

## **Tentative Program**

### **AACR on Campus-Malaysia (AACRoC-MY) – KUALA LUMPUR**

**Date:** 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> November 2025

**Venue:** Auditorium at Nexus, Level 3A, Connexion Conference & Event Centre (CCEC),  
Kuala Lumpur

#### **Day 1: 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025 (Monday)**

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| <b>8.00 – 9.00 am</b>   | <b>Registration</b>                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>9.00 – 9.15 am</b>   | <b>Opening and arrival of Guest of Honour</b>                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>9.15 – 9.20 am</b>   | <b>Welcome speech by Chairperson</b><br><i>Prof. Dr. Cheong Sok Ching, Cancer Research Malaysia</i>                                                                                           |
| <b>9.20 – 9.25 am</b>   | <b>Opening remark by Past President of AACR</b><br><i>Prof. Dr. Elizabeth M. Jaffee, Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins</i>                                                         |
| <b>9.25 – 9.40 am</b>   | <b>Opening speech by Guest of Honour</b><br><i>[TBC]</i>                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>9.40 – 10.00 am</b>  | <b>Officiating ceremony and photo session</b>                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>10.00 – 11.00 am</b> | <b>SESSION 1: ADVANCEMENT AND INNOVATION IN CANCER IMMUNOTHERAPY</b>                                                                                                                          |
| 10.00 - 10.10 am        | <b>Topic introduction by local expert</b><br>Dr Kue Peng Lim, Cancer Research Malaysia                                                                                                        |
| 10.10 – 10.40am         | <b>“Advancement of cancer immunotherapy: focusing on cancer vaccines and immune checkpoint inhibitors”</b><br>Professor Dr. Elizabeth M. Jaffee, Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins |
| 10.40 - 11.00 am        | <b>Q&amp;A and discussion</b>                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <b>11.00 – 11.30 am</b> | <b>Coffee Break and Poster Session</b>                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>11.30 – 12.30 pm</b> | <b>SESSION 2: LEVERAGING CANCER GENOMICS FOR PRECISION ONCOLOGY</b>                                                                                                         |
| 11.30 – 11.40am         | <b>Topic introduction by local expert</b><br>Dr. Mohd Suffian Azizan, Cancer Research Malaysia                                                                              |
| 11.40 – 12.10pm         | <b>“Transforming precision oncology by unlocking the power of cancer genomics in the era of AI”</b><br>Dr. Paul C. Boutros, UCLA Health Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center |
| 12.10 – 12.30pm         | <b>Q&amp;A and discussion</b>                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>12.30 – 2.00 pm</b>  | <b>Networking Lunch &amp; Poster Session</b>                                                                                                                                |
| 1.15 – 2.00 pm          | <b>Poster session</b>                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>2.00 – 3.00 pm</b>   | <b>SESSION 3: EARLY DETECTION, PREVENTION, SCREENING AND IMPLEMENTATION</b>                                                                                                 |
| 2.00 – 2.10 pm          | <b>Topic introduction by local expert</b><br>Prof. Nur Aishah Mohd Taib, Universiti Malaya                                                                                  |
| 2.10 – 2.40 pm          | <b>“Effective strategies in cancer prevention, screening and implementation”</b><br>Professor Dr. Electra D. Paskett, The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center |
| 2.40 – 3.00 pm          | <b>Q&amp;A and discussion</b>                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>3.00 – 4.00 pm</b>   | <b>SESSION 4: INNOVATIONS AND BEST PRACTICES IN EARLY CLINICAL TRIAL DESIGN</b>                                                                                             |
| 3.00 – 3.10 pm          | <b>Topic introduction by local expert</b><br>Dr. Akhmal Yusof, Clinical Research Malaysia                                                                                   |

