



2nd Annual Marie Skłodowska-Curie Symposium
on Cancer Research and Care
September 8-10, 2022
Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center, Buffalo, NY

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Thursday, Sept 8th: 5.30 PM: Gen. Pulaski Reception (USS Little Rock; till appr. 9 PM)

Friday Sept 9th
8.00 AM - 3.30 PM
Gaylord Cary
Conference Ctr.
**Needs &
Opportunities:
The Big Picture**

8.00-8.45 AM: Registration, Breakfast and Networking (Gaylord-Cary Conference Center)

9.00-9.40: **Opening Session** (Hohn Auditorium)

9.40-10.50: **Plenary Session 1: Education and Training** (Hohn)

10.50-12.45: **Plenary Session 2: Opportunities for International Collaborations & Funding** (Hohn)

12.50-1.40: Networking Lunch (Gaylord Cary Conference Center)

1.45-3.30: **Plenary Session 3: Ongoing Collaborations & Immediate Collaborative Opportunities** (Hohn)

6.00 PM: Conference Dinner with General Pulaski Association (Samuel's Grande Manor; till appr. 9 PM)

Saturday Sept 10th
8.00 AM - 1.30 PM
Cancer Genetics &
Pharmacology Bldg
**Projects, New
Opportunities &
Paths Forward**

8.00-8.45AM: Breakfast and Networking (Zebro Family Conference Room)

9 AM: Parallel
Session A:
**Education &
Training**

9 AM: Parallel
Session B:
**Translational
Research**

9 AM: Parallel
Session C:
**Clinical
Research**

9 AM: Parallel
Session D:
**Cancer
Prevention**

9 AM: Parallel
Session E:
**Genetics &
Biomarkers**

9 AM: Parallel
Session F:
**QoL / Patients'
Experience**

Sat 12.30 -1.30 PM: Moving Forward: Discussion over Lunch (Zebro Family Conf Room)

4PM: Organizers' Planning & Networking Session



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Welcome & Goals
of the Meeting

8.00 AM: Registration and Networking Breakfast (Gaylord Cary)

9.00 AM: Candace Johnson (Roswell): Welcome Address

9.05 AM: Elected Officials: Introductions and Welcome Remarks

- NYS Senator Tim Kennedy, Senate District 63rd (Chair NY Senate Committee on Transportation)
- NYS Senator Patrick Gallivan, Senate District 59th (NYS Senate Minority Whip, Chair NY Senate Health Committee); represented by Keith Bryant (Chief of Staff)
- NYS Assemblywoman Monica Wallace, NY Assembly District 143rd (NY Assembly Task Force on Women's Issues)
- NYS Assemblywoman Karen McMahon (NY Assembly District 144th (NY Assembly Task Force on Women's Issues)
- Erie County Legislator Lisa Chimera (Chair Erie County Legislature Health and Human Services Committee, Minority & Women-Owned Business Committee)
- Erie County Legislator Howard Johnson (Chair Erie County Legislature Public Safety Committee, Economic Development Committee)
- Buffalo City Councilman Mitch Nowakowski (Fillmore District)

9.20 AM: Adrian Kubicki, Consul General of the Republic of Poland in New York: Welcome Address

9.23 AM: Oleksii Iaremenko, Deputy Minister of Health for International Integration, Ukraine (Introduced by Oleksandr Stakhovskyi): Welcome Address (Recorded)

9.25 AM: Renier Brentjens (Roswell): Roswell as the Destination Site for Cancer Immunotherapy

9.30 AM: Pawel Kalinski (Roswell): Marie Sklodowska-Curie, Roswell Park and the Goals of MSC-2022



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Introduction of Speakers and Session Goals

9:45 AM Piotr Rutkowski (Institute of Oncology, Warsaw)
Overview of Oncology in Poland with Focus on Examples of Fields of Potential Collaboration

9:57 AM Jozsef Lovey (National Institute of Oncology, Budapest, Hungary)
Oncology in Hungary: Epidemiology, Care, Education and Research

