

iSTAR Newsletter, December 2025

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1. Welcome to iSTAR



Dr. Joseph Tintelnot, senior physician and medical specialist in Internal Medicine and Hematology/Oncology at the II. Department of Medicine. He joined the iSTAR program in November 2025 as an associated member. His research focuses on Tumorimmunology and Immunotherapy. A warm welcome to iSTAR, Joseph Tintelnot!

2. Congratulations to Dr. Tilo Freiwald!

Since November 2022, Tilo Freiwald has been part of the iSTAR program. He works in the III. Department of Medicine, where he conducts research on the project "The complement system in inflammatory renal disease: Dissecting intracellular C3 signaling."

Immediately upon joining the iSTAR Program, Tilo Freiwald was elected as the spokesperson of the iSTARs, a role he successfully fulfilled for two years.

In November, during the iSTAR retreat, Tilo Freiwald successfully completed his iSTAR interim evaluation. Congratulations, Tilo Freiwald, and we are delighted that you will continue to be part of the iSTAR program.



Dr. Tilo Freiwald during his interim evaluation.

3. New spokesperson of the iSTARs: Sina Rosenkranz

In December last year, **Fabian Braun** was elected as spokesperson of the iSTARs. In this role, he represented the iSTARs at the EMPOWER-ACS meeting in Würzburg and contributed significantly to the organization of this year's retreat. Furthermore he was always available for constructive exchange. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Fabian Braun for his excellent collaboration.



Dr. Fabian Braun and Dr. Sina Rosenkranz.

In November 2025, **Sina Rosenkranz** was elected as the new spokesperson. We extend our warmest congratulations and look forward to a productive and pleasant collaboration.

4. iSTAR Retreat 2025



End of November, the annual iSTAR Retreat took place at the beautiful venue Seehotel Töpferhaus. It featured inspiring presentations, engaging discussions, and a strong sense of community. A big thank-you to all participants. Thank you for being there and filling this retreat with energy and expertise.

5. iSTAR Retreat 2026 – Save the date

Der Seehof, Das Hotel im See
Lüneburger Damm 1 – 3
23909 Ratzeburg



In 2026 a joint (A)CS retreat with all members of the iSTAR, iDfellows and iPRIME-CS program is planned.

Please Save the date: **25th & 26th of June 2026.**

6. Call for applications

The next round of application is currently open. Applications must be submitted by email to iSTAR@uke.de until the 30th of April 2026.

Please scan the QR-code for further information.



7. Significant publications by iSTARs

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