



## 26<sup>TH</sup> WORKSHOP ON METHODS IN CLINICAL CANCER RESEARCH

13-18 June 2026  
Sint Michielsgestel, Netherlands



# PROGRAMME

## Saturday 13 June 2026

- 12:00-14:30 **Registration**
- 12:00-14:30 **Lunch**
- 13:30-14:15 **Faculty meeting 1**
- 14:30-15:00 **Welcome and Introduction to the Workshop**  
Speaker: Lillian Siu (Canada)
- 15:00-15:55 **Opening Lecture**  
Chair: Christophe Massard (France)
  - 15:00-15:20 **Questions to ask yourself in designing a clinical trial**  
Speaker: Lillian Siu (Canada)
  - 15:20-15:40 **ESMO magnitude of Clinical Benefit Scale**  
Speaker: Sjoukje Oosting (Netherlands)
  - 15:40-15:55 **Panel discussion**
- 16:00-19:30 **Protocol Development Session 1: Protocol presentation**
- 20:00-21:30 **Buffet Dinner**
- 21:30- **Independent protocol work**
- 22:00 **Daily programme evaluation due**

## Sunday 14 June 2026

### 08:45-10:25 **Lecture Session 1**

Chair: David Olmos (Spain)

08:45-09:05 **Overview of dose finding designs for phase I clinical trials**

Speaker: Yu Shyr (USA)

09:05-09:25 **Phase I trials of chemotherapy and targeted drugs (how to use phase I thinking to combine therapeutics – modified due to less first in human study)**

Speaker: Christophe Massard (France)

09:25-09:45 **Exploratory trials – Phase I and II**

Speaker: Elena Garralda (Spain)

09:45-10:05 **Confirmatory trials – Phase III and IV**

Speaker: Patrizia Giannatempo (Italy)

10:05-10:25 **Panel discussion**

10:25-10:45 **Coffee break**

### 10:45-12:25 **Lecture Session 2**

Chair: Harm van Tinteren (Netherlands)

10:45-11:05 **Endpoints 1: Choosing and measuring endpoints in clinical trials**

Speaker: Ignacio Garrido-Laguna (USA)

11:05-11:25 **Endpoints 2: Where do immunotherapy trials differ**

Speaker: Jordan Berlin (USA)

11:25-11:45 **Basic biostatistics for the clinical investigator (part I)**

Speaker: Susan G. Hilsenbeck (USA)

11:45-12:05 **Basic biostatistics for the clinical investigator (part II)**

Speaker: Susan G. Hilsenbeck (USA)

12:05-12:25 **Panel discussion**

12:25-13:30 **Buffet Lunch**

13:30-16:00 **Protocol Development Session 2: Review concept sheet and design development**

16:00-16:15 **Coffee break**

- 16:15-17:15 **Small Group Discussions (parallel sessions)**
- SGD 1: Multimodality trials**  
Chair: Rafal Dziadziuszko (Poland)  
Faculty: Pierluigi Bonomo (Italy), Andre Pfob (Germany), Fernanda Herrera (Switzerland)
- SGD 2: How to interact with industry**  
Chair: Albiruni Razak (Canada)  
Faculty: Ignacio Garrido-Laguna (USA), David Olmos (Spain)
- SGD 3: How to interact with industry**  
Chair: Eric Rubin (USA)  
Faculty: Elena Garralda (Spain), Lillian Siu (Canada)
- 17:15-18:15 **Small Group Discussions (parallel sessions)**
- SGD 4: Software for sample computation**  
Chair: Susan G. Hilsenbeck (USA)  
Faculty: Tao Wang (USA), Holly Tovey (United Kingdom), Frédérique Berger (France), Elena Frangou (UK)
- SGD 5: Biomarker-based trial designs**  
Chair: Timothy Yap (USA)  
Faculty: Kurt Schalper (USA), Greg Pond (Canada)
- 18:15-20:00 **Meet your expert: Session 1 (non-biostats)**
- 19:45-20:45 **Buffet Dinner**
- 20:45- **Independent protocol work**
- 22:00 **Daily programme evaluation due**  
**Protocol Sections due:** Title, Objectives, Endpoints, Eligibility Criteria, Statistical section (*at the very least the design*)

## Monday 15 June 2026

- 08:45-10:00 **Lecture Session 3**  
Chair: Brenda Weigel (USA)
- 08:45-09:05 **Incorporation of biological correlative studies in early clinical trials**  
Speaker: Timothy Yap (USA)
- 09:05-09:25 **The role of the pathologist and incorporating translational research in a clinical trial**  
Speaker: Kurt Schalper (USA)

- 09:25-09:45 **Liquid biopsies and CTCs**  
Speaker: Benjamin Besse (France)
- 09:45-10:00 **Panel discussion**
- 10:00-10:15 **Coffee break**
- 10:15-11:30 **Lecture Session 4**  
Chair: Angela Lamarca (Spain)
- 10:15-10:35 **When to use different imaging tools in clinical trials**  
Speaker: Arthur Braat (Netherlands)
- 10:35-10:55 **Overview of RECIST**  
Speaker: Saskia Litière (Belgium)
- 10:55-11:15 **The use and risk of AI tools in writing protocols and articles**  
Speaker: Andre Pfob (Germany)
- 11:15-11:30 **Panel discussion**
- 11:30-12:30 **Independent protocol work**
- 11:30-12:30 **Faculty meeting 2**
- 12:30-13:30 **Lunch**
- 13:30-16:00 **Protocol Development Session 3: Study Outlines**
- 16:00-16:15 **Coffee break**
- 16:15-17:45 **Meet your expert: Session 2 (non-biostats)**
- 18:00-19:30 **Independent protocol work**
- 19:30-20:30 **Buffet Dinner**
- 20:30- **Independent protocol work**
- 22:00 **Daily programme due**  
**Protocol Sections due:** Trial design section, Schema, Clinical Evaluation schedule

