






CRYO2026 Program at a Glance

Tuesday, July 14, 2026 (Pre-Conference)

| Time | Event |
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| 9:00 AM – 4:00 |  Board of Governors Meeting – <i>By invitation only</i> |
| 3:00 PM – 5:00 |   ICYR Welcome Reception (Location TBA) |
| 5:00 PM – 7:00 |   Welcome Reception (Bristol Myers Squibb, 400 Dexter Avenue N, Seattle, WA 98109) |



Wednesday, July 15, 2026

| Time | Ballroom | Room 250 |
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| 8:30 – 8:40 |   CRYO2026 Welcome & Opening | |
| 8:40 – 10:40 |   Plenary Session 1: Intelligence on Ice: AI Transforming Cryopreservation Science – Perspectives from Academia and Industry | |
| 10:40 – 11:00 |   Coffee Break | |
| 11:00 – 1:00 |   Cold Science, Hot Innovations: Novel Tools and Technologies for CPA Screening and CPA Loading/Unloading |   From Manufacturing to Patient: Enabling Scalable and Ready-to-Use Biologics |
| 1:00 – 2:00 |   Lunch | |
| 2:00 – 4:00 |   Cracking the Ice Code: The Foundations of Cryobiology |   Functional Preservation of Complex Tissues: From Mechanisms to Applications |
| 4:00 – 4:20 |   Coffee Break | |
| 4:20 – 5:30 |   Plenary Session 2: In Memoriam Arthur W. Rowe; Arthur W. Rowe Best Paper Award Winner Announcement | |
| 5:30 – 6:00 |   <i>Program Reserved TBA</i> | |
| 6:00 – 10:00 |   ICYR Social Event (TBA) | |

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Thursday, July 16, 2026

| Time | Ballroom |
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| 8:00 – 10:00 |  Plenary Session 3: Next Generation Biobanking: Building Living Libraries for the Future of Medicine |
| 10:00 – 10:20 |  Coffee Break |
| 10:20 – 12:20 |  Symposium: Transforming Transplantation Through Organ Preservation |
| 12:20 – 2:20 |  Lunch & Poster Session (<i>Poster Hall</i>) |
| 2:20 – 4:00 |  Multiscale Cryobiology: Understanding Mechanisms to Enable Scalable Preservation |
| 4:00 – 4:20 |  Coffee Break |
| 4:20 – 6:00 |  What Goes Down Must Come Up: Novel Tools and Technologies for Rewarming |
| 7:30 – 10:30 |  Conference Banquet (<i>Ivar's Salmon House</i>) |



Room 250


-  Aquatic Ark: Preserving Diverse Life from Germplasm to Whole Organism
-  Precision Engineering for Next-Generation Organ Preservation
-  Models to Meaningful Recovery: Mechanisms, Models, and Recovery in Organ Preservation

Friday, July 17, 2026

| Time | Ballroom |
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| 8:00 – 10:00 |  Plenary Session 4: Not Just Fertility! – Harnessing Cryopreservation to Protect Threatened Species |
| 10:00 – 10:20 |  Coffee Break |
| 10:20 – 12:20 |  Plenary Session 5: Crystal Award for Best Student Oral Presentation; In Memoriam Kenneth B. Storey |
| 12:20 – 1:20 |  Lunch |
| 1:20 – 3:20 |  Controlling Ice, Perfecting Outcomes: Tools and Technologies for Controlling Ice Formation and Optimizing Cooling Processes |
| 3:20 – 3:40 |  Coffee Break |
| 3:40 – 5:00 |  From Ice Nucleation to Recovery: Mechanisms in Cryopreservation |
| 5:00 – 5:20 |  Plenary Session 6: Space – Cryobiology's Final Frontier |
| 5:20 – 5:30 |  Closing Ceremony; Announcement of Crystal Award Winner |

Room 250

-  Banking a Biodiverse Botanical Future: Cryobiotechnology of Tissues, Organs, and Full Organisms
-  Cryopreservation in Practice: Bridging Discovery and Clinical Impact in Diverse Medical Contexts

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