Up to date confirmed speakers

Name	Address & e-mail	Scientific Field
Renato Iozzo	Department of Pathology, Anatomy & Cell Biology, Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, USA	Proteoglycan, Cancer Biology, Tumor Angiogenesis
Vincent Hascall	Department of Biomedical Engineering, Lerner Research Institute, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, USA	Hyaluronan in inflammatory pathologies
Dick Heinegård	Department of Experimental Medical Sciences, Lund University, Lund, Sweden	Cell-matrix interactions, cell surface receptors, extracellular matrix composition
Nikos Karamanos	Biochemistry, Biochemical Analysis & Matrix Pathobiology Research Group, Laboratory of Biochemistry, Department of Chemistry, University of Patras, Greece	Matrix Molecular Targets in Cancer, Proteoglycans, Metalloproteinases, ER crosstalk signaling
John Couchman	Department of Biomedical Sciences, University of Copenhagen, Denmark	Syndeacns in cell adhesion, receptors and signaling
Israel Vlodavski	Cancer and Vascular and Biology Research Center, The Bruce Rappaport Faculty of Medicine, Technion, Haifa 31096, Israel	Tumor-microenvironment; Heparan sulfate; Heparanase in Cancer inflammation & diabetic nephropathy
Jan-Olof Winberg	Department of Medical Biology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Tromsø, Norway	Matrix MMPs, Protein complexes, Enzyme kinetics and inhibition kinetics
Liliana Schaefer	Pharmazentrum Frankfurt, Institut für Allgemeine Pharmakologie und Toxikologie, Frankfurt am Main, Germany	SLRPs, signaling, inflammation, fibrosis, kidney
Donald Gullberg	Department of Biomedicine, University of Bergen, Norway	Integrins – tumor stroma interactions, fibroblasts
Achilleas Theocharis	Laboratory of Biochemistry, Department of Chemistry, University of Patras, Greece	Proteoglycans (serglycin) in multiple myeloma and cancer progression

Paraskevi Heldin	Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research, Uppsala University, Biomedical Center, Sweden	Importance of microenvironment in tumor progression, Hyaluronan and HAS signaling, proteasome implication
Jeffrey D. Esko	Department of Cellular and Molecular Medicine, University of California, San Diego, La Jolla, USA	Proteoglycans, heparan sulfate, lysosomal storage, lipoprotein metabolism
Alberto Passi	Dipartimento di Scienze Biomediche Sperimentali e Cliniche, Universita degli Studi dell'Insubria, Varese, Italy	Metabolic control of proteoglycans and pathobiology
Carl-Henrik Heldin	Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research, Uppsala University, Biomedical Center, Sweden	Signal transduction via PDGF receptors and TGFbeta receptors
Dragana Nikitovic	Department of Anatomy, School of Medicine, University of Crete, Heraklion, Greece	Tumor biology and ECM
Lena Kjellen	Department of Medical Biochemistry and Microbiology, Uppsala University, BMC, Sweden	Heparin sulfate biosynthesis; Heparan sulfate and embryonic development
Kazuyuki Sugahara	Lab. of Proteoglycan signalling and therapeutics, Faculty of Advanced Life Sciences, University of Hokkaido, Japan	Functions of glycosaminoglycans and proteoglycans
Dimitris Kletsas	Laboratory of Cell proliferation & Ageing, Institute of Biology, National Centre for Scientific Research "Demokritos", Athens, Greece	Cellular senescence and age-related pathologies, extracellular matrix, growth factors, signaling pathways, stress, wound healing, cancer, biomaterials, stem cells and cell replacement therapy
David Birk	Department of Molecular Pharmacology & Physiology, University of South Florida, Morsani College of Medicine, Florida 33612	Regulation of tissue-specific matrix assembly; Matrix macromolecule interations in regulation of assembly; molecular basis of connective tissue diseases
Jorge Filmus	Sunnybrook Research Institute, Toronto, ON, Canada	Glypicans in development and cancer
Veli-Matti Kähäri	Department of Dermatogy, University of Turku, Finland	Proteinases, ECM, skin cancer, wound repair
Thomas N. Wight	Hope Heart Matrix Biology Program Benaroya Research	Proteoglycans in the Control of Inflammation in Cardiovascular

	Institute, Seattle, University of Washington	and Control of Cell Phenotype
Ralph Sanderson	Dept. of Pathology Univ. Alabama at Birmingham, Alabama, USA	Heparan sulfate/tumor microenvironment, Heparanase signaling
Themis R. Kyriakides	Departments of Pathology and Biomedical Engineering, Yale University,New Haven, USA	Extracellular matrix and vascular biology
Peter Friedl	Microscopical Imaging of the Cell Department of Cell Biology, NCMLS, Radboud University Nijmegen Medical Centre, The Netherlands & Section Chief Molecular Imaging The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX, USA	Intravital imaging of cancer invasion and- evaluation of anti-invasion compounds
Alan J. Grodzinsky	MIT Center for Biomedical Engineering, Departments of Biological, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering, MIT, Cambridge, USA	Protein-proteoglycan interactions using advanced AFM techniques
Boris Turk	Head of Dept. Biochem., Mol. & Struct. Biol., J. Stefan Institute Jamova, Ljubljana, Slovenia	Cysteine proteases, quantitative proteomics, in-vivo imaging, in-vivo models, protein-degrading enzymes as key signaling molecules
Mauro Pavao	Program of Glycobiology, Institute of Medical Biochemistry, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Heparin nanoparticles for pharmacological targeting in thrombosis, tumor invasion and metástasis
Martin Götte	Muenster University, Medical Center Albert-Schweitzer-Campus, Muenster, Germany	breast cancer, syndecans, dermatan sulfate proteoglycans and molecular mechanisms of angiogenesis.
François Maquart	Laboratoire Central de Biochimie, Hôpital Robert Debré, CHU de Reims, Reims, France	Extracellular matrix, proteoglycans, glycosaminoglycans in disease