

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 HIT: Heidelberg Ion Beam Therapy Center (hosted by Amir Abdollahi) KiTZ Drug Screening Unit (hosted by Heike Peterziel) KiTZ, the new building (hosted by Stefan Pfister)
18:30 - 21:00	Networking Dinner (Hotel Marriott, Vangerowstraße 16, Heidelberg)

October 20th (Tuesday)



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09:00 - 10:00	Registration & Coffee
10:00 - 10:05	Welcome (Melanie Börries)
10:05 - 11:00	Setting the Scene (Chair: Melanie Börries) 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 - 11:30	Industry Perspectives: What Are We Looking For? (Chair: Matthias Meergans) ■ From Science to Scale: Are we turning Germany's scientific excellence into innovation at scale? Niko André, AstraZeneca ■ Overcoming the translational gap as research partners (<i>virtual</i>) Ralf Angermund, Johnson & Johnson
11:30 - 12:20	Research Pitches: Selected Translational Projects (Chair: Silke Uhrig-Schmidt) ■ CONSOLIDATE (Celia Dobersalske and Björn Scheffler, DKTK Essen/Düsseldorf) Cranial Bone Lymphoids as an autologous cellular medicinal product for glioblastoma therapy ■ DrugSeq Solutions (Emma Phillips, DKFZ Heidelberg) Single-cell technology linking quantification of intracellular drug uptake to cellular identity and response ■ ResistMut (Sven Diederichs, DKTK Freiburg) High Throughput Functional Genomics for Drug Resistance - Knowing, who may respond, before the Clinical Trial
12:20 - 12:40	Concepts of partnering for translation: Clinician Scientist Program 2.0 (M. Schulte-Sasse & M. Meergans)
12:40 - 13:40	Networking Lunch
13:40 - 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 - 15:30	Wrap-Up & Closing Remarks

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