

**Tentative program:**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> FICAN West Science Day – Translational cancer research co-operation  
24 April 2024, Vierailu- ja innovaatioikeskus Joki, Lemminkäisenkatu 12b, Turku

Registration by April 14: <https://link.webropolsurveys.com/S/4639AA6395F6634D>

8.30-9 Coffee, reception

9-9.15 Opening words: Panu Jaakkola, scientific director of FICAN West

SESSION 1 – New and diverse in melanoma research, *Chair: Maria Sundvall & Rogerio de Figueiredo*

9.15-10.00 Keynote speaker – Menashe Bar-Eli, Department of Cancer Biology, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas  
*"Title TBA"*

10.00-10.30 Micaela Hernberg, HUS Comprehensive Cancer Centre, Helsinki University Hospital  
*"Clinical melanoma trials in Finland during the targeted treatment and immunotherapy era"*

10.30-11.00 Carlos Rogerio de Figueiredo, Institute of Biomedicine, InFLAMES Flagship, University of Turku *"Immune microenvironment of desert tumors: Insights for prognosis and immunotherapy combinations"*

11.00-12.00 LUNCH BREAK

SESSION 2 – Cancer metabolism, biomarkers and prediction models, *Chair: Saara Hämalistö*

12.00-12.30 Tero Aittokallio, Institute for Cancer Research, Oslo University Hospital, Oslo Centre for Biostatistics and Epidemiology, University of Oslo, Institute for Molecular Medicine Finland, HiLIFE, University of Helsinki, iCAN Digital Precision Cancer Medicine Flagship, University of Helsinki, InFLAMES Research Flagship, University of Turku  
*"Predictive modelling of drug treatment responses for precision oncology"*

12.30-13.00 Pilvi Riihilä, Department of Dermatology, University of Turku and Turku University Hospital  
*"Complement system in cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma"*,

13.00-13.30 Pauliina Kronqvist, Department of Pathology, Turku University Hospital  
*"Title TBA"*

13.30-14.00 COFFEE and networking

14.00-14.20 Anna Karhu, University of Turku, Turku School of Economics  
*"Developing regional cancer research network through mentoring program"*

SESSION 3 – Brain tumors and viruses, *Chair: Kari Kurppa*

14.20-14.50 Cecilia Söderberg-Nauclér, Institute of Biomedicine, InFLAMES Flagship, University of Turku  
*"Antiviral treatment to Cytomegalovirus to improve survival of glioblastoma patients"*

14.50-15.20 Kirsi Rautajoki, Faculty of Medicine and Health Technology, Tampere University  
*"Progression of diffuse astrocytomas in the treatment setting"*

15.20-15.35 *Title TBA*

15.35-15.45 Closing remarks by Pia Vihinen, director, FICAN West

15.45- Wine & salad menu

The training has been applied for eligibility in PhD doctoral studies and medical doctor specializing education (Kirurgia /runkokoulutus, Kliininen hematologia, Radiologia, Sisätaudit, Geriatria, Kliininen farmakologia ja lääkehoito, Korva-, nenä- ja kurkkutaudit, Neurokirurgia, Patologia, Syöpätaudit, Yleiskirurgia, Endokrinologia, Ihotaudit ja allergologia, Neurologia, Perinnöllisyysläketiede, Urologia, Yleislääketiede) at the University of Turku.

Organizing committee: Rogerio De Figueiredo, Saara Hämalistö, Panu Jaakkola, Kari Kurppa, Elisa Närwä, Pilvi Riihilä, Johanna Schleutker, Maria Sundvall, Mervi Toriseva, Pia Vihinen