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# Organisation

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# Welcome

## Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I am privileged to welcome you to the 2nd Extracellular Matrix Pharmacology Congress (ECM2024) on June 17-19, 2024, in beautiful Copenhagen, Denmark.

Dysregulation of the ECM, characterized by either elevated degradation or formation of tissues, is a universal characteristic observed in many chronic diseases. To make a real impact on the lives of patients, we need to learn from other diseases where fibrosis and tissue destruction are central mechanisms involved in pathophysiology.

After numerous years of ECM research, it became clear to me that we need a forum to bring leading experts across borders and generations together to discuss how to modulate the ECM in different disease areas. Thus, the idea for the ECM Pharmacology Congress was born.

ECM2022 was a great success with more than 400 participants from 30 countries, 200 high-quality abstracts, and 40 speakers – all with one goal: improving our understanding of the ECM across different diseases. Moreover, ECM2022 gave rise to a series of virtual symposiums which further advances our understanding of these critical subjects.

At ECM2024, we aim to repeat the success and offer an unforgettable mix of networking and state-of-the-art research. The program will include internationally renowned ECM researchers and industry experts from different disease areas: liver, lung, kidney, cardiovascular, metabolic, cancer (tumor fibrosis), skin, and immunology, in which the central common denominator is changes to the ECM.

The Congress is supported by the pharmaceutical industry and other companies, who, however, do not have influence on the scientific program.

The central theme of ECM2024 will revolve around target discovery and drug development, intending to cross-fertilize and assist drug development. The center of it all will be ECM pharmacology and how its modulation can help patients.

I hope you will enjoy ECM2024 and your stay in Copenhagen!



**Morten Karsdal**  
PhD, Professor  
Chair ECM2024

# General Information

## Congress Website

[www.ecm-congress.org](http://www.ecm-congress.org)

## Congress Venue

Tivoli Hotel & Congress Center  
Arni Magnussons Gade 2  
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Congress name badges must be worn during the congress. Access to the congress venue will not be granted without a name badge issued by the congress secretariat.

## Information for Speakers

Please bring your presentation on a USB stick to the **Speakers Preview Room** at the venue. A technician will assist you in uploading the presentation. Please ensure that you upload your presentation at least 2 hours before your session starts. The format of presentations should be 16:9 in Microsoft PowerPoint.

Personal laptops cannot be used for presentations.

At the end of the congress, all presentations will be deleted to prevent any copyright issues from arising.

## Speakers Preview Room

Opening hours:

|                    |               |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Monday, 17 June    | 08:00 - 17:00 |
| Tuesday, 18 June   | 08:00 - 17:00 |
| Wednesday, 19 June | 08:00 - 13:30 |

## WIFI

Free WIFI access is provided at the congress venue. Network Name:

Tivoli Hotel & Congress Center  
Password: [tivolihotel](http://tivolihotel)



# Social Events

## Welcome Reception

Date 17 June 2024  
Time 18:00 - 19:00  
Place Exhibition Area

*The reception is included in the registration fee.*



## Run

Date 18 June 2024  
Time 07:00 - 07:45  
Place Meeting point:  
Registration desk at congress venue

Join the 5 km run in the Copenhagen harbor area. Shower facilities are available at the congress venue.

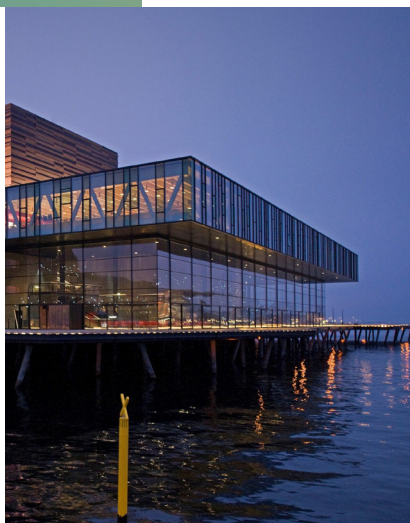


## Congress Dinner

Date 18 June 2024  
Time 19.00 - 24.00  
Place Skuespilhuset (Royal Danish Playhouse)

