2023 Program

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| **7:30–8:30 am** | **Registration, Continental Breakfast, Poster Set Up** |
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| **8:30-8:40am** | **Welcome** |
| 8:30-8:35 | Dr. Takeshi Shimamura, PhD, GLC ASPET President |
| 8:35-8:40 | Dr. Jan Kitajeweski, PhD, University of Illinois Cancer Center Director |
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| **8:40-9:40am** | **Keynote Speaker** |
|  | **Andrew Souers, PhD, AbbVie Inc. Distinguished Research Fellow**  “Pro-Survival Proteins & the ADC Journey” |
| **9:45-12:05 pm** | **Main Symposium** |
| 9:45-10:25 | **Charlotte Kuperwasser, PhD, Tufts University**  “Unraveling the drivers of breast cancer: phenotypic plasticity meets gene mutation” |
| 10:25-10:40 | Coffee break |
| 10:40-11:20 | **Jan Kitajewski, PhD, University of Illinois Chicago**  “Harnessing angiogenic signals for therapeutic development: taking it up a Notch” |
| 11:25-12:05 | **Jaehyuk Choi MD, PhD, Northwestern University**  "Biomarkers that Predict Response to Immunotherapy in Merkel Cell Carcinoma" |
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| **12:05-12:10** | **Introduction To Lunch and Learn Mentors** |
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| **12:10-1:30 pm** | **Lunch and Learn Career Workshop for Trainees** |
| 12:10-1:30 | Lunch and Learn Mentor Biographies on Pages 44-46. |
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| **1:40-3:00 pm** | **Young Investigator Symposium** |
| 1:40-2:00 pm | **Jason Wei-Leng Eng, MD, PhD, University of Illinois Chicago**  “Targeting Chronic VEGF-C Signaling Mitigates Liver Cirrhosis and Tumor Formation in Non-Alcoholic Steatohepatitis” |
| 2:00-2:20 pm | **Nurmaa Dashzeveg, PhD Northwestern University** “Glycoprotein hyposialylation promotes chemotherapy evasion and metastatic seeding of quiescent circulating tumor cell clusters in metastatic breast cancer” |
| 2:20-2:40 pm | **Aslan Mansurov, PhD, University of Chicago**  “Exploiting tumor extracellular matrix as a target for the delivery of immunotherapeutics” |
| 2:40-3:00 pm | **Olivia Powrozek, Rosalind Franklin University** “A novel role of Aquaporin 3 in Regulating Oxidative Stress in Kaposi’s Sarcoma Associated Virus-Associated Primary Effusion Lymphoma” |
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| **3:00-5:00 pM** | **Poster Session** |
|  | Coffee break |
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| **5:00-5:30 pm** | **Business Meeting and Awards Presentation** |
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