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| 3.10 – 3.40 pm        | <b>“Latest innovations, best practices and challenges in early-phase clinical trial design”</b><br>Dr. Timothy Yap, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 3.40 – 4.00 pm        | <b>Q&amp;A and discussion</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>4.00 – 4.30 pm</b> | <b>Coffee Break and Poster Session</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 4.30 – 5.15 pm        | <p><b>SESSION 5: PANEL DISCUSSION - CANCER DISPARITIES, ADVOCACY AND CARE</b><br/> <i>[Chair: Prof. Dr. Cheong Sok Ching, Cancer Research Malaysia]</i></p> <p><b>Panel speakers:</b><br/>         Professor Dr. Elizabeth M. Jaffee, Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins<br/>         Professor Dr. Electra D. Paskett, The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center<br/>         Dr. Izzuna Mudla Mohamed Ghazali (Medical Development Division Head, Malaysian Health Technology Assessment Section (MaHTAS, MOH)<br/>         Dr. Ho Gwo Fuang, Curie Oncology Malaysia<br/>         Ms. Lim Kim Foong, Breast Cancer Welfare Association Malaysia</p> <p><b>Session description:</b><br/> <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></p> <p><b>Take Home Learning:</b><br/> <i>Attendees will leave with a comprehensive understanding of the factors contributing to cancer disparities, and learn effective advocacy strategies to</i></p> |

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|                | <i>promote equitable cancer care and influence health policy. They will 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: 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025 (Tuesday)**

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| 8.00 – 8.30 am  | Check-in                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 8.30 – 9.30 am  | <p><b>SESSION 6: SCHOLARLY PUBLISHING IN CANCER RESEARCH</b></p> <p><b>Title:</b> Scholarly Publishing in Cancer Research</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Dr. Lisa Situ, Assistant Editor of <i>Cancer Discovery</i>, AACR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Publishing in the AACR journals</li> <li>• Writing a manuscript</li> <li>• Navigating the editorial process and peer review</li> </ul> |
| 9.30 – 10.30 am | <p><b>SESSION 7: Successful Grantsmanship and Grants Administration</b></p> <p><b>Title:</b> Successful Grantsmanship and Grants Administration</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Dr. Yixian (John) Zhang, Vice President, Research and Grants Administration, AACR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Grant Writing</li> <li>▪ Grant Application</li> </ul>                                           |

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|                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Assessing Impact</li> <li>▪ AACR Grants and Awards Programs</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>10.30 – 11.30 am</b> | <b>Coffee Break and Poster Session</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>11.30 – 12.10 pm</b> | <p><b>SESSION 8: PANEL SESSION - RESEARCH INTEGRITY IN CANCER RESEARCH</b></p> <p><b>Title:</b> The Conduct and Reporting of Sound, Ethical Cancer Science and Related Biosciences</p> <p><i>[Chair: Professor Dr Mai Chun Wai, Young Scientist Network-Academy of Sciences Malaysia (YSN-ASM)]</i></p> <p><b>Panel speakers:</b><br/> <i>Dr. Paul C. Boutros, UCLA Health Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center</i><br/> <i>Dr. Timothy Yap, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center</i><br/> <i>Dr. Lisa Situ, Assistant Editor, AACR Cancer Discovery</i><br/> <i>Dr. Yixian (John) Zhang, Vice President, Research and Grants Administration, AACR</i><br/> <i>Dr. Annie Chai, Chairperson, AACR GSITA Alumni Committee (GSAC); Cancer Research Malaysia</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conflicts of Interest</li> <li>• Data Management Practices</li> <li>• Mentor and Trainee Responsibilities</li> <li>• Emerging Applications of Artificial Intelligence in Cancer Science</li> <li>• Participant Diversity and Inclusion</li> <li>• Participant Rights and Well-Being</li> </ul> |
| <b>12.10 – 12.50 pm</b> | <p><b>SESSION 9: DEFEATING CANCER THROUGH GLOBAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING: AN INDUSTRIAL PERSPECTIVE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>[TBD]</b> Panel discussion among industrial representatives on talent recruitment, resources to support young scientists' training etc</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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| <b>1.00 – 2.00 pm</b> | <b>Lunch</b>                         |
| <b>2.00 – 3.30 pm</b> | <b>Poster and networking session</b> |
| <b>3.30 – 4.30 pm</b> | <b>Closing and award ceremony</b>    |