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CONFERENCE 2026

June 2 - 3, 2026 | Dresden



Programme

When

Tuesday, June 2nd to Wednesday, June 3rd, 2026

June 2nd – Welcome reception, Start at 6 pm

June 3rd – Start at 9 am, End approx. 6 pm

Location Venue

[Penck Hotel Dresden, Ostra-Allee 33, 01067 Dresden](#)

June 2nd

Time	
5.15 pm	Registration
6.00 – 6.30 pm	Welcome Address
	Welcome by the moderator Isabel Werdin
	A welcome from BMFTR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Ralf Gebel (Head of the sub-department “Innovative Ecosystems” at the BMFTR)
	A welcome from Saxony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alexander Dierks (President of the Saxon State Parliament) • Prof. Dr. Heike Graßmann (State Secretary at the SMWK)
6.30 pm	Opening of the dinner buffet
7.00 – 8.30 pm	Dinner Key Notes
	Lorenz Mayr , In-vivo CAR-T: Opportunities and Challenges
	Verena Lütschg , Technology on the rise: Innovation requires enthusiasm
9.00 – 9.10 pm	Felix Lansing , SaxoCell Innovation Spotlight – Seamless Therapeutics
End at 10 pm	Get-together

June 3rd

Time	
8.15 am	Registration & coffee
9.00 – 9.15 am	Welcome by the SaxoCell speakers Ulrike Köhl and Frank Buchholz



9.15 – 10.30 am	Session 1: Cell and Gene therapy in oncology
	Marcela V. Maus , New insights into CAR T cells
	Katrin Wetzko , TCRs/TILs in solid tumors - state of the art
	Ulrike Weirauch , Digital Molecular Medicine Approaches for Immunomonitoring Strategy Development and Improvement of Patient Care in Engineered Adoptive Cell Therapy
	Xiaohan Liang , Optimizing Cell and Gene Therapy Workflows with High-Performance Proteins and Antibodies
	Coffee Break
10.50 – 11.50 am	Session 2: Cell and Gene therapy in autoimmune diseases and degeneration
	Dimitrios Mouggiakakos , CAR T cells in autoimmune diseases
	Fabian Müller , CD19 CAR T cells in autoimmune disease - from deep B cell depletion to lasting remission
	Mike Karl , Human preclinical modeling of cell therapies for vision loss
	Lunch Break & Poster session
12.50 – 1.15 pm	Pitch sessions for pre-seeds and start-ups
	TQ Therapeutics, Christin Zündorf
	NanoVation Therapeutics, Dominik Witzigmann
	Cancelico, Jan Moritz Middeke
	BioThrust, Patrick Bongartz
	Green Elephant Biotech, Katharina Günther
	SMART-NK Therapeutics, Jiri Eitler
	Coffee Break
1.40 – 2.50 pm	Session 3: Delivery Technologies and new trends in Genetic Engineering
	Kathrin Schumann , Strategies for Safer CRISPR-Engineering of Human T Cells
	Ernst Wagner , Chamaeleon Nanocarriers for RNA Delivery and Genome Editing
	Julian Jude , Writing The Future - From DNA to Ai
	Martin Rabel , A next-generation ionizable lipid LNP platform enabling efficient in vivo CAR T cell generation in mice and NHP using passive and active immune cell targeting strategies
	Coffee Break



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3.20 – 5.40 pm	Session 4: Challenges towards clinical translation and financing
	Marcelina Bugaj , The Therapy Begins Before the Infusion: A Patient Perspective on Anti-CD19 CAR-T Cell Therapy in ACPA-Positive Rheumatoid Arthritis
	Christoph Conrad , Regulation as a Compass – Learnings from Two Years of Supporting Academic Translation
	Rebekka Wehner , Clinical relevance of multiplex IHC-based characterization of the tumor immune landscape
	Andreas Traube , From craft to scale - Matrix Manufacturing for Cost-Efficient Cell and Gene Therapy Production
	Tomasz Baran , Perinatal Stem Cell Banking as a Platform for ATMP Development
	Ion Tcacencu , Regulatory Roadmaps to Translate Academic ATMP Innovations into Clinic
	Panel Discussion „How to Overcome the Valley of Death in CGT Development?“ – Martin Bornhäuser, Regina Demlová, Ralf Huss, Marion Jung
5.40 – 6.00 pm	Poster and Pitch Award ceremony & Closing remarks
6.00 – 8.00 pm	Closing Reception & Networking

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