10:09 AM Piotr Czauderna (National Development Council, Warsaw, Poland)
Pediatric Oncology as a Potential Model for International Research and Training Collaboration

10:21 AM Laszlo Radvanyi (Ontario Institute for Cancer Research, Toronto, Canada)
Ontario Institute of Cancer Research: Our Mission and Collaborative Opportunities

10:15 AM Panel Discussion and Questions from Participants

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Waldemar Priebe)

10.50 AM Waldemar Priebe (MD Anderson, Houston): Introduction of Speakers & Session Goals

10.55 AM George Wilding (MDA): Productive Pre-pandemic Collaborations Between MD Anderson Cancer Center and Poland: A Model for European/US Academic and Public Health Interactions

11.10 AM Jeffrey E. Gershenwald (MDA): Leveraging Cancer Prevention Initiatives at the State, National & International Levels: Experience from MD Anderson – Poland Indoor Tanning Public Policy Initiative

11.20 AM Karolina Nowak (Medical Research Agency, Warsaw):
Medical Research Agency as a New Horizon for Funding Health Science in Poland

11.30 AM Marek Skulimowski (Kosciuszko Foundation):
The Role of Kosciuszko Foundation in Promoting Poland-USA Scientific Exchange

11.40 AM Marek Durlik (Central Clinical Hospital MSWiA, Warsaw):
Robotic Surgery for Pancreatic Cancer Resection

11.50 AM Paessler (University of Texas Medical Branch):
Viral Pandemics and Cancer: The Need for Dual Function Therapies

12.00 PM Krzysztof Woźniak (University of Warsaw): Structural Biology Efforts at University of Warsaw

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1.55 PM Iwona Lugowska (M. Sklodowska-Curie Natl Res Inst Onc (NIO-PIB), Warsaw): Early Phase Clinical Trials at NIO-PIB

2.05 PM Michael Nishimura (Loyola Univ, Chicago): CAR-T Cell Therapies: Collaborations with Lithuania

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9.10 AM Tatiana Orabina & Sergii Ubogov (Ministry of Health, Ukraine):
Priorities of the MoH in the Development of Medical Education in Ukraine

9:30 AM Stasa Skenzic (Ministry of Science and Education, Croatia): Croatian Priorities for International Collaborations

9.50 AM Zbigniew Krol (Central Hospital of the Ministry for Internal Affairs, Warsaw, Poland)
Clinical Implications of Oncology Education and Practice

10.10 AM Danuta Kozbor (Roswell): Academic Collaboration between Roswell and Jagiellonian University

10.30 AM : Coffee Break

10.40 AM Marcin Moniuszko (Medical Univ. of Bialystok, Poland)
How Can we Improve Oncology Education in Poland - Medical School Perspective

11:00 AM Iwona Gisterek (Medical Univ. of Silesia, Katowice, Poland):
How Can We Train More Oncologists? Challenges and Opportunities.

11.20 AM Lukasz Gasiorowski (Poznan Univ. of Medical Sciences, Poland)
Innovation in Undergraduate Education in Oncology – Pouring New Wine into Old Wineskins?

11.40 AM Kamil Torres, Agata Filip, Karol Rawicz-Pruszyński (Medical Univ. of Lublin, Poland)
Simulation-based Integrated Oncology Education at the Medical University of Lublin

12.00 PM Rami Azrak (Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center, Buffalo, NY)
Roswell Park Office of International Collaboration Programs and Training: Mission and Collaborative Opportunities

12.20 PM General Discussion

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Parallel Session B:
***Translational
Research***

(Moderators:
Sandro Matosevic
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9.00 AM: Sandro Matosevic (Purdue Univ.) & Marcin Kortylewski (City of Hope): Introduction of Speakers & Session Goals

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11.25 AM: Amy Heimberger (Northwestern Univ.): Translational Development of the STAT3 Inhibitor WP1066

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Genetics & Biomarkers

(Moderators:
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