

FRAUNHOFER CLUSTER OF EXCELLENCE IMMUNE-MEDIATED DISEASES CIMD

# **DAY OF IMMUNE RESEARCH**

MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup> 2024 IN FRANKFURT/MAIN



# FRAUNHOFER CIMD

The primary goal of the Fraunhofer Cluster of Excellence for Immune-Mediated Diseases is the translation of innovative ideas and identified targets into individualized therapies for immune-mediated diseases. In the medium term, the collaborating institutes want to bridge the existing gap from research on novel medications to what is actually available to patients.

In forward-looking projects, three life science Fraunhofer Institutes – Fraunhofer Institute for Translational Medicine and Pharmacology ITMP, Fraunhofer Institute for Cell Therapy and Immunology IZI, and Fraunhofer Institute for Toxicology and Experimental Medicine ITEM – are **pooling their expertise**, thereby **enabling efficient translation**. In order to increase the value, networking with other Fraunhofer partner institutes outside the Life Science network, e.g. in the field of engineering and IT sciences, is an essential part of the Fraunhofer CIMD mission. A substantial gain of knowledge in the pathophysiology of immune diseases will thus be generated, new diagnostic methods will be developed, innovative targets will be addressed, and new treatment categories in this therapeutic area will be introduced and established.

About eight percent of the population worldwide suffer from **immune-mediated diseases.** These conditions are very heterogeneous and can affect almost any organ or tissue. The therapeutic area of immune-mediated diseases includes, for example, rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, psoriasis vulgaris, the systemic disorder lupus erythematosus,

atopic dermatitis and related allergy-induced conditions, but also chronic-inflammatory gastrointestinal diseases, chronic airway diseases, systemic sclerosis and multiple sclerosis. What many of these disorders have in common in terms of pathophysiology is a dysregulation of the immune system.

Fraunhofer CIMD is dedicated to translational research. It thus transfers basic research into the application. Fraunhofer is involved in the four major topics of health research - **drugs, diagnostics, devices and data,** the 4D. In principle, these represent four occupational groups: physicians, life scientists, engineers and computer scientists - who work under one roof at Fraunhofer. Thus, Fraunhofer has an excellent position to cost-effectively put ideas into practice and turn them into new treatment options. For more information about the Fraunhofer CIMD and its goals and ongoing projects, please visit our website: www.cimd.fraunhofer.de

On the **Day of Immune Research**, current topics in the field of immune-mediated diseases and immune research will be presented and discussed in an interdisciplinary and cross-institutional manner. The Day of Immune Research is intended to serve as an information and exchange platform and to contribute to the joint advancement of immune research. Together we will discuss current challenges and develop new approaches to solutions.



# REGISTRATION & ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

In the spirit of a sustainable and consistent strategy of applied immunology research, it is very important for us at Fraunhofer CIMD that the bundeld expertise of the Fraunhofer Society and external partners is implemented in the projects of the research cluster.

## Your ideas, suggestions, and abstracts

At the Day of Immune Research, you can present your own work and projects and discuss challenges and new approaches with us.

To be able to talk to you specifically about potential cooperation opportunities within the Fraunhofer CIMD, we would kindly ask you to submit **project, technology, and/or cooperation ideas** in the form of an abstract. These ideas can be presented and discussed as poster presentations during the Day of Immune Research.

Poster categories could include:

- Research projects (planned, ongoing, finished)
- Industrial or publicly funded projects
- Cooperation possibilities (e.g., looking for a consortium for an EU-call or need for an (industrial) partner for a project)
- Unsolved research problems



# Registration and submission of abstracts

Participation is free of charge and you can also participate without submitting an abstract or presenting a poster. **However, in order to participate you need to register for the event.** 

Please register yourself and your poster(s) (abstracts) on the Fraunhofer CIMD Homepage: Link to registration You can also register via the Fraunhofer CIMD Homepage and submit your abstract later via E-Mail to: Info@cimd.fraunhofer.de

Deadline for registration is **February 20th, 2024.**Deadline for submission of abstracts is **February 1st, 2024**.

