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Hosted by:

Niklas Rilke and Dr. Melissa Sgodzai

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Deadline for registration and poster abstract submission: **31.05.2025**

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NeuroImmunoCon 2025: Navigating Autoimmune Interactions in the Nervous System

Day 1: 23.09.2025

9:00 – 9:15 am: “Mahlzeit!” - [Welcoming to the conference](#) – Dr. Melissa Sgodzai/Niklas Rilke/Prof. Dr. Ralf Gold

Session 1: Modulation of immune cells in the periphery - how autoimmunity affects the nervous system (Host: Dr. Melissa Sgodzai)

9:15 – 9:45 am: Dr. Melissa Sgodzai (Neurology, St. Josef-Hospital, Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany)

9:45 – 10:15 am: Prof. Dr. Thomas Korn (Technical University of Munich School of Medicine and Health, Germany)

10:15 – 10:45 am: *Coffee break + small breakfast*

10:45 – 11:15 am: Prof. Dr. Susan Schwab (Department of Cell Biology, New York University Grossman School of Medicine, New York, USA)

11:15 – 11:45 am: Prof. Dr. Jeremias Motte (Neurology, St. Josef-Hospital, Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany)

11:45 – 12:00 am: *Coffee break*

12:00 – 12:45 pm: Special guest talk - Prof. Dr. Vijay Kuchroo (Gene Lay Institute of Immunology and Inflammation, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, USA)

12:45 – 3:00 pm: Poster-Session „Immuno-Posters“

1:00 – 2:00 pm: Lunch break

2:00 – 2:30 pm: Brainstorming session “Career in academic research”

2:30 – 3:00 pm: Brainstorming session “Your pathway in neuroimmunology”

Session 2: The effect of nutrition through SCFA and the modulation of the immune system through the intestine (Host: PD Dr. Anna Lena Fisse)

3:00 – 3:30 pm: Pia Renk (Neurology, St. Josef-Hospital, Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany)

3:30 – 4:00 pm: TBA

4:00 – 4:15 pm: *Coffee Break*

4:15 – 4:45 pm: Baffour Sarpong (Neurology, St. Josef-Hospital, Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany)



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Day 2: 24.09.2025

Session 3: The role of emerging diagnostic markers in CIDP

(Host: PD Dr. Kalliopi Pitarokoili)

9:00 – 9:30 am: PD Dr. Kalliopi Pitarokoili (Neurology, St. Josef-Hospital, Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany)

9:30 – 10:00 am: Dr. Fabian Preisner (Department of Neuroradiology, Heidelberg University Hospital, Germany)

10:00 – 10:30 am: *Coffee break + small breakfast*

10:30 – 11:00 am: Dr. Rafael Klimas (Neurology, St. Josef-Hospital, Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany)

11:00 – 1:30 pm: Poster-session “Neuro-Posters“

11:30 – 12:30 pm: Lunch break

12:30 – 1:00 pm: Brainstorming session “Career in academic research”

1:00 – 1:30 pm: Brainstorming session: “Your pathway in neuroimmunology”

Session 4: Schwann cells in the pathophysiology of CIDP (Host: Niklas Rilke)

1:30 – 2:00 pm: Prof. Dr. Claire Jacob (Institute of Developmental Biology and Neurobiology, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Germany)

2:00 – 2:30 pm: Prof. Dr. Gerd Meyer zu Hörste (Department of Neurology with Institute of Translational Neurology, University Hospital Münster, Germany)

2:30 – 2:45 pm: *Coffee break*

2:45 – 3:15 pm: Niklas Rilke (Neurology, St. Josef-Hospital, Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany)

3:15 – 4:00 pm: Special guest talk - Dr. Peter Arthur-Farraj (John Van Geest Centre for Brain Repair, Department of Clinical Neurosciences, University of Cambridge, UK)

4:00 – 4:15 pm: „Macht et jut“ – Niklas Rilke/Melissa Sgodzai/Kalliopi Pitarokoili



Registration and abstract submission

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I want to submit an abstract for the poster session

Guidelines for poster abstracts:

- **Please include title, list of contributing authors and abstract**
- **Title should not exceed 30 words, abstract text not more than 300 words**

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