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BraiNKstorming

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Since the past NK2025 21st edition held in Hobart, Tasmania (AU), the SNI introduced a new session called “**Luminaries**”. In this session, NK cell pioneers delivered fascinating lectures highlighting the remarkable advances that the field has achieved over the past 50 years, since 1975, the year in which NK cells were first named in a seminal article by R. Kiessling, Eva Klein, H. Wigzell in the European Journal of Immunology.

We will maintain the “**Luminaries**” session in the NK2026 program and will also introduce a new, complementary initiative titled “**BraiNKstorming**”. This program will bring together junior SNI members the day before the official opening ceremony of NK2026, giving them the opportunity to discuss burning questions, major themes, and unmet clinical and experimental needs in NK cell research.

This discussion among young NK cell scientists from around the world will result in a document that will be presented to and discussed with the **Luminaries** during their session on the final day of the conference. The debate will highlight the challenges that the next generation of NK-cell researchers will face in their professional careers. Based on the feedback provided by the field's pioneers, it will also help identify the actions and pathways that young NK-cell scientists should consider in shaping their future research programs.

We will then invite the **BraiNKstorming** representatives to prepare a commentary to be submitted, and likely published, in the European Journal of Immunology.



MODERATOR

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