

## Dear Colleagues and Friends

Following the inaugural West German Lymphoma Symposium in 2024, we are delighted to continue this exciting new tradition. The high level of scientific exchange during the first meeting confirmed the need for a dedicated regional and international forum focused on both preclinical and clinical lymphoma research.

The field continues to evolve rapidly, with major breakthroughs in the molecular understanding of the disease, the refinement of mouse models, and advances in preclinical drug development. These developments have led to significant changes in treatment strategies, including the integration of CAR-T cells, bispecific antibodies, and next-generation small molecules.

In parallel, the comprehensive cancer centers CIO-ABCD (Aachen, Bonn, Cologne, Düsseldorf) and WTZ-EM (Essen, Münster) in North Rhine-Westphalia have intensified their collaboration, notably through the establishment of the National Center for Tumor Disease West (NCT-West, Essen and Cologne), fostering robust clinical and translational lymphoma programs and to excite young researchers for lymphoma research.

We would be thrilled to welcome you once again—or for the first time—in Essen, Germany, at the heart of the Ruhr area = “Ruhrgebiet”, as part of this growing community.

Abstract submissions are warmly encouraged. Selected abstracts will be featured in short talks and considered for poster prizes.

With all our best wishes and warm regards  
Conference chairs and program committee members

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## Important Dates

 Start Abstract Submission

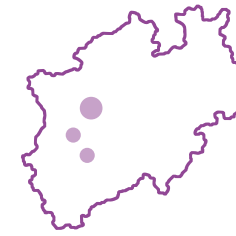
**October 21, 2025**

 Start Online Registration

**October 21, 2025**

 Deadline Abstract Submission

**March 2, 2026**



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CLINIC MEETS BIOLOGY

# WEST GERMAN LYMPHOMA SYMPOSIUM

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

**May 21–23, 2026**

Conference Center Essen | Germany



**Hybrid Event**

Day 1, Thursday	May 21, 2026	Day 2, Friday	May 22, 2026	Day 3, Saturday	May 23, 2026
from 12:30	Registration and Networking	9:00-11:05	<b>Session 3</b> <b>Harnessing the immune system for lymphoma therapy - II</b> Peter Borchmann, University Hospital Cologne (GER) Ralf Küppers, University Hospital Essen (GER)	4:00	<b>title</b> Roman Sarott, Max-Planck-Institute for Medical Research, Heidelberg (GER)
1:45	Opening and welcome Scientific committee	Chairs		4:15-6:30	Poster presentation
2:00-4:00	<b>Session 1</b> <b>Epigenetic rewiring in aggressive lymphoma</b> Christian Reinhardt, University Hospital Essen (GER)	9:00	<b>title</b> Martin Hutchings, Rigshospitalet and University of Copenhagen (DK)		
Chair		9:25	<b>title</b> Christian Steidl, Centre for Lymphoid Cancer, Vancouver (CAN)	9:00-11:05	<b>Session 6</b> <b>Molecular characterization and dynamic disease monitoring in lymphoma</b> Ari M. Melnick, Weill Cornell Medicine New York (USA) Sandrine Roullard, CIML-Centre d' Immunologie Marseille-Luminy (FR)
2:00	<b>title</b> Reiner Siebert, Ulm University Hospital (GER)	9:50	<b>title</b> Bastian von Tresckow, University Hospital Essen (GER)	Chairs	
2:25	<b>title</b> Riccardo Dalla-Favera, Columbia University New York (USA)	10:15	<b>title</b> Sebastian Scheich, University Hospital Frankfurt (GER)		
2:50	<b>title</b> Michael R. Green, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston (USA)	10:40	<b>title</b> Christian Reinhardt, University Hospital Essen (GER)	9:00	<b>title</b> Florian Scherer, University of Freiburg (GER)
3:15	<b>title</b> Ari M. Melnick, MD Anderson Cancer Center (USA)	11:05-11:30	Break	9:25	<b>title</b> Stefan Alig, University Hospital Essen (GER)
3:40	<b>title</b> Sandrine Roullard, CIML-Centre d' Immunologie Marseille-Luminy (FR)	11:30-1:35	<b>Session 4</b> <b>Towards chemo-free treatment of lymphoma</b> Stefan Alig, University Hospital Essen (GER) Sascha Dietrich, University Hospital Düsseldorf (GER)	9:50	<b>title</b> Ash A. Alizadeh, Stanford University / Stanford Comprehensive Cancer Center (USA)
4:05-4:30	Break	Chairs		10:15	<b>title</b> Björn Chapuy, Charité University Medicine Berlin (GER)
4:30-6:30	<b>Session 2</b> <b>Harnessing the immune system for lymphoma therapy - I</b> Georg Lenz, University Hospital Münstber (GER) Bastian von Tresckow, University Hospital Essen (GER)	11:30	<b>title</b> Paul Bröckelmann, University Hospital of Cologne (GER)	10:40	<b>title</b> Louis Staudt, National Cancer Institute Bethesda (USA)
Chairs		11:55	<b>title</b> Kelly Gemma, Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research (WEHI), Melbourne (AUS)	11:05-11:35	Break
4:30	<b>title</b> Darco Barisic, Weill Cornell Medicine New York (USA)	12:20	<b>title</b> James Phelan, National Cancer Institute, Bethesda (USA)	11:35-1:40	<b>Session 7</b> <b>Molecular decoding of lymphomagenesis</b> Christian Reinhardt, University Hospital Essen (GER) Margaret Shipp, Dana Farber/Harvard Cancer Center Boston (USA)
4:55	<b>title</b> Wendy Béguelin, Weill Cornell Medicine New York (USA)	12:45	<b>title</b> Mark Roschewski, National Cancer Institute, Bethesda (USA)	Chairs	
5:20	<b>title</b> Erin M. Parry, Harvard Medical School, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston (USA)	1:10	<b>title</b> Jason Westin, University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center Houston (USA)	11:35	<b>title</b> Ron Jachimowicz, University Hospital Cologne (GER)
5:45	<b>title</b> Roland Ullrich, University Hospital Cologne (GER)	1:35-2:45	Break	12:00	<b>title</b> Coraline Mlynarczyk, Cancer Center Yale University School of Medicine / New Haven (USA)
6:10	<b>title</b> Margaret Shipp, Dana Farber/Harvard Cancer Center Boston (USA)	2:45-4:50	<b>Session 5</b> <b>At the interface between biological and chemical engineering</b> Ralf Küppers, University Hospital Essen (GER) Christian Reinhardt, University Hospital Essen (GER)	12:25	<b>title</b> Jessica Okosun, Queen Mary University of London (UK)
6:35-09:00	Get-together	Chairs		12:50	<b>title</b> Laura Pasqualucci, Columbia University New York (USA)
		2:45	<b>title</b> Michael Hudecek, University Hospital Würzburg (GER)	1:15	<b>title</b> Daniel Hodson, University of Cambridge (UK)
		3:10	<b>title</b> Sebastian Kobold, LMU Klinikum, Munich (GER)		
		3:35	<b>title</b> Stefan Knapp, Goethe-University Frankfurt (GER)	1:40	<b>Closing remarks</b> Farewell and Goodbye