## Tuesday 16 June 2026

### 08:45-09:25 **Lecture Session 5**

Chair: Rowan Miller (UK)

#### 08:45-09:05 **The importance of pragmatic trials**

Speaker: Teresa Amaral (Germany)

#### 09:05-09:25 **Patient-orientated endpoints/QoL**

Speaker: Madeline Pe (Belgium)

### 09:25-09:40 **Coffee break**

### 09:40-11:00 **Lecture Session 5 (continued)**

Chair: Rowan Miller (UK)

#### 09:40-10:00 **Panel discussion: Ethics and patient participation in cancer clinical trials**

Moderator: Brenda Weigel (USA)

Panel: Martin Sweeney (Ireland), Gilly Spurrier-Bernard (France)

#### 10:00-10:15 **General panel discussion**

Panel: Rowan Miller (UK), Brenda Weigel (USA), Teresa Amaral (Germany), Madeline Pe (Belgium), Martin Sweeney (Ireland), Gilly Spurrier-Bernard (France)

#### 10:15-11:00 **EORTC – ESMO – AACR presentation**

Speaker: Benjamin Besse (France) – EORTC

Speaker: Christophe Massard (France) – ESMO

Speaker: Lillian Siu (Canada) - AACR

### 11:00-12:00 **Group photo**

### 12:00-13:00 **Lunch**

### 13:00-15:30 **Protocol Development Session 4: Protocol development**

### 15:30-16:00 **Coffee break**

### 16:00-17:00 **Small Group Discussions (parallel sessions)**

#### **SGD 6: Immunotherapy & ADC trials**

Chair: Gabe Sonke (The Netherlands)

Faculty: Yu Shyr (USA), Albiruni Razak (Canada)

#### **SGD 7: The art of randomisation**

Chair: Elena Frangou (UK)

Faculty: Harm van Tinteren (The Netherlands)

- 17:00-18:00 **Small Group Discussions (parallel sessions)**
- SGD 8: Immunotherapy & ADC trials**  
Chair: Lillian Siu (Canada)  
Faculty: Eric Rubin (USA), Kurt Schalper (USA)
- SGD 9: The importance of increasing diversity in clinical trials**  
Chair: Teresa Amaral (Germany)  
Faculty: Ana Joaquim (Belgium), Antonio di Meglio (France), Martin Sweeney (Ireland)
- 18:00-19:30 **Meet your expert: Session 3 (biostats)**
- 19:30-20:30 **Buffet Dinner**
- 20:30- **Independent protocol work**
- 22:00 **Daily programme evaluation due**  
**Protocol Sections due:** Treatment chapter, first attempt on all remaining sections relevant to the study

## Wednesday 17 June 2026

- 08:45-10:00 **Lecture Session 6**  
Chair: Greg Pond (Canada)
- 08:45-09:05 **Common errors in statistics**  
Speaker: Coralie Poncet (Belgium)
- 09:05-10:00 **Data and safety monitoring and independent study review**  
Introduction: Harm van Tinteren (The Netherlands)  
Panel discussion: Harm van Tinteren (The Netherlands), Maria de Miguel (Spain), Wolfgang Janni (Germany), Christophe Massard (France), Gilly Spurrier-Bernard (France)
- 10:00-10:20 **Coffee break**
- 10:20-11:10 **Lecture Session 7**  
Chair: Marco Donia (Denmark)
- 10:20-10:40 **Practicalities and implementation of a clinical trial**  
Speaker: Jessica Menis (Italy)
- 10:40-11:00 **Multi-institutional trials through collaborative groups**  
Speaker: Ana Joaquim (Belgium)
- 11:00-11:10 **Panel discussion**

- 11:10-12:00 **Independent protocol work**
- 11:10-12:00 **Workshop Directors meeting**
- 12:00-13:00 **Lunch**
- 13:00-13:50 **Debate: Hot topics in regulatory requirements**  
Moderator: Gabe Sonke (The Netherlands)  
Panelists: Olga Kholmanskikh Van Crieelingen (FAGG-AFMPS, Belgium),  
Francesco Pignatti (EMA, Netherlands), Paz Vellanki (FDA – virtual attendance)
- 14:00-16:00 **Mock IRB presentations**
- 16:00-16:15 **Coffee break**
- 16:15-17:45 **Meet your expert: Session 4 (non-biostats + biostats)**
- 17:45-19:45 **Protocol Development Session 5: Challenges and feasibility**
- 19:45-20:45 **Buffet Dinner**
- 20:45- **Independent protocol work**
- 22:00 **Daily evaluation due**  
**Penultimate version of protocol due**

## Thursday 18 June 2026

- 08:45-09:30 **Closing Lecture**  
Chair: Christophe Massard (France)
- 08:45-09:30 **Closing presentation**  
Speaker: Rafal Dziadziuszko (Poland)
- 09:30-10:00 **Coffee break**
- 10:00-11:00 **Protocol Development Session 6: Post Protocol management**
- 11:00-12:15 **Independent protocol work**
- 11:15-12:15 **Faculty meeting 3**
- 12:15-13:15 **Lunch**
- 13:15-18:00 **Independent protocol work**
- 18:00 **Final Protocol / daily and overall evaluation due**

20:00-20:30 **Award ceremony**

- Innovation Award
- Practice-Changing Award
- Faculty Recognition Award

20:30-00:00 **Dinner**

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