

DKTK Heidelberg Community Meeting 2026

November 30, 2026, 09:00 to 16:00 CET

DKFZ Communication Center, Lecture Hall and Foyer, Im Neuenheimer Feld 280, Heidelberg

Program:

Presentations and discussions take place at the Lecture Hall.

09:00 - 09:25: **Welcome and Introduction to DKTK Heidelberg**

Christiane Opitz, spokesperson DKTK Translation Center Heidelberg, DKFZ

09:25 - 10:00: **Keynote lecture: Artificial Intelligence in translational cancer research**

Jakob Kather, TU Dresden / University Hospital Heidelberg

10:00 – 10:45: **Enabling successful translation: clinical development, regulatory requirements and CRO support (1)**

- Julia Schüler, IQVIA Laboratories
- Daniel Nowak, Paul-Ehrlich-Institut (PEI)

10:45 – 10:55: Comfort Break

10:55 – 12:00: **Enabling successful translation: clinical development, regulatory requirements and CRO support (2)**

- Sophie Bartsch, Johner Institut GmbH
- Julia Stingl, University Hospital Heidelberg
- Titus Brinker, DKFZ

12:00 – 12:45: Group picture and Lunch Break, Foyer

12:45 – 13:05: **Successful translation in practice**

aiPTO, Haikun Liu, DKFZ

13:05 - 14:15: **Short presentations and Flash Talks from selected poster abstracts**

- Short presentations of projects funded in the Seed Funding and Bridge to Translation Funding Calls 2026
- Selected Poster Abstracts

14:15 - 15:30: **Poster Session** and Coffee Break, Foyer

15:30 - 16:00: **Wrapping it up: Current priorities and future strategies of DKTK Heidelberg**

Podium discussion

16:00: **Farewell** and end of retreat