

SCIENCE MEETS INDUSTRY DAY

BDC MEETING SPACE, HEIDELBERG | OCTOBER 6-7, 2025

October 6th (Monday)

18:30 - 21:30 Networking Dinner (Hotel Marriott, Vangerowstraße 16, Heidelberg)

October 7th (Tuesday)

09:00 - 10:00 Registration & Coffee

10:00 - 10:10 Welcome and setting the scene

10:10 - 10:40 **Academic Perspective** - Why Translational Research Needs Industry (Stefan Pfister)

10:40 - 11:00 **Industry Perspective** - Supporting Innovation Through Collaboration with Academic Research (Han Steutel)

11:00 - 11:20 **Showcase of a Public-Private Collaboration in Action - ITCC-P4** (Eva-Maria Rief)

11:20 - 12:10 **Research Pitch Session (DKFZ & DKTK) - Part 1** (Chair: M. Krause)

■ **AIPTO TechBio: Transforming brain cancer R&D with AI-powered next-generation organoids platform**
Haikun Liu, DKFZ

■ **PhosDx - Phosphoproteomics for routine cancer diagnostics**
Annika Schneider, TUM, DKTK

■ **A companion biologic that turns resistance into response - removing an overlooked but common obstacle for today's immunotherapies**
Chong Sun, DKFZ

12:10 - 13:20 Networking Lunch

13:20 - 14:00 **Innovation and Transfer at DKFZ: Initiatives and Collaborations (ITE.factory, D3 Lab)**
Rainer Wessel, DKFZ & Holger Hess-Stumpp, DKFZ

14:00 - 15:00 **Research Pitch Session (DKFZ & DKTK) - Part 2** (Chair: C. Opitz)

■ **TcellTech - vector solutions for cell therapy**
Khwab Sanghvi, DKFZ

■ **Heating up cold tumors to improve immunotherapies in solid tumors**
Simon Krost, DKFZ/KITZ

■ **Boost-CAR: Enhancing CAR T-Cell Therapy through Metabolic CAR-T Engineering and Tumor Microenvironment Reprogramming**
Sascha Dietrich, UKD, DKTK

■ **ReachTX: Making Cancer Drug Discovery Predictable using AI and Organoids**
Florian Heigwer, DKFZ

15:00 - 16:00 **Networking & Matchmaking Session**

16:00 - 16:15 Closing & Next Steps