



Wihuri Research Institute Symposium on Cardiovascular Biology

18 August 2026, Hanasaari, Helsinki

Preliminary programme

8.15 – 8.50 Registration
8.50 – 9.00 Opening

SESSION I – Vascular morphogenesis and specialization

09.00 – 09.30 **Shane Herbert**, Manchester - *Angiogenic cues encoded in cell shape*
09.30 – 09.45 *Selected from abstract*
09.45 – 10.15 **Mara Pitulescu**, Münster - *Cellular and Molecular Mechanisms of Arterial Growth*

10.15 – 10.45 Coffee break and posters

SESSION II – Immune-vascular interfaces

10.45 – 11.15 **Ana-Maria Lennon-Dumenil**, Paris - *Mechanosensing and tissue patrolling in phagocytes*
11.15 – 11.30 *Selected from abstract*
11.30 – 12.00 **Marko Salmi**, Turku - *Lymph node lymphatic endothelial cells: a dynamic immune filter*
12.00 – 12.15 *Poster previews*

12.15 – 13.15 Lunch

SESSION III – Endothelial and stromal plasticity in disease

13.15 – 13.45 **Tim Padera**, Boston - *Dysfunction in lymphatic contractility*
13.45 – 14.00 *Selected from abstract*
14.00 – 14.30 **Maria Eriksson**, Stockholm – *Somatic mutations as a mechanism of vascular aging*
14.30 – 14.45 *Poster previews*

14.45 – 16.15 Coffee break and poster session

SESSION IV – Vascular diversity and organ microenvironments

16.15 – 16.45 **Rafael Kramann**, Aachen / Rotterdam – *Organ fibrosis and cardio-renal disease*
16.45 – 17.15 **Tatiana Petrova**, Lausanne - *Organ-specific lymphatic vessels*
17.15 – 17.30 Closing of the Symposium