Boat trip from the congress venue to the dinner venue 18:15-18:40  
Sightseeing boats will depart from the harbour just across from the congress venue 18:15-18:40 (the first boat with 100 seats leaves at 18:15 – the next boats will leave 10 minutes later)

*This is a ticketed event. The dinner ticket is not included in the registration fee.*



| Congress Hall |  | Harlekin      |   |
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| 08:00 - 09:00 | <b>Welcome and registration</b><br>Poster Hanging and Danish Pastry  |               |   |
| 08:45 - 09:00 | <b>Coffee break and exhibition</b>   | 08:15 - 08:45 | <b>Meet the Experts</b><br>Everything You Want to Know About ECM  |
| 09:00 - 10:15 | <b>Opening session</b>   |               |   |
| 09:00 - 09:30 | <b>Morten Karsdal</b><br>Welcome and introduction.   |               |   |
| 09:30 - 10:15 | <b>K1 Raghu Kalluri</b><br>The function of fibroblasts and collagen on organ fibrosis and cancer.  |               |   |
| 10:15 - 10:45 | <b>Coffee break and exhibition</b>   |               |   |
| 10:45 - 12:20 | <b>Plenary session</b><br><b>The Essential Components of the ECM</b>   |               |   |
| 10:45 - 11:10 | <b>Scott Friedman</b><br>Insights into the cell biology of fibrosis and prospects for new targets.   |               |   |
| 11:10 - 11:35 | <b>Sylvie Ricard-Blum</b><br>The ECM crosslinking enzyme lysyl oxidase: a structurally and functionally challenging therapeutic target.                  |               |   |
| 11:35 - 11:50 | <b>OP1 Jaimes Campos</b><br>Common molecular (omics) fibrotic signature across organs affected by fibrosis in chronic diseases.                          |               |   |
| 11:50 - 12:05 | <b>OP2 Jade Celis</b><br>Identifying genetic markers of fibrostenosis in patients with Crohn's disease.  |               |   |
| 12:05 - 12:20 | <b>OP3 Sarah Palko</b><br>Determining the effects of VEGF/Ang2 inhibition on collagen dynamics and deposition in the 2-hit model of subretinal fibrosis. |               |   |
| 12:20 - 13:45 | <b>Lunch and exhibition</b>  |               |   |
|               |  | 12:50 - 14:00 | <b>Industry-sponsored symposium</b><br><b>Targeting Fibrosis: Changing the ECM I</b>  |
|               |  | 12:50 - 13:10 | <b>Michael Cooreman, Inventiva</b><br>PPARs: regulators of tissue remodeling.   |
|               |  | 13:10 - 13:25 | <b>Chris Stevenson, Engitix Therapeutics</b><br>Beyond the cells: decoding the extracellular matrix to develop novel therapies for fibrosis and cancer. |
|               |  | 13:25 - 13:40 | <b>Paul Yaworsky, Mediar Therapeutics</b><br>Anti-WISP1 (MTX-463) as a novel potential therapy for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis.                       |
|               |  | 13:40 - 13:55 | <b>Lara Perryman, Syntara</b><br>Finally an anti-fibrotic! Clinical efficacy of lysyl oxidase inhibitors.   |
|               |  | 13:55 - 14:00 | <b>Q&amp;A</b>  |



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| 14:00 - 15:35 | <b>Plenary session</b><br><b>The Importance of ECM in Cancer</b>  |
| 14:00 - 14:25 | <b>Thomas Cox</b><br>Deconstructing cancer ecosystems: the matrix perspective.  |
| 14:25 - 14:40 | <b>Saurabh Gupta</b><br>Pathological, prognostic and predictive role of circulating extracellular matrix markers in solid tumors.   |
| 14:40 - 15:05 | <b>Janine Erler</b><br>ECM regulation of metastatic growth.   |
| 15:05 - 15:20 | <b>OP4 Marina Pajic</b><br>Reprogramming of pro-fibrotic immuno-suppressive pancreatic cancer environment by anti-fungal itraconazole enhances the overall anti-tumor response.       |
| 15:20 - 15:35 | <b>OP5 Nicholas Willumsen</b><br>Type III collagen pro-peptides in serum (PRO-C3) as a prognostic biomarker of survival in clinical cancer trials with a FDA letter-of-support.       |
| 15:35 - 15:50 | <b>Coffee Break and Exhibition</b>  |
|               |   |
| 17:00 - 18:00 | <b>Poster session 1</b><br><b>(P027-P048, P077-P108)</b><br><b>Categories:</b> Cancer and Tumour Microenvironment, Cardiometabolic Diseases, Liver and Lung Diseases, Matrix Biology. |
| 18:00 - 19:00 | <b>Welcome Reception</b>  |

