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**Plenary speakers**

- Shoichiro Kurata (Tohoku Univ., Sendai, Japan)
- Zeev Pancer (University of Maryland, Institute of Biotechnology, USA)
- Claudia Kemper (MRC Centre for Transplantation, King’s College London, UK)
- Arturo Zychlinsky (Max Planck Institute for Infection Biology, Berlin, Germany)
- Thomas Boehm (Max Planck Institute of Immunobiology and Epigenetics, Freiburg, Germany)