

# Seminars and Conferences

## Seminars

The following external speakers gave talks as part of the CRI Seminars in Cancer series:

### January

#### Scott Lowe

*Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory*  
Mouse model for cancer biology

### February

#### Shankar Balasubramanian

*Department of Chemistry, University of Cambridge*  
G-quadruplex nucleic acids: non-coding elements with function?

#### Adrian Harris

*Weatherall Institute of Molecular Medicine, Oxford*  
New pathways of tumour angiogenesis and hypoxia response

### March

#### Stephen Meltzer

*Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center*  
Biomarker studies in Barrett's esophagus and esophageal adenocarcinoma

#### Jackie Lees

*Massachusetts Institute of Technology*  
Proteins and pathways involved in tumorigenicity

### April

#### Peter Laird

*University of Southern California*  
Cancer epigenetics

### July

#### Brian E Henderson

*Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California*  
New insight into the cause(s) of prostate cancer

### September

#### Andrea Califano

*Herbert Irving Comprehensive Cancer Center, Columbia University*  
Use of cell-context-specific molecular interaction maps to identify master regulators of malignant transformations

### October

#### Josephine Adams

*Lerner Research Institute, Cleveland*  
Fascin protrusions in ECM-cytoskeletal networking and metastasis

### December

#### Facundo Batista

*Cancer Research UK London Research Institute*  
Microsignalosomes: spatially resolved receptor-signalling



Delegates at the East-West Alliance Meeting

## Other CRI Seminar Series

A range of seminar series run within the Institute and in the University of Cambridge Department of Oncology, covering different aspects of cancer research:

### Cambridge Oncology Seminars

These seminars are the main departmental oncology seminars and cover basic, clinical and translational aspects of oncology, and feature internal and external speakers (weekly).

### Cancer and Technology Seminars (starting in January 2009)

This seminar series will focus on technologies of interest to cancer researchers, with a view to collaborations forming with researchers in the physical sciences (monthly).

### Group Leader Chalk Talks

For group leaders only, this is an opportunity for them to meet and discuss ideas and present research (weekly).

### Imaging Seminar Series

Covers all aspects of medical imaging, a major research focus for many CRI researchers (every six weeks).

### Institute Lunchtime Seminars

This series is an opportunity for graduate students and postdoctoral scientists to present their research to the Institute (weekly).

### Lectures in Cancer Biology

This lecture series is compulsory for all first year graduate students and acts as an introductory course on oncology, covering all aspects of cancer from basic cell biology to clinical applications (weekly).



Panel discussion at the CRI Annual Symposium

### Theodor Förster International Seminar Series

Held jointly with the Department of Biochemistry, this series features speakers by experts in biological fluorescence imaging (every 4–6 weeks).

## Conferences

### East-West Alliance Meeting

3–4 April

The East-West Alliance is an international network of Asian and Western medical research institutes and faculties whose aim is to foster productive collaborations leading to high-impact research and educational projects. The Alliance was initiated by the Hong Kong University Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine and focuses on four key collaborative research areas: cancer and stem cells; infection and immunity; aging and imaging; knowledge transfer and translation. Members of the Alliance are: University of California, Berkeley; University of Cambridge; St Michael's Hospital, University of Toronto; The University of Hong Kong; The Chinese University of Hong Kong; Institut Pasteur; University of Manitoba; Shantou University; Stanford University. The two themes for the 2008 meeting were 'Stem Cell Biology' and 'Imaging and Early Detection of Cancer' and the plenary lectures were given by Kevin Brindle (CRI), Austin Smith (Wellcome Trust Centre for Stem Cell Research, Cambridge) and Irving Weissman (Stanford University).

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#### Annual Symposium

27 June

Attended by 270 delegates, the meeting featured a series of diverse talks from invited speakers and a keynote lecture from Sir David Lane (University of Dundee).

#### Postdoctoral Symposium

28 November

Organised by postdoctoral scientists, the meeting featured presentations, workshops and a keynote lecture from Kim Nasmyth (University of Oxford).

## CRI Annual Symposium

12–13 September

The first CRI symposium, on 'Unanswered questions in the tumour microenvironment' took place on 12 and 13 September at the CRI. The scientific organising committee of James Brenton, John Griffiths, Gillian Murphy and David Tuveson put together a programme that was designed to facilitate discussion and tackle unanswered questions in each of the four sessions:

- Can CD8+ T cells function in the tumour microenvironment?  
Chair: Douglas Fearon, University of Cambridge
- How does inflammation cause cancer?  
Chair: Frances Balkwill, Barts and the London
- Unanswered questions in tumour vasculature: blood vessels, lymphatics etc.  
Chair: Calvin Kuo, Stanford University
- How critical are stromal factors in tumorigenesis?  
Chair: Harold Moses, Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center

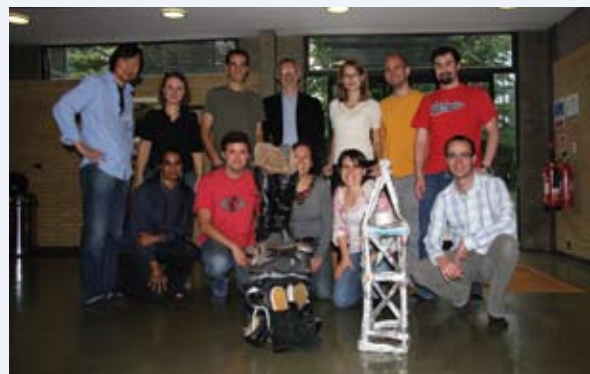
Each session was followed by a 45 minute panel discussion, led by the chair. The format was a great success and led to many lively debates. Delegates also had the opportunity to present posters.

## Other Events

### CRI Retreat

25–26 September

Held at St Catherine's College, Oxford.



Team building at the CRI retreat