

XVII Annual Weinman Symposium  
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 January 21 - 23, 2026

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**Meeting Organizers:** Michele Carbone and Cathy Zhang

Day 1 – Wednesday, January 21, 2026				
Start Time	End Time	Length (min.)	Topic	Speaker
7:10	7:11	Bus	Bus pick-up from Prince Hotel, Waikiki	
7:25	7:45	20	Breakfast—UH Cancer Center Sullivan Conference Center	
7:45	7:50	10	<b>Welcome</b>	Michele Carbone
7:50	8:00	10	<b>Wiley Advanced Portfolio</b>	Ada Wong
<b>Session 1: MicroRNA and Cancer.</b> <i>Chair George Calin</i>				
8:00	8:05	5	<b>Introduction</b>	George Calin
8:05	8:25	20	#1 How microRNAs regulate cytotoxic T cell tumor infiltration	Carlo Croce
8:25	8:30	5	Q & A	
8:30	8:50	20	#2 DICER1 tumor predisposition syndrome	William Foulkes
8:50	8:55	5	Q & A	
8:55	9:15	20	#3 Non-coding patterns and cancer therapy	George Calin
9:15	9:20	5	Q & A	
9:20	9:40	20	#4 Towards non-coding RNA medicine in cancer	Frank Slack
9:40	9:45	5	Q & A	
9:45	10:05	20	#5 LNA- <i>i</i> -miR-221: A new frontier in miRNA-based cancer therapeutics	Pier-Francesco Tassone
10:05	10:10	5	Q & A	
10:10	10:25	15	<b>BREAK</b>	
<b>Session 2: Mechanisms.</b> <i>Chair Giuseppe Novelli</i>				
10:25	10:30	5	<b>Introduction</b>	Giuseppe Novelli
10:30	10:50	20	#6 Clonal evolution in hematopoiesis	Margaret Goodell
10:50	10:55	5	Q & A	
10:55	11:15	20	#7 Regulation of tumor cell survival, death and metastasis by mutant p53 and Mdm2	Carol Prives
11:15	11:20	5	Q & A	
11:20	11:40	20	#8 Splicing factor mutations in cancer: Mechanisms and consequences	James Manley
11:40	11:45	5	Q & A	
11:45	12:05	20	#9 The complex story of the BAP1 deubiquitylase multiprotein complex	El Bachir Affar
12:05	12:10	5	Q & A	
12:10	12:30	20	#10 Regulation of BAP1 and HMGB1	Haining Yang
12:30	12:35	5	Q & A	
12:35	13:35	60	<b>Faculty Lunch - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Lanai</b>	

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Day 2 – Thursday, January 22, 2026				
Start Time	End Time	Length (min.)	Topic	Speaker
7:10	7:11		Bus pick-up from Prince Hotel, Waikiki	
7:25	7:50	25	Breakfast—UH Cancer Center Sullivan Conference Center	
7:50	7:55	5	<b>Introduction to day 2</b>	Michele Carbone
<b>Session 3: Clinical Translational Session . Chair Harvey I Pass</b>				
7:55	8:00	5	<b>Introduction</b>	Harvey I. Pass
8:00	8:20	20	#11 Inflammatory breast cancer: An aggressive disease requiring innovative solutions	Naoto Ueno
8:20	8:25	5	Q & A	
8:25	8:45	20	#12 Targeting DNA damage	Michael Kastan
8:45	8:50	5	Q & A	
8:50	9:10	20	#13 Synthetic lethality opportunities for DNA Repair	Alan D' Andrea
9:10	9:15	5	Q & A	
9:15	9:35	20	#14 NCI interventional clinical trial in carriers of germline <i>BAP1</i> mutations	David Schrupp
9:35	9:40	5	Q & A	
9:40	10:00	20	#15 Cancer screening and management of patients with pathogenic germline <i>BAP1</i> mutations	Raffit Hassan
10:00	10:05	5	Q & A	
10:05	10:20	15	BREAK	
<b>Session 4: New Horizons in Cancer Research. Chair Webster Cavenee</b>				
10:20	10:25	5	<b>Introduction</b>	Webster Cavenee
10:25	10:55	30	#16 <i>Nobel Lecture</i> : Novel targets for chemotherapy discovered with random germline mutagenesis	Bruce Beutler
10:55	11:00	5	Q & A	
11:00	11:20	20	#17 Gene X Environment interaction in cancer	Cheryl Walker
11:20	11:25	5	Q & A	
11:25	11:45	20	#18 Oncotripsy, a novel effective therapy for cancer patients	Christos Galanopoulos
11:45	11:50	5	Q & A	
11:50	12:10	20	#19 Dissecting critical vulnerabilities in recalcitrant cancers	Giulio Draetta
12:10	12:15	5	Q & A	
12:15	12:35	20	#20 Neural regulation of immunity and cancer	Tak Mak
12:35	12:40	5	Q & A	
12:40	13:40	60	<b>Faculty Lunch - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Lanai</b>	

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Day 3 – Friday, January 23, 2026				
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7:10	7:11		Bus pick-up from Prince Hotel, Waikiki	
7:20	7:55	25	Breakfast—UH Cancer Center Sullivan Conference Center	
7:55	8:00	5	<b>Introduction to day 3</b>	Michele Carbone
<b>Session 5: New Horizons in Cancer Research. Chair Sujuan Ba</b>				
7:55	8:00	5	<b>Introduction</b>	Sujuan Ba
8:00	8:20	20	#21 Suggested improvements to design clinical trials	Luciano Mutti
8:20	8:25	5	Q & A	
8:25	8:45	20	#22 The hematopoietic stem cell niche and implications for clinical hematopoietic cell transplantation	Sean Morrison
8:45	8:50	5	Q & A	
8:50	9:10	20	#23 Aging and cancer	Ashani Weeraratna
9:10	9:15	5	Q & A	
9:15	9:35	20	#24 Genetically-related mesothelioma: a different disease	Michele Carbone
9:35	9:40	5	Q & A	
9:40	9:50	10	<b>BREAK</b>	
<b>Session 6: Future of Cancer Research. Chair Michele Carbone</b>				
9:50	10:50	60	25# Q/A: Future of cancer research. Moderator: M. Carbone	Drs. Ba, Beutler, Cavanee, Croce, Ribas, & Governor Josh Green, MD
<b>Session 7: Barry and Virginia Weinman Award Ceremony. Chair Michele Carbone</b>				
10:50	10:55	5	<b>Introduction</b>	Michele Carbone
10:55	11:05	10	Cancer Survivor Testimony: What it takes to stay alive – The importance of cancer research	Christos Galanopoulos
11:05	11:15	10	Weinman Award Ceremony	Governor Josh Green, MD
11:15	11:25	10	Weinman Award Ceremony	Weinman Family
11:25	11:30	5	Weinman Award Ceremony with Drs. Ribas, Green, Carbone, and Weinman Family	
11:30	11:35	5	XVII Weinman Award Introduction	Carlo Croce
11:35	12:05	30	#26 <b>Weinman Award Lecture</b>	Antoni Ribas
12:05	12:10	5	Q & A	
12:10	12:20	10	XVII Weinman Faculty Photo	
12:20	13:20	60	<b>Faculty Lunch - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Lanai</b>	