**Wednesday, February 21**

- 7:30am- 5:00pm Grant Review Committee Meeting (by invitation)

- **12:00-5:30pm** Melanoma Patients, Advocates & Foundations Forum  
  Chair: Cody Barnett, MRA Senior Director of Communications and Patient Engagement

- 4:00-8:00pm Retreat Registration Open

- 5:30-6:00pm Sponsor Toast/Reception

- 6:00-7:30pm Opening Reception

- 7:00-9:30pm Friends of MRA Dinner (GRC and invited guests only)

**Thursday, February 22**

- 6:30am-6:00pm Registration

- 7:30-8:45am General Breakfast

- 7:30-8:45am Young Investigators Breakfast (by invitation)

- **8:50-9:00am** Opening Remarks Day 1  
  Marc Hurlbert MRA CEO  
  Patient Advocate Speakers  
  Joan Levy, MRA CSO

- **9:00-9:30am** Keynote Lecture 1: Patrick Hwu MD, Moffitt Cancer Center  
  *Cell based therapies for the treatment of melanoma*

- **9:30-10:35am** Scientific Session 1: Adoptive Cell Therapies
10:50-11:50am   **Scientific Session 2: Enhancing T cell Responses**

12:00pm-1:20pm  **Networking Lunch and General Roundtables**

1. Acral + Muscosal Melanoma Patient Registry
2. In transit melanoma
3. Biomarkers - 'liquid biopsy' ctDNA, and tumor biomarkers
4. irAE - understanding immune-related adverse events
5. Brain metastasis, leptomeningeal disease and tumor dormancy
6. Microbiome
7. Cell based therapy (CAR-T, NK cells, TILs)
8. Neoadjuvant and adjuvant therapy
9. Clinical trials - patient recruitment and decentralized trials
10. Prevention (primary prevention)
11. Diversity - Women & Underrepresented groups in melanoma research & care
12. Targets & drug discovery for new treatments
13. Early Detection & Diagnosis (AI, imaging, machine learning)
14. Tumor microenvironment
15. Genomics - Role of genetics, genomics & epigenetics; single cell technologies
16. Uveal melanoma
17. Vaccines and intralesional therapies
18. Microbiome

1:20-2:45pm  **Scientific Session 3: Metastatic Melanoma and In Transit Disease**

3:00-3:40pm  **Scientific Session 4: Advances in Melanoma Detection, Diagnostics, and Prognostics**

3:45-5:00pm  **Scientific Session 5: Highlighting MRA Young Investigator Awardees**

3:45-4:15    **Rare Melanomas**
4:15-5:00    **Novel Therapies**

5:00-5:05pm  **Closing Remarks Day 1**

Stephanie Kauffman BS, MRA President and COO
5:15-6:15pm  MRA Board Meeting

5:15-6:45pm  Poster Session Reception (Dermatology Fellows, Young Investigators, Pilots and Sponsors)
Light refreshments, all retreat attendees encouraged to attend

Friday, February 23

6:30-10:00am  Registration open

7:30-9:00am  General Breakfast

7:00-8:50am  Industry Roundtable Breakfast (by invitation only)

9:00-9:05am  Opening Remarks Day 2
Joan Levy PhD, MRA CSO

9:05-9:35am  Keynote Lecture 2: Yardena Samuels PhD, The Weizmann Institute of Science
Mechanisms of immune activation and regulation in melanoma

9:35-11:00  Scientific Session 6: The Tumor Microenvironment

11:30-12:30pm  Closing Panel: Disease Management Across the Continuum: Dermatology, Surgery, Oncology, and Survivorship

12:30-12:35  Closing Remarks
Tanisha Jackson PhD, MRA Scientific Program Director

12:35-1:30 pm  Lunch and Departures