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| 15:50 - 16:45 | <b>Industry-sponsored symposium</b><br><b>Quantifying Fibrosis</b>   |
| 15:50-16:05   | <b>Louis Petitjean, PharmaNest</b><br>Digital pathology and artificial intelligence quantification of fibrosis and inflammation.                                 |
| 16:05-16:20   | <b>Lars Johansson, Antaros Medical</b><br>Non-invasive imaging of fibrogenesis and fibrosis.   |
| 16:20-16:35   | <b>Aidan MacNamara, Bayer</b><br>FIGARO-BM, a biomarker study of FIGARO-DKD, reveals new insights into the mode-of-action of finerenone                          |
| 16:35-16:45   | <b>Q&amp;A</b>   |
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| 17:15 - 18:00 | <b>Panel discussion</b><br><b>Drug Development in Fibrosis: Challenges and Opportunities</b><br><b>Panel:</b> Michael Cooreman, Saurabh Gupta and Paul Yaworsky. |



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|               |   | 08:00 - 08:50 | <b>Industry-sponsored symposium</b><br>Elastin and Collagens in Health, Aging and Disease   |
|               |   | 08:00 - 08:30 | <b>Hervé Pageon, L'Oréal</b><br>Aging of human skin, focus on the glycation reaction, its modeling and its effects on reconstructed skin. |
|               |   | 08:30 - 08:45 | <b>Andrea Heinz, University of Copenhagen</b><br>Aging of elastic fibers in the skin and cardiovascular system.                           |
|               |   | 08:45-08:50   | Q&A   |
|               |   |               |   |
| 09:00 - 10:25 | <b>Plenary session</b><br>Dermatology and the ECM   |               |   |
| 09:00 - 09:25 | <b>Alexander Nyström</b><br>What a genetic disease of the matrix can tell us about inflammation-driven fibrosis.                    |               |   |
| 09:25 - 09:40 | <b>Simon Francis Thomsen</b><br>Hidradenitis suppurativa and ECM.   |               |   |
| 09:40 - 09:55 | <b>OP6 Dana Woerz</b><br>Extracellular matrix remodeling in atopic dermatitis.  |               |   |
| 09:55 - 10:10 | <b>OP7 Hannah Paish</b><br>Development of an ex-vivo full-thickness skin model for drug testing and disease modelling.              |               |   |
| 10:10 - 10:25 | <b>OP8 Alexander Eckersley</b><br>Novel proteomic approaches for identifying organ-conserved extracellular matrix damage in ageing. |               |   |
| 10:25 - 11:00 | <b>Coffee Break and Exhibition</b>  |               |   |

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| 08:00 - 09:05 | <b>Industry-sponsored symposium</b><br><b>Exploring Anti-Inflammatory and Anti-Fibrotic Drugs: Model Systems</b>                                 |
| 08:00 - 08:15 | <b>Benjamin Simona, Ectica Technologies</b><br>3DPROFIB: innovative in vitro system for ECM remodeling and evaluation of antifibrotic compounds. |
| 08:15 - 08:30 | <b>Henrik Björk Hansen, Gubra</b><br>Distinct and shared therapeutic effects of semaglutide in preclinical models of fibrotic diseases.          |
| 08:30 - 09:00 | <b>Vince Fiore, Boehringer Ingelheim</b><br>Modeling fibroblast heterogeneity in vitro for drug discovery.                                       |
| 09:00 - 09:05 | <b>Q&amp;A</b>   |

