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The main goal of the Foundation is to promote scientific research for the struggle against diseases that afflict mankind by means of awarding prizes to scientists who are meritorious in the various fields of medicine. Since its constitution, the Pezcoller Foundation, as its founder stated, dedicated particular attention to Oncology supporting the research and struggle against tumors.

**Program**

**June 27, 2006**

8.00 Registration
8.30 Pezcoller Foundation Officers & Enrico Milhez
8.45 Robert Wemheug

**AM, Session I, Matrix Modeling**

Moderator: Lynn Matrisian
9:30 Harold Moses
10:00 Discussion
10:30 Coffee Break
10:45 Francesco Biasi
11:00 Discussion
11:30 Lynn Matrisian
12:00 Discussion
12:00 Lunch

**PM, Session II, Inflammation and Tumor Stroma**

Moderator: Alberto Mantovani
14:00 Soldano Ferrone
14:30 Discussion
15:00 Fran Balkwill
15:30 Discussion
16:00 Coffee Break
16:30 Lisa Coussens
17:00 Discussion
17:30 Alberto Mantovani
18:00 Discussion
18:30 Adjourn

**June 28, 2006**

AM, Session III, Biology of the Stroma
Moderator: Jeff Pollard
8:00 Jacques Pouyssegur
8:30 Discussion
9:00 Hartmut Beug
9:30 Discussion
10:00 Coffee Break
10:30 Jeff Pollard
11:00 Discussion
11:30 Peter Carmeliet
12:00 Discussion
12:30 - 15:00 Lunch & Poster Session

PM, Session IV, Angiogenesis
Moderator: Douglas Hanahan
15:00 Shahin Rafii
15:30 Discussion
16:00 Rakish Jain
16:30 Discussion
17:00 Douglas Hanahan
17:30 Discussion
18:00 Adjourn
19:00 Symposium Dinner

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AM, Session V, Clinical Relevance
Moderator: Napoleone Ferrara
8:00 Best Posters’ Communications
9:00 Raghu Kalluri
9:30 Discussion
10:00 Coffee Break
10:30 Dario Neri
11:00 Discussion
11:30 Napoleone Ferrara
12:00 Discussion
12:30 Lunch & Adjourn

**Invited Participants**

- Balkwill, Frances
  Barts & The London Queen Mary’s School of Medicine & Dentistry
  London, UK

- Beug, Hartmut
  Institute of Molecular Pathology
  Vienna, Austria

- Blasi, Francesco
  Institute San Raffaele
  Milan, Italy

- Carmeliet, Peter
  University of Leuven
  Leuven, Belgium

- Coussens, Lisa
  University of California
  San Francisco, CA

- Ferrara, Napoleone
  Genentech, Inc - Molecular Oncology
  San Francisco, CA

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  Roswell Park Cancer Institute
  Buffalo, NY
The interactions between tumor cells and their stromal microenvironment are of increasing interest because they affect the biological behavior of cancer by influencing important processes, such as cancer progression and therefore the processes of invasion and metastasis. The symposium will be focused on these heterotypic interactions with particular emphasis on their molecular mechanisms. The roles of TGFβ signaling and of urokinase and matrix-metalloproteinase in matrix remodeling, and the effects of matrix-tumor interactions on cell proliferation and migration will be discussed. The tumor-promoting effects of inflammation and of related host-cell and cytokine functions will be outlined. The signaling mechanisms that affect the biology of the stroma and the mechanisms governing angiogenesis will be debated. Finally, the clinical relevance of the phenomena discussed will be considered with emphasis on the type of intervention that may be useful toward controlling cancer.

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