

SCIENCE MEETS INDUSTRY DAY

BDC MEETING SPACE, HEIDELBERG | OCTOBER 19-20, 2026

October 19th (Monday): Pre-Event Program

14:00 - 16:00	Guided DKFZ Site Visit for Industry Partners KiTZ Drug Screening Unit (hosted by Ina Oehme) HIT: Heidelberg Ion Beam Therapy Center (hosted by Amir Abdollahi) DKFZ NGS Core Facility (hosted by Stephan Wolf) KiTZ, the new building (hosted by Stefan Pfister)
18:30 - 21:00	Networking Dinner (Hotel Marriott, Vangerowstraße 16, Heidelberg)

October 20th (Tuesday)

09:00 - 10:00	Registration & Coffee
10:00 - 10:05	Welcome (Melanie Börries)
10:05 - 11:00	Setting the Scene Advancing Translational Research in Academia (Stefan Pfister) Enabling Translational Innovation in Industry (Han Steutel) From Academic Discovery to Early Clinical Translation: ToMA4TA - A DKTK-NCT Use Case (Antonia Busse, NCT)
11:00 - 11:45	Industry Perspectives: What Are We Looking For? (Chair: Matthias Meergans) ■ tba Niko André, AstraZeneca ■ tba tba, Johnson & Johnson ■ tba tba, Incyte
11:45 - 12:30	Research Pitches: Selected Translational Projects (Chair: tbd) ■ CONSOLIDATE (<i>Celia Dobersalske and Björn Scheffler, DKTK Essen/Düsseldorf</i>) Cranial Bone Lymphoids as an autologous cellular medicinal product for glioblastoma therapy ■ DrugSeq Solutions (<i>Violaine Goidts, DKFZ Heidelberg</i>) Single-cell technology linking quantification of intracellular drug uptake to cellular identity and response ■ ResistMut (<i>Sven Diederichs, DKTK Freiburg</i>) High Throughput Functional Genomics for Drug Resistance - Knowing, who may respond, before the Clinical Trial
12:30 - 13:30	Networking Lunch
13:30 - 14:30	Fish Bowl: Translational Challenges (Moderator: Tim Flink) ● Barriers in academia-industry collaboration ● Preclinical -> clinical transition ● IP / regulatory challenges
14:30 - 15:15	Fish Bowl Outcomes & Plenary Discussion (Moderator: Tim Flink)
15:15 - 15:45	Wrap-Up & Next Steps