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|               |                             | 11:00 - 12:00 | <b>Rapid Oral Session 1</b>   |
|               |                             | 11:00 - 11:10 | <b>RP1 Lena Willmer</b><br>The efficacy of pharmacological interventions on ECM genes and proteins in human lung tissue and a microphysiological system for enhanced cultivation. |
|               |                             | 11:10 - 11:20 | <b>RP2 Adam Bøgh Marstrand-Jørgensen</b><br>Mapping progression of DKD in ReninAAV UNx db/db mice utilizing time-series RNA sequencing.   |
|               |                             | 11:20 - 11:30 | <b>RP3 Hannah Tompkins</b><br>High-dimensional imaging analysis reveals distinct immuno-matrix signatures across human lung diseases.   |
|               |                             | 11:30 - 11:40 | <b>RP4 Fabio Bignami</b><br>The clinically relevant PRO-C3 biomarker: a new string to the bow of bleomycin model of pulmonary fibrosis.   |
|               |                             | 11:40 - 11:50 | <b>RP5 Paola Occhetta</b><br>Pathological hallmarks of human cardiac fibrosis in a mechanically active organ-on-chip to predict the efficacy of drugs and advanced therapies.     |
| 12:00 - 13:45 | <b>Lunch and Exhibition</b> | 11:50 - 12:00 | <b>RP6 Nicole Stupka</b><br>ADAMTS-5 inhibition by GLPG1972 reduces muscle inflammation and fibrosis and improves contractile function in muscular dystrophy.                     |
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|               |                             | 12:30 - 13:30 | <b>Industry-sponsored symposium</b><br><b>Organ Fibrosis: Key Differences and Common Denominators</b>   |
|               |                             | 12:30 - 12:45 | <b>Federica Genovese, Nordic Bioscience:</b><br>Kidney/Heart  |
|               |                             | 12:45 - 13:00 | <b>Diana Julie Leeming, Nordic Bioscience:</b><br>Liver/Lung  |
|               |                             | 13:00 - 13:15 | <b>Joachim Høg Mortensen, Nordic Bioscience:</b><br>Gut   |
|               |                             | 13:15 - 13:30 | <b>Q&amp;A and Panel Discussion</b>   |



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| 13:45 - 15:30 | <b>Plenary session</b><br><b>Tissue Destruction in Inflammatory Diseases</b>   |          |
| 13:45 - 14:10 | <b>Florian Rieder</b><br>Mechanisms of intestinal repair and fibrosis.   |          |
| 14:10 - 14:25 | <b>OP9 Kirsty Houslay</b><br>RXC008, a highly potent GI-targeted pan-ROCK inhibitor, is a first-in-class approach to treat fibrostenotic Crohn's disease.  |          |
| 14:25 - 14:40 | <b>OP10 Marta Alexdóttir</b><br>CPa9-HNE: a neutrophil-derived fragment of calprotectin measured in serum can monitor endoscopic and clinical disease activity in ulcerative colitis.            |          |
| 14:40 - 15:30 | <b>Panel Discussion:</b><br><b>Tissue Destruction in Systemic Sclerosis with Oliver Distler and Dinesh Khanna</b><br>How disease pathogenesis influences proof of concept clinical trial design. |          |
| 15:30 - 15:45 | <b>Coffee Break and Exhibition</b>   |          |
| 15:45 - 16:45 | <b>Poster session 2</b><br><b>(P001-P026, P049-P076, P109-P127)</b><br><b>Categories:</b> Biomarkers, ECM Pharmacology, Models of Fibrosis and Inflammation.                                     |          |
| 17:00 - 17:45 | <b>Keynote</b><br><b>K2 Gisli Jenkins</b><br>The molecular pathology of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis.   |          |
| 19:00 - 24:00 | <b>Congress Dinner</b>   |          |



