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# 4th EKFS Translational Research Workshop



September 22, 2 p.m. &  
September 23, 9 a.m.



Congress Center Messe Frankfurt am Main  
Entrance: Ludwig-Erhard-Anlage 1  
60327 Frankfurt am Main

## Wednesday, 22nd of September, 2021

- 14:00** **Prof. Martin Zörnig** (Managing Director, ForTra gGmbH für Forschungstransfer der Else Kröner-Fresenius-Stiftung): Welcome and introduction of the EKFS funding line for translational research
- 14:30 – 15:30** **Keynote Lecture 1**  
**Dr. Kevin Cullen** (Vice President of Innovation and Economic Development, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, Saudi Arabia): For Love or Money? Why Universities do Tech Transfer
- 15:30 – 16:15** **Dr. Matthias Stein-Gerlach** (Head of Business Development, Lead Discovery Center GmbH): Introducing the Lead Discovery Center (LDC) – How to turn a biological target hypothesis into a druggable compound
- 16:15 – 17:15** **Dr. Philipp Uhl** (Heidelberg University Hospital): LipOra micelle technology for oral peptide drug delivery – Mastering major translational challenges (currently funded EKFS translational research project)
- 17:15 – 19:30** **Refreshments, Get-together**
- 20:00** **Speakers Dinner**

## Thursday, 23rd of September, 2021

- Translation Toward Clinical Trial Application**  
(Chairman: Dr. Ansgar Santel, Technology Development Manager, Ascenion GmbH)
- 09:00 – 09:45** **Dr. Martina Schübler-Lenz** (Paul-Ehrlich-Institute and Chair of EMA Committee for Advanced Therapies): Translation of innovative medicines from bench to bedside

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**09:45 – 10:30** **Dr. Gabriele Dallmann** (Biopharma Excellence): Important regulatory aspects to be addressed on the way to first-in-human clinical studies

**10:30 – 11:00** **Coffee Break**

**11:00 – 11:45** **Prof. Winfried Wels** (Georg-Speyer-Haus, Frankfurt): Phase I clinical trial of intracranial injection of CAR-engineered NK cells in patients with recurrent HER2-positive glioblastoma (currently funded EKFS translational research project)

**11:45 – 12:30** **Prof. Simone Spuler** (Charité Universitätsmedizin Berlin and Max-Delbrück-Center for Molecular Medicine): First-in-human clinical trial using primary human muscle stem cells (currently funded EKFS translational research project)

**12:30 – 13:30** **Lunch**

**13:30 – 14:15** **Keynote Lecture 2**

**Dr. Kathrin Körner** (Merck KGaA): Second medical use patents – trash or treasure? Considerations from 20 years in pharma patenting

**Financing Options Following EKFS Funding**

(Chairman: Dr. Axel Polack, General Partner Joint Polish Investment Fund)

**14:15 – 14:30** **Dr. Mathias Schott** (FCF Fox Corporate Finance GmbH): Why early-stage biotech financings often fail and what is the role of a corporate finance advisor?

**14:30 – 14:45** **Dr. Frank Hensel** (Principal, High-Tech Gründerfonds): Partnering with the HighTech-Gründerfonds for investments in early drug development

**14:45 – 15:00** **Dr. Martin Raditsch** (Innovectis Gesellschaft für Innovations-Dienstleistungen mbH): Financing Development Projects following EKFS support, the CARMA Project

**15:00 – 15:15** **Florian Jehle** (Fresenius Medical Care Ventures GmbH): Financing Innovations through Corporate Venture Capital

**15:15 – 15:30** **Barbara Diehl** (Chief Partnership Officer, Federal Agency for Disruptive Innovation (SPRIN-D)): Introducing SPRIN-D: Supporting breakthrough innovations

**15:30 – 16:00** **Panel discussion chaired by Dr. Axel Polack** (General Partner Joint Polish Investment Fund): Financing the development of novel therapies – how does it work?

**16:00 – 16:20** **Coffee Break**

**16:20 – 17:15** **Keynote Lecture 3**

**Prof. Aled Edwards** (University of Toronto, Director of the Structural Genomics Consortium, Director of M4K Pharma): Open drug discovery – a path to affordable medicines for all

**17:15** **Prof. Martin Zörnig** (Managing Director ForTra): Closing remarks