

UKE Transfer Day 2026

Date: 19.02.2026

Place: N43 HS Rahel Liebeschütz-Plaut

Agenda

15:00 – 15:15 | Opening Remarks

- **15:00 – 15:05** Welcome address by the Dean, Prof. Dr. Blanche Schwappach-Pignataro
- **15:05 – 15:10** Welcome address by the Vice Dean for Clinical Research and Translation, Prof. Dr. Götz Thomalla
- **15:10 – 15:15** Welcome address by the Heads of Technology Transfer, Dr. Insa Cassens and Dr. Ralf Krappa

15:15 – 15:40 | Keynote 1

- **Dr. Sheraz Gul**, Head of Innovation Area Drug Screening & Compound Repurposing, Fraunhofer Institute for Translational Medicine and Pharmacology ITMP

Lecture title: „From clinical findings to Drug Candidate in Early Drug Discovery. An example of an international 3 partner cooperation for translational research“

- **15:40 – 16:05 | Keynote 2**
Prof. Dr. Meike J. Saul, Professor of Translational Oncology, II. Department of Medicine and Polyclinic, University Cancer Center Hamburg, UKE

Lecture title: TBD

16:05 – 17:05 | Short Talks: Transfer & Innovation Showcase

- **16:05 – 16:17 | Short Talk 1: Prof. Dr. Friedrich Koch-Nolte**, Professor of Immunology and Molecular Biology, Institute of Immunology, Center for Diagnostics. Title of the Talk: „Nanobodies and Nanobody-based Therapeutics from the UKE“
- **16:17 – 16:29 | Short Talk 2: Prof. Dr. Viacheslav O. Nikolaev**, Institute for Experimental Cardiovascular Research, Center for Experimental Medicine. Title of the Talk: TBD
- **16:29 – 16:41 | Short Talk 3: Prof. Dr. Manuel A. Friese**, Specialist in Neurology, Institute of Neuroimmunology and Multiple Sclerosis, Center for Molecular Neurobiology (ZMNH). Title of the Talk: „Developing drugs to counteract neurodegeneration in multiple sclerosis“
- **16:41 – 16:53 | Short Talk 4:**
Speaker: **Prof. Dr. Catherine Meyer-Schwesinger**, Institute of Cellular and Integrative Physiology, Center for Experimental Medicine. Title of the Talk: „The potential of exophers in human diagnostics“
- **16:53 – 17:05 | Short Talk 5:** Speaker: **TBD**

17:05 – 17:30 | Coffee Break & Networking**17:30 – 17:55 | Keynote 3**

- **Dr. med. Nils Schweingruber**, CEO and Co-Founder, IDM gGmbH, Specialist in Neurology.

Lecture title: TBD

17:55 – 19:05 | Panel Discussion

Moderator: **Prof. Dr. Blanche Schwappach-Pignataro** (UKE, Dean)

Panelists:

- **Dr. Sheraz Gul**
- **Prof. Dr. Meike J. Saul**
- **Dr. med. Nils Schweingruber**
- **Dr. Insa Cassens**

19:05 – 20:00 | EXIST Women Pitch & Informal Networking