Cheng, Society for Cancer Advocacy and Awareness (SCAN) Session description: <i>This session will explore the global challenges and discuss the economical-social determinants contributing to unequal cancer outcomes, effective advocacy strategies to influence policy changes, and best practices in cancer care delivery. The panelists will share their extensive experiences and diverse perspectives, providing actionable insights and advice tailored to the context of Malaysia and Southeast Asia. This session promises to be a valuable opportunity for local scientists, healthcare professionals, and advocates to learn from global leaders and apply these insights to make a meaningful impact on cancer care in their respective area.</i> Take Home Learning: <i>Attendees will leave with a comprehensive understanding of the factors contributing to cancer disparities, and learn effective advocacy strategies to promote equitable cancer care and influence health policy. They will</i>

	<i>discover best practices and innovative approaches in cancer care that can be adapted to local contexts, and understand the importance of collaboration between researchers, healthcare providers, policymakers, and communities. Attendees will gain valuable knowledge on how to address these challenges in reducing cancer disparities and improving cancer care in their communities. Additionally, attendees will receive practical advice and actionable insights from global experts on implementing strategies to reduce cancer disparities and improve patient outcomes in the region.</i>
5.15 – 5.30 pm	Closing remarks for Day 1

Day 2: 14th November 2025 (Friday)

8.00 – 8.30 am	Check-in
8.30 – 9.30 am	SESSION 6: SCHOLARLY PUBLISHING IN CANCER RESEARCH Title: Scholarly Publishing in Cancer Research Speaker: Dr. Lisa Situ, Assistant Editor of <i>Cancer Discovery</i>, AACR • Publishing in the AACR journals • Writing a manuscript • Navigating the editorial process and peer review
9.30 – 10.30 am	SESSION 7: Successful Grantsmanship and Grants Administration Title: Successful Grantsmanship and Grants Administration Speaker: Dr. Yixian (John) Zhang, Vice President, Research and Grants Administration, AACR ▪ Grant Writing ▪ Grant Application ▪ Assessing Impact

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10.30 – 11.30 am	Coffee Break and Poster Session
11.30 – 12.10 pm	SESSION 8: PANEL SESSION - RESEARCH INTEGRITY IN CANCER RESEARCH Title: The Conduct and Reporting of Sound, Ethical Cancer Science and Related Biosciences <i>[Chair: Asst. Prof. Ts. Dr. Michelle Teo Yee Mun, Young Scientist Network-Academy of Sciences Malaysia (YSN-ASM)]</i> Panel speakers: <i>Dr. Paul C. Boutros, UCLA Health Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center</i> <i>Dr. Timothy Yap, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center</i> <i>Dr. Lisa Situ, Assistant Editor, AACR Cancer Discovery</i> <i>Dr. Yixian (John) Zhang, Vice President, Research and Grants Administration, AACR</i> <i>Dr. Annie Chai, Chairperson, AACR GSITA Alumni Committee (GSAC); Cancer Research Malaysia</i> • Conflicts of Interest • Data Management Practices • Mentor and Trainee Responsibilities • Emerging Applications of Artificial Intelligence in Cancer Science • Participant Diversity and Inclusion • Participant Rights and Well-Being
12.10 – 12.50 pm	SESSION 9: DEFEATING CANCER THROUGH GLOBAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING: AN INDUSTRIAL PERSPECTIVE • [TBD] Panel discussion among industrial representatives on talent recruitment, resources to support young scientists' training etc

1.00 – 2.00 pm	Lunch
2.00 – 3.30 pm	Poster and networking session
3.30 – 4.30 pm	Closing and award ceremony