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Translational Research in a Global Competitive Scientific Market



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Monday, May 23rd (1)

9:00 am

REGISTRATION

10:00 am

WELCOME

Georg Schütte State Secretary | Federal Ministry of Education and Research
Günther Wess Vice-President Research Field Health | Helmholtz Association

Ernst Rietschel Former CEO | Berlin Institute of Health

Karl Einhäupl Chairman of the Executive Board | Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin

Megan Frisk Associate Editor | Science Translational Medicine

Georg Duda Deputy Director | Berlin-Brandenburg Center for Regenerative Therapies

10:30 am

SESSION 1: BALANCING RISKS AND BENEFITS IN TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH

MODERATOR: HANS-DIETER VOLK | BERLIN-BRANDENBURG CENTER FOR REGENERATIVE THERAPIES

Translational research is hindered by several common obstacles. In addition to insufficient resources and an increasing regulatory burden, there exists a lack of specific mechanisms for considering both the value of the research as well as the risks involved in order to find a proper risk-benefit balance. The session will focus on de-risking strategies that could be implemented to revive and improve processes for translational medicine and contribute more efficiently to clinical success for novel therapeutics and innovative medical devices.

 Translational research within universities and beyond Hans-Gustaf Ljunggren | Karolinska Institutet

Challenges of moving academic research

Jeffrey Bluestone | UCSF School of Medicine

into the clinic and beyond

Martina Schuessler-Lenz | Paul-Ehrlich-Institut

 Regulatory aspects in the translation of gene and cell therapies

Klaus Romero | Critical Path Institute

Consensus data standards – Unified data for

biomarkers with focus on regulatory science

2:30 pm Lunch Break

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PANEL 2: FROM REACTIVE TO PROACTIVE TRANSLATIONAL MEDICINE

MODERATOR: GEORG DUDA | BERLIN-BRANDENBURG CENTER FOR REGENERATIVE THERAPIES

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Translational research has been criticized for having little influence on clinical practice. One approach to achieving more relevance is to conduct research using appropriate methods that balance the interests of scientific researchers, clinicians and policymakers. Convening a group of world-renowned experts with varying viewpoints, this panel will focus on different aspects of translation, such as how to assess a candidate project for funding opportunities, how to bring diverse groups to the translational research process, what measures need to be taken to establish a strong clinical research infrastructure, and what is the role of governments in speeding up the translational research process?

 Accelerating the pace at which lifesaving treatments reach patients Heyo K. Kroemer | Universitätsmedizin Göttingen

Catalyzing Translational Innovation

Petra Kaufmann | NIH National Center for Advancing Translational

Sciences (NCATS)

Governmental influences on drug development: How to strike a better balance? **Günther Wess** | Helmholtz Association

How can regulators and scientists improve translation?

Barbara Casadei | University of Oxford

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COFFEE BREAK

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SESSION 3: PARALLEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS

30-35 Participants per Session | 15 min Introduction by Session Chair followed by Discussion

In these breakout sessions, participants are broken up into smaller groups for the purpose of discussing specific topics. This session is particularly important in developing, in detail, action items for high-priority areas of translational medicine. The focus lies on synthesizing new ideas and presenting a consensus on Day 2 from the group on how to move forward in various areas.

1. Mentoring the next generation of clinical and translational researchers

2. Animal models in biomedical research: Improving utility and translation – cancer research and therapeutics as an example

3. Citizen Science - Opportunities and Challenges for Translational Research

4. Business and entrepreneurial aspects of translational medicine

 Clinical Research Units – Solution for integrating Translational Research into the clinical practice. Industry and clinical perspectives) Chair: Marc McKee | McGill University

Co-Chair: Georg Duda | Berlin-Brandenburg Center for Regenerative Therapies

Chair: Robert Kerbel | University of Toronto

Co-Chair: Ulrich Dirnagl | Charité Universitätsmedizin - Berlin

Chair: Ernst Hafen | ETH Zürich

Co-Chair: Holger Gerhardt | Max Delbrück Center for Molecular Medicine

Chair: Glenn Prestwich | University of Utah

Co-Chair: Paulo Fontoura | Roche

Chair: Ronenn Roubenoff | Novartis Institutes for Biomedical Research

Chair: Barbara Casadei | University of Oxford

Co-Chair: Mohamed Abou El-Enein | Berlin-Brandenburg Center for

Regenerative Therapies

5:30 pm

BREAK

5:30 pm **DINNER WITH SHORT TALKS**

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Marc McKee | McGill University

Speeding up drug discovery and development: The Human Brain Project approach

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Richard Frackowiak | Université de Lausanne

8:30 pm

END OF FIRST DAY

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WAKE UP & SUMMARY OF FIRST DAY

DAVID GRAINGER | UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

9:45 am

PANEL 4: BEING EFFICIENT IN ADVANCING TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH

MODERATOR: DAVID GRAINGER | UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

Pressing issues in translation are the continuously rising cost of new drugs, especially for serious and life-threatening conditions, and the slow pace of device approval. Drug prices are a result of the complex and lengthy drug development and an approval process that can take a dozen years and billions of dollars. Currently, drug and device development is a rather inefficient and expensive undertaking, which leads to enormous economic burden, lack of innovation and new product introductions. The session will focus on addressing the issue of being efficient in different research fields in order to advance translational research.

Accelerating translational research in cancer Robe

 Successful strategies across the early-stage translational research

New approaches to value-driven drug development

From Systems Biology to Systems Medicine:
The art is in the integration

 Strengthening external research partnerships, particularly with industry

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Robert C. Bast, Jr. | MD Anderson Cancer Center

Paulo Fontoura | Roche

Stefanie Dimmeler | University of Frankfurt Rudi Balling | University of Luxembourg

Abhay Pandit | National University of Ireland

11:00 am

COFFEE BREAK

11.30 am

SESSION 5: SUMMARIES OF BREAKOUT SESSIONS

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Glenn Prestwich | *University of Utah*

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LUNCH BREAK

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Moderator: Megan Frisk Science Translational Medicine	
potential for global health gain. However, there are still m	ntion of the scientific community and it has been linked to promising ajor obstacles related to patent protection, funding and delivering new us on addressing the issues of how important translational medicine is to benefit the global community.
 The development of next-generation regenerative solutions for global health 	Andre Terzic Mayo Clinic

SESSION 6: TRANSLATIONAL MEDICINE SUCCESSES IN GLOBAL HEALTH

infrastructure with limited resources The art of funding biomedical innovation:

Jackson Orem | Uganda Cancer Institute

A global perspective

Developing critical research and training

Edward Holmes | University of California

COFFEE BREAK

Accelerating the translation of global health innovations toward real solutions for the benefit of patients

Steve Kern | Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Evaluating and developing translational products

David Mooney | Harvard University

Efficient translational strategies: Innovations that connect with the heart

Volkmar Falk | *Deutsches Herzzentrum Berlin (tbc)*

CLOSING REMARKS

MEGAN FRISK | SCIENCE TRANSLATIONAL MEDICINE

GEORG DUDA | BERLIN-BRANDENBURG CENTER FOR REGENERATIVE THERAPIES

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