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17:30 Get-Together

Van Swieten Saal of the Medical University Vienna

Van-Swieten-Gasse 1a, 1090 Vienna

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## **Guest Speakers**



Paola Scaffidi IEO, Milan

Paola Scaffidi is a tenured Group Leader at the Department of Experimental Oncology at IEO in Milan, where she studies the role of epigenetic dysregulation in cancer. Throughout her career, she has studied the link between chromatin, gene expression regulation, and diseases like inflammation, stem cell dysfunction and cancer, establishing her own lab at the Francis Crick Institute in 2014 and being elected an EMBO member in 2024.

Judith Zaugg is a Group Leader at EMBL Heidelberg and DBM, Basel University, where she studies the genetic and epigenetic basis of complex traits and diseases. Her research

applies computational tools to explore molecular phenotypes and inter-individual differences in drug response. Zaugg earned her PhD from EMBL-EBI and Cambridge University in 2011, followed by postdoctoral work at Stanford, and has led her group at EMBL since 2014.

lannis Aifantis is the Herman M. Biggs Professor and Chair of the Department of Pathology at NYU School of Medicine, focusing on the molecular mechanisms driving hematopoietic stem cell differentiation and transformation in leukemia. His research has uncovered key oncogenes, tumor suppressors, and signaling pathways, leading to the development of targeted therapeutic approaches for various malignancies, including T-ALL, B-ALL, AML, and MDS.



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Alex Kentsis is an Associate Professor at Weill Medical College of Cornell University and Director of the Tow Center for Developmental Oncology at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. His research focuses on understanding the molecular mechanisms of pediatric cancers, particularly acute leukemias, and developing improved therapeutic strategies, with over two decades of work in functional proteomics and genomics and numerous clinical trials based on his discoveries.



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