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## Wednesday, 19 June 2024

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|               |   | 08:00-08:50   | <b>Industry-sponsored symposium</b><br>The Fibro-Inflammatory Axis: Fibroblasts and Tissue Destruction           |
|               |   | 08:00 - 08:15 | <b>Dana Orange, Rockefeller University</b><br>The role of fibroblasts in rheumatoid arthritis flare and pain.    |
|               |   | 08:15 - 08:30 | <b>Adam Croft, University of Birmingham</b>  |
|               |   | 08:30 - 08:45 | <b>Anne-Christine Bay-Jensen, Nordic Bioscience</b><br>Quantifying the fibrotic component in rheumatic diseases. |
|               |   | 08:45-08:50   | Q&A  |
| 08:45 - 09:15 | <b>Coffee Break and Exhibition</b>  |               |  |
| 09:15 - 10:50 | <b>Plenary session</b><br>Treating the ECM in Lung Diseases   |               |  |
| 09:15 - 09:40 | <b>Martin Decaris</b><br>Application of molecular imaging, transcriptomics and biomarkers in the development of bexotegast. |               |  |
| 09:40 - 10:05 | <b>Rachel Chambers</b><br>Cell signalling and reconfiguration of metabolic networks during fibrogenesis.                    |               |  |
| 10:05 - 10:20 | <b>OP11 Katy Roach</b><br>Proteomic evaluation of a human lung model of fibrosis for novel therapeutic target selection.    |               |  |
| 10:20 - 10:35 | <b>OP12 Iain Stewart</b><br>Genetic burden of extracellular matrix components in pulmonary fibrosis.                        |               |  |
| 10:35 - 10:50 | <b>OP13 Paul Yaworsky</b>   |               |  |
| 10:50 - 11:00 | <b>Coffee Break and Exhibition</b>  |               |  |

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| 11:00-12:45   | <b>Plenary session</b><br><b>ECM Remodeling in Liver and Heart Diseases</b>  |          |
| 11:00 - 11:25 | <b>Aleksander Krag</b><br>ECM and the liver: ready for clinical translation?   |          |
| 11:25 - 11:50 | <b>Judith Ertle</b><br>Assessment of fibrosis in the liver – MASH and beyond.  |          |
| 11:50 - 12:15 | <b>Faiez Zannad</b><br>Clinical characterization of ECM related mechanisms in cardiovascular disease and therapy.  |          |
| 12:15 - 12:30 | <b>OP14 Erik Tillman</b><br>EFX improved biomarkers of fibrogenesis-to-fibrolysis balance consistent with a shift to beneficial ECM remodeling in patients with F2-F3 MASH.            |          |
| 12:30 - 12:45 | <b>OP15 Clara Laursen</b><br>Increased collagen type VI formation is associated with the risk of experiencing major adverse cardiovascular events in individuals with type 2 diabetes. |          |
| 12:45 - 13:15 | <b>Light lunch and Exhibition</b>  |          |
| 13:15-14:30   | <b>Closing Session</b><br><b>Keynote, Congress Summary and Abstract Awards</b>   |          |
| 13:15 - 14:00 | <b>K3 Detlef Schuppan</b><br>Translational approaches (ECM-related) to reverse liver fibrosis and liver cancer.  |          |
| 14:00 - 14:30 | <b>Congress Summary and Abstract Awards</b>  |          |

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# Poster Overview

| Poster | Abstract Title  | Presenter Name              | Country |
|--------|---|-----------------------------|---------|
| P001   | Capture the skin aging condition using specific biomarkers of extracellular matrix turnover   | Pageon, Hervé               | France  |
| P002   | Exploring Extracellular Matrix Markers in Ulcerative Colitis: Degradation and Formation Insights  | Poulsen, Anja               | Denmark |
| P003   | Serum levels of anastellin (FN-ANA) are increased in IPF and associated with forced vital capacity and treatment status                               | Hansen, Annika Hummersgaard | Denmark |
| P004   | Novel matricellular serum fibrosis marker thrombospondin-2 predicts liver fibrosis and fibrogenesis in patients with primary sclerosing cholangitis   | Surabattula, Rambabu        | Germany |
| P005   | Serum type XII collagen is elevated in patients with solid tumors and is upregulated in CAFs and NFs upon TGFb treatment                              | Crespo-Bravo, Marina        | Denmark |
| P006   | Canstatin, a type IV collagen fragment, is associated with risk of cardiovascular and all-cause mortality in patients with advanced atherosclerosis   | Angeli, Elisavet            | Denmark |
| P007   | Serum thrombospondin 2 and IGFBP-7 predict advanced liver fibrosis in patients with common variable immunodeficiency                                  | Myneni, Sudha Rani          | Germany |
| P008   | Biomarkers of active fibrogenesis and immune cell activity are prognostic for liver-related outcomes in patients with hepatitis C in the HALT-C trial | Skovgaard, Emilie           | Denmark |
| P009   | Biomarkers of collagen synthesis as risk markers for pulmonary fibrotic scarring following Covid-19 Infection   | Nielsen, Anne Orholm        | Denmark |
| P010   | Biomarkers quantifying changes in the hair follicular extracellular matrix are elevated in patients with alopecia                                     | Port, Helena                | Denmark |
| P011   | C1M, a collagen type-I degradation biomarker is associated to increased risk of mortality in patients admitted with ST-elevated myocardial infarction | Martin, Emily               | Denmark |
| P012   | Serological type VIII collagen turnover (PRO-C8) is a potential prognostic and pharmacodynamic biomarker for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis            | B. Simões, Filipa           | Denmark |
| P013   | Variations in fibrotic activity of cancer-associated fibroblasts from different tissues measured using non-invasive, clinically validated biomarkers  | Hettich, Annika             | Denmark |
| P014   | Fibroblast activity kills - Serum endotrophin (PRO-C6) is prognostic for liver-related events in patients with cirrhosis from chronic hepatitis C     | Berg, Thomas                | Denmark |
| P015   | Biomarker Evaluation in Suspected Periprosthetic Joint Infections Following Hip and Knee Arthroplasty   | Thudium, Christian S.       | Denmark |

