

MPIP × HI-TRON Scientific Networking Event

Date: Monday, 19 October 2026, 09:00–13:00

Venue: Staudinger Lecture Hall, Max Planck Institute for Polymer Research (MPIP)

Participants from MPIP and HI-TRON

- Group Leaders, PIs, Core Facility / Platform Leaders
- Interested researchers (Postdocs, PhD students, Technicians)

Preliminary Program

09:00–09:30 | Welcome & Institute Introductions

- Welcome by **Prof. Katharina Landfester** (Managing Director, MPIP)
- Welcome by **Prof. Niels Halama** (Chair of the Scientific Management Board, HI-TRON Mainz)
- Short introduction to MPIP and HI-TRON (approx. 10–15 min each)

09:30–10:00 | Scientific Session I

Two selected research presentations (10 min presentation + 5 min discussion each)

- Niels Halama (Division Head “Tumor Immunology & Tumor Immunotherapy”)
- Volker Mailänder (Landfester Department)

10:00–11:00 | Poster Session & Coffee Break

- Posters from both institutes (by Postdocs, PhDs)
- Informal networking

11:00–12:00 | Scientific Session II

Four selected research presentations (10 min presentation + 5 min discussion each)

- Kaloian Koynov (Butt Department)
- Alexandra Alves Duarte (Dep. Division Head “mRNA Cancer Immunotherapies”)
- Sarah Chagri (Weil Department)
- Hafsa Munir (Junior research group leader “Stromal Immunology”)

12:00–12:45 | Lunch & Networking

12:45–13:00 | Closing Remarks

- Summary and outlook
- Opportunities for future collaborations

From 13:00 (optional) | Lab Tours

- Guided visits to selected MPIP laboratories and facilities