For questions please contact: Central office Fraunhofer CIMD info@cimd.fraunhofer.de +49 69 6301 80205

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# **AGENDA**



08:45 - 09:30  09:30 - 09:45	<b>Welcome</b>   Prof. Gerd Geißlinger (Spokesman Fraunhofer CIMD)	13:20 - 13:35	BioMed X: A unique model for biomedical innovation at the interface between academia and industry I <i>Dr. Christian Tidona</i> (BioMed X)
09:45 - 10:00	In vitro models for preclinical safety	13:40 - 13:55	DrugEM - How the new era of
	testing - benefits, pitfalls and perspectives I		structural biology fuels drug discovery I
	Dr. Francesca Moretti (Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research)		Dr. Schara Safarian (Fraunhofer ITMP)
		14:00 - 15:15	Poster Presentation & Coffee Break
10:05 - 10:20	Alternatives to animal testing: Regulatory		
	aspects   Dr. Karen Huber (Paul-Ehrlich Institut)	15:15 - 16:55	Fraunhofer CIMD: Research Insights Part II
10:25 - 11:05		15:15 - 15:30	Living Lab 4D-Clinic - Interdisciplinary Patient
	Immunology: Mechanistic and metabolic		Care   Prof. Frank Behrens (Fraunhofer ITMP & Uniklinikum der Goethe Universität
10:25 - 10:40	insights  Mechanistic insights to immune-		Frankfurt)
	mediated diseases: Organ damage		riankiuity
	despite good therapy?   <i>Prof. Jörg Distler</i>	15:35 - 15:50	Living Lab Data Intelligence - Flexible Analysis
	(Universitätsklinikum Düsseldorf)	13.33	of Medical Data   <i>Prof. Jörn Kohlhammer</i> ( <i>Fraunhofer IGD</i> )
10:45 - 11:00	Metabolic diseases and the link to the		,
	immune system and organ remodeling	15:55 - 16:10	Foundation models for patient recruitment in
	Prof. Alexander Pfeifer (Universität Bonn)		clinical trials   <i>Dario Antweiler (Fraunhofer IAIS)</i>
11:05 - 11:50	Poster Presentation		
11:50 - 12:30	Lunch	16:15 - 16:30	Standardised evaluation of test systems I
			Dr. Andreas Wieser (Fraunhofer ITMP &
12:30 - 13:40	Health Data & Academic-industrial partnerships		Ludwig-Maximillians-Universität München)
12:30 - 12:55	NAKO - German National Cohort: Goals,	16:35 - 16:50	Development of new evidence-based
	Implementation, Achievements, and Future		guidelines: From clinical medicine to public
	Perspectives I <i>Prof. Wolfgang Ahrens (Leibniz</i>		health I <i>Prof. Torsten Zuberbier (Fraunhofer</i>
	Institute)		ITMP & Charité Universitätsmedizin Berlin)
13:00 - 13:15	Al for drug discovery I <i>Dr. Friedrich Rippmann</i>	16:55 - 17:10	Summary and Perspectives
	(Drug Discovery & Life Sciences Consulting)		Board of Directors Fraunhofer CIMD

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### **LOCATION**

#### FRANKFURT/MAIN GERMANY

# Casinogebäude Campus Westend

Theodor-W.-Adorno-Platz 60323 Frankfurt/Main GERMANY



The conference room »Festsaal I« is located on ground level of the building.

Link to Campus Westend site map.

#### Arrival by train

Option 1: From Frankfurt (Main) main station (Hbf) by S-Bahn, lines S1-9 to »Hauptwache«, then by U-Bahn, lines U1-3 or 8 to »Holzhausenstraße« or »Miquel-/Adickesallee«, then approx. 10 min walk.

Option 2: From Frankfurt (Main) main station (Hbf) by S-Bahn, lines S1-9 to »Konstabler Wache«, then by bus, line 36 (direction Westbahnhof) to »Uni Campus Westend«.

Option 3: Bus line 64 from the main station or Alte Oper to the bus stop »Bremer Straße«.

#### **Arriving by car**

A limited number of parking spaces are available upon request 5 min walking distance from the Casinogebäude (Fritz-Neumark-Weg). If you need a parking space, please contact the CIMD Office (info@cimd.fraunhofer.de). Your arrival time and plate number will be needed in order to reserve a parking space.

#### **Arriving by plane**

From Frankfurt Airport (FRA) take the S-Bahn to Frankfurt (Main) Hbf and then continue by tram as described above.



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