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| <b>P016</b> | Detection of oncofetal chondroitin sulfate proteoglycans in plasma as diagnostic signatures for colorectal cancer   | Agerbæk, Mette Ørskov     | Denmark        |
| <b>P017</b> | Serological biomarkers of extracellular matrix remodeling are elevated in patients with immune-mediated alopecia  | Sinkeviciute, Dovile      | Denmark        |
| <b>P018</b> | PRO-C22 - a novel serological biomarker of tissue damage is associated with disease severity, disease activity, and systemic inflammation in patients with hidradenitis suppurativa   | Holm Nielsen, Signe       | Denmark        |
| <b>P019</b> | A novel serological biomarker of type VI collagen turnover is increased in patients with atopic dermatitis and lowered when receiving immunosuppressant treatment                     | Møller Hausgaard, Cecilie | Denmark        |
| <b>P020</b> | PRO-C11 and PRO-C16 are markers of intestinal fibrosis and are associated with mre-confirmed intestinal strictures – results from the imagekids study                                 | Mortensen, Joachim Høg    | Denmark        |
| <b>P021</b> | Blood-based biomarkers of neutrophil and macrophage activity are elevated in serum from patients with dermatological conditions   | Holm Nielsen, Signe       | Denmark        |
| <b>P022</b> | The activity of fibroblast activation protein (FAP) is reflected by a specific fragment of type III collagen that can be serologically assessed and serve as a non-invasive biomarker | Pedersen, Rasmus Sund     | Denmark        |
| <b>P023</b> | Improved understanding of the fibro-inflammatory relation in alcohol-related liver disease using serological markers may aid in the understanding of the gut-liver axis               | de Zawadzki, Andressa     | Denmark        |
| <b>P024</b> | The non-invasive fibrosis biomarker PRO-C3 is elevated in patients with myeloproliferative neoplasms and associate with disease severity and JAK2V617F allele burden                  | Bistrup, Caroline Norup   | Denmark        |
| <b>P025</b> | A fragment of isomerized type III collagen is a potential risk marker for chronic kidney disease progression in individuals with type 2 diabetes and microalbuminuria                 | Chrysoulidou, Theodora    | Denmark        |
| <b>P026</b> | Elevated turnover of type VII collagen anchoring fibril in inflammatory bowel disease   | He, Yi                    | Denmark        |
| <b>P027</b> | TIMP-1 is a major driver of the angiogenic priming of tumor-associated fibroblasts in lung adenocarcinoma   | Díaz-Valdivia, Natalia    | Spain          |
| <b>P028</b> | Aberrant TIMP-1 production in tumor-associated fibroblasts drives the selective benefits of the antifibrotic drug nintedanib in lung adenocarcinoma                                   | Alcaraz, Jordi            | Spain          |
| <b>P029</b> | Matrix Morphology Matters: Implications for Assessing Lymph Node Metastasis Risk in Early-Stage Colon Cancer  | Ravensbergen, Cor         | Netherlands    |
| <b>P030</b> | Advanced 3D-tool to improve therapeutic strategies for METex14 mutated lung cancers   | Fernandes, Marie          | France         |
| <b>P031</b> | Bioinformatic analysis of proteomic datasets reveals extracellular matrix proteins involved in metastatic spread of uveal melanoma  | Hattersley, Joshua        | United Kingdom |

