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Dear friends and colleagues,

together with my co-chairs Simone Fulda (Frankfurt) und Johannes Zuber (Vienna) it is my great pleasure to announce the 20th International AEK Cancer Congress (<http://www.aek-congress.org/information.html>) to be held in Heidelberg at the EMBL from February 27th to March 1st 2019.

The AEK Congress is organized by the German Cancer Society every two years and has become a major event for basic and translational cancer research in Germany. For next year's meeting we decided to cover seven research areas with particularly exciting developments: Cancer Immunology & Immunotherapy, Targeting Myc and Ras, Replicative Stress and DNA Damage Response, Cellular Senescence in Cancer, Metastasis, Novel Tools and Model Systems in Cancer Research and Tumor Microenvironment. These will be presented in eight sessions featuring a total of 21 talks by international leaders in

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the respective fields. Among others, speakers include:

- Ton Schumacher (Amsterdam, Netherlands)
- Joan Massagué (New York, USA)
- Douglas Hanahan (Lausanne, Switzerland)
- Michael Karin (San Diego, USA)
- René Bernards (Amsterdam, Netherlands)
- Scott Lowe (New York, USA)
- Eli Pikarsky (Jerusalem, Israel)
- Gerard Evan (Cambridge, United Kingdom)

... and many more!

In addition, a total of 16 selected abstract talks, two rounds of „Poster Flash Talks“, and two poster sessions will give students, postdocs and junior faculty plenty of opportunity to present their latest research. Importantly, the moderate size of the meeting (up to 500 participants) and the venue at EMBL offer a lot of room for

scientific interactions during breaks, poster sessions and social events. Especially for young scientists (for whom we provide special registration rates and travel bursaries) the meeting setup offers ample opportunities to network, explore collaborations, and discuss their research with international leaders and among each other.

We are very excited about the program and look forward to welcome you in Heidelberg!

*With very best wishes*

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