DAY 1 - Tuesday, 31st of October

08:00 - 09:00  Arrival and Registration (Ground Floor – Academic Conference Centre)

09:00 - 09:30  Welcome and introduction to ICGEB – Luiz Zerbini, ICGEB

09:30 - 10:00  Human Papillomavirus Infection and Neoplastic Progression at the Cervix - John Doorbar, University of Cambridge

10:00 - 10:30  Novel Functions of the HPV E7 Oncoprotein and regulation of endocytic transport - Lawrence Banks, ICGEB

10:30 – 11:00  Tea/Coffee break (Ground Floor – Academic Conference Centre)

11:00 – 11:30  Oral presentations
- Tumor-derived and normal primary patient cell ex-vivo drug sensitivity for tumor-specific drug vulnerabilities in South African gynaecologic cancers - Deepak Raj, CSIR
- Characterisation of oncogenic Human Papillomavirus (HPV) viral load among women at risk of cervical intra-epithelial neoplasia - Yanga Mdleleni, UKZN

11:30 – 12:00  Screen and Treat: Towards the elimination of cervical cancer - Lynette Denny, UCT

12:00 – 13:00  LUNCH (Ground Floor – Academic Conference Centre)

13:00 – 13:30  Clinical aspect of PCa in SADC Countries - Sam Salukuzana, Groote Schuur Hospital & UCT

13:30 – 14:00  ETS transcription factors: guardians of cell lineage integrity and drivers of prostate cancer progression - Pina Carbone, IOR

14:00 – 14:30  Oral presentations
- Projected cancer burden, cancer infrastructure and the epidemiology of Prostate Cancer in Africa - Oseremen A Shadrach, University of Abuja
- Targeted core/shell nanoparticles for prostate cancer detection in nude mice animal models using 9.4T MRI system - Barbara Blasiak, Polish Academy of Sciences

14:30 - 15:00  Tea/Coffee break (Ground Floor – Academic Conference Centre)

15:00 - 15:30  Controlling HPV Infection and Disease; Vaccination, Cervical Screening and the Development of Therapeutics - John Doorbar, University of Cambridge

FREE TIME

17:00 - 19:00  Welcome Cocktail reception (Rooftop – Academic Conference Centre)
DAY 2 - Wednesday, 1st of November

09:00 - 09:30  Spatially aware transcriptomics analysis - Stefano Cacciatore, ICGEB
09:30 - 10:30  Genome profiling prostate cancer health disparities - Vanessa Hayes, University of Sydney

10:30 – 11:00  Tea/Coffee break (Ground Floor – Academic Conference Centre)

11:00 – 11:30  Oral presentations
   - MetChem: a new pipeline to explore the metabolite’s structural similarity - Ebtesam Abdel-Shafy, ICGEB
   - The Role of DCUN1D1 in Prostate Cancer: Regulation of proliferation and tumour growth via neddylation of cullins and deregulation of Wnt/Catenin Pathway – Juliano Paccez, ICGEB

11:30 – 12:00  The epigenetic road to cancer therapy - Carlo Catapano, IOR

12:00 – 13:00  LUNCH (Ground Floor – Academic Conference Centre)

13:00 – 13:30  Non-Protein targets and effectors of human papillomaviruses - Karl Munger, Tufts University School of Medicine

13:30 – 14:00  Oral presentations
   - Repurposing drugs that target the interaction between HPV and TBX3 to treat cervical cancer - Saif Khan, UCT
   - Developing biodrugs as small biomolecules to suppress proinflammatory profiles and oxidative stress in prostate and cervical cancer - Thabe Matsebatela, University of Limpopo

14:00 – 15:30  Poster Session with refreshments (First Floor – Academic Conference Centre)

15:00 – 17:30  Bus Tour around Cape Town (Waterfront, Kirstenbosch, Constantia Winelands, Hout Bay, Camps Bay, Sea Point, and back to V&A) – details to be communicated

DAY 3 - Thursday, 2nd of November

09:00 - 09:30  Cervical cancer burden in LMICs and advances in HPV DNA based diagnostics – Allen Matubu, University of Zimbabwe
09:30 - 10:00  A mouse model of human Papillomavirus pathogenesis - Karl Munger, Tufts University School of Medicine
10:00 – 10:30  Cancer stem cells: novel targets and therapeutic strategies – Carlo Catapano, IOR

10:30 – 11:15  Group photo/Tea/Coffee break (Ground Floor – Academic Conference Centre)

11:15 – 11:45  Multi-omics approach to understand metabolic dysregulation and develop a predictive model in cancer – Neel Bhavesh, ICGEB
11:45 - 12:15  Receptor Tyrosine kinases in cancer development – Luiz Zerbini, ICGEB
12:15 – 13:30  Lunch (Ground Floor – Academic Conference Centre)
13:30 - 14:30  Closing remarks, certificates and prize giving - Lawrence Banks, ICGEB
15:00 – 17:30  Bus Tour around Cape Town (Waterfront, Kirstenbosch, Constantia Winelands, Hout Bay, Camps Bay, Sea Point, and back to V&A) – details to be communicated