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| <b>P032</b> | A pro-invasive mechanical cross-talk between cancer cells and cancer-associated fibroblasts  | Mohammadi, Hamid         | United Kingdom |
| <b>P033</b> | Universal" fibroblast-specific expression of CCN1 coordinates neovascularization and stroma deposition in melanoma metastasis  | Leask, Andrew            | Canada         |
| <b>P034</b> | Deep Proteomics of Non-Muscle Invasive and Muscle Invasive Bladder Cancer Highlights Subgroups With Metabolic, Matrisomal, and Immune Hallmarks And Emphasizes Importance of the Stromal Compartment | Schilling, Oliver        | Germany        |
| <b>P035</b> | Tenascin-C orchestrates an immuno-suppressive tumor microenvironment in oral cavity cancer impacting radiotherapy  | Loustau, Thomas          | France         |
| <b>P036</b> | Extracellular Matrix Profiles are Prognostic in Squamous Non-Small Cell Lung Carcinoma   | Parker, Amelia           | Australia      |
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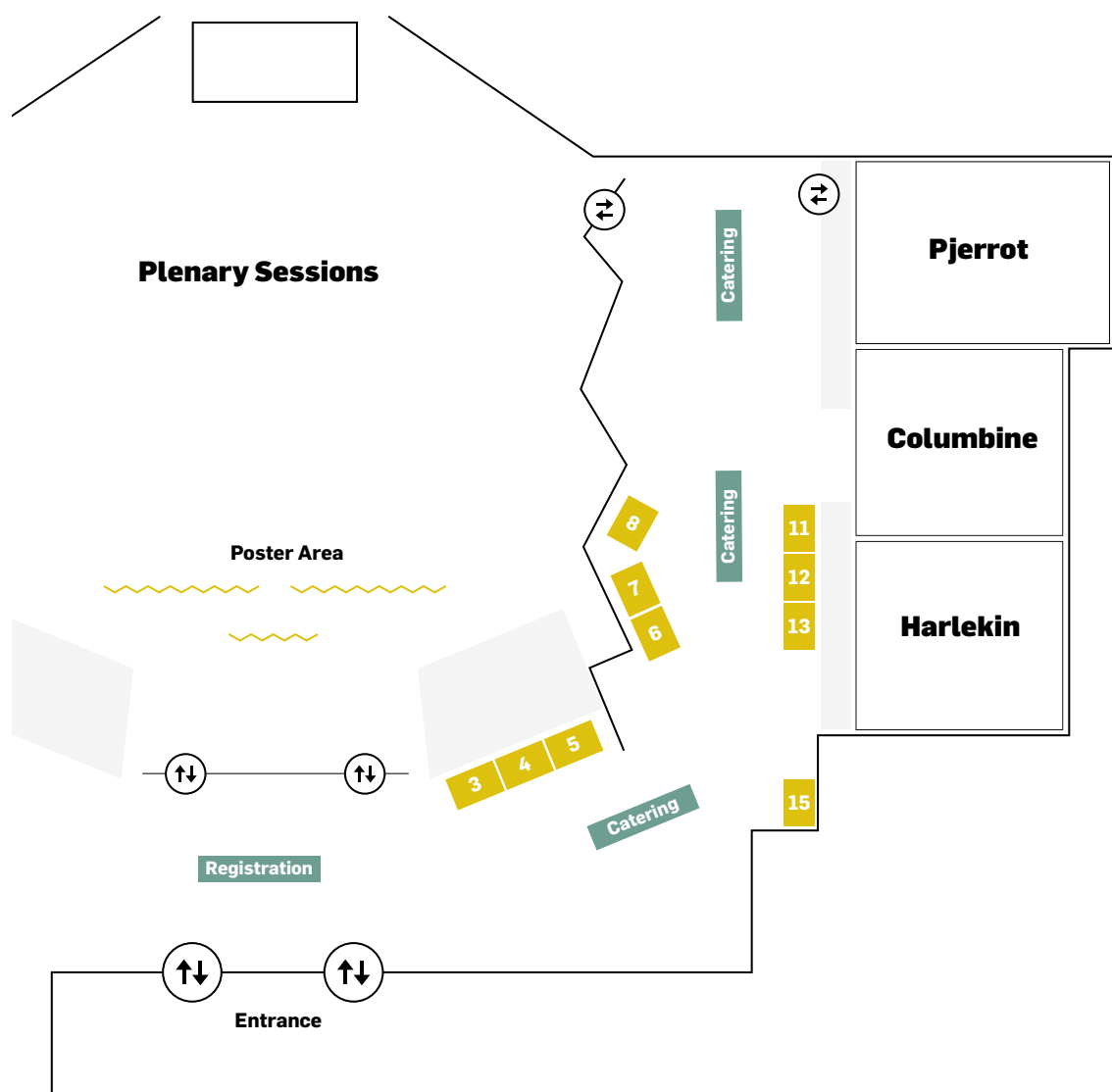


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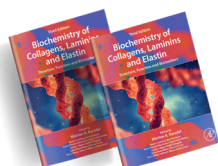
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## French Society for Matrix Biology



The aim of the Société Française de Biologie de la Matrice Extracellulaire (SFBMEc) is to promote exchanges between researchers, to help scientific and medical research and to contribute to the training of researchers in the field of the extracellular matrix.

[www.sfbmec.fr](http://www.sfbmec.fr)

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## German Society for Matrix Biology



The German Society for Matrix Biology provides a forum for scientist to promotes the understanding of the extracellular matrix. The main focus of the society is to: support research, expand interaction, promote clinical research, conferences, encourage young scientists, and scientific exchange.

[www.matrixbiologie.de](http://www.matrixbiologie.de)

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## International Society for Matrix Biology



The mission of ISMB is to: promote and develop scientific exchanges focused on the study of the ECM between scientists from all spheres and to facilitate the professional development of young scientists, coordinate, sponsor and organize workshops and scientific meetings related to ECM, disseminate information on new techniques, publications and conferences in the field, and recognize excellence in matrix biology research in the form of awards to both junior (Rupert Timpl award) and senior (Distinguished Investigator award) scientists.

[www.ismb.org](http://www.ismb.org)

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## Matrix Biology Europe 2024



The Matrix Biology Europe (MBE) conference is the main European scientific event for the extracellular matrix research community that takes place every other year in a different European city. From previous records, 400-500 scientists worldwide have participated in MBE meetings. After Florence (Italy) in 2022, it is our great pleasure to organize the 2024 edition in the beautiful and great city of Lyon, France, at the Ecole Normale Supérieure de Lyon, from September 24-27.

<https://mbe2024.sciencesconf.org>

## Matrix Biology Society of Australia and New Zealand



The MBSANZ has a distinguished history of furthering the understanding of and promoting matrix biology research. The extracellular matrix is important in the development, maintenance, pathology and repair of almost every organ in our body. As a society we possess a wealth of knowledge about the extracellular matrix and can connect you with the most appropriate experts for your questions, so get in touch and demystify the matrix.

[www.mbsanz.org](http://www.mbsanz.org)

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[www.stemcellsciencenews.com/extracellular-matrix-news](http://www.stemcellsciencenews.com/extracellular-matrix-news)

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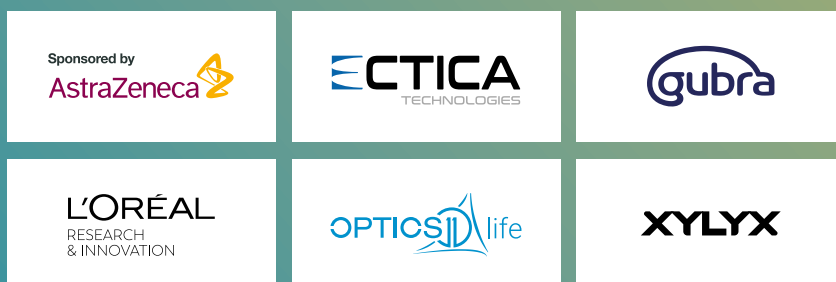


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