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**6<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM  
ON HPV-INFECTION IN  
HEAD AND NECK CANCER**  
*HPV & Head and Neck Cancer –  
shaping medical needs*

05<sup>th</sup> - 06<sup>th</sup> November 2026  
Leipzig, Germany



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## WELCOME ADDRESS

Dear colleagues,

dear head and neck surgeons, ENT specialists, maxillofacial surgeons, head and neck oncologists, radiation oncologists, pathologists and HPV-involved researchers,

On behalf of the European Head and Neck Society (EHNS), we are delighted to invite you to our 6th international symposium on HPV infection in head and neck cancer in Leipzig. Meanwhile, one gets the impression that the topic of HPV in connection with head and neck cancer is even gaining in importance, as the number of cases continues to rise significantly. We learn that, in particular, the recently licensed use of immuno-oncological drugs in the primary treatment of HPV-positive oropharyngeal carcinomas has only little to no effect. Even though we know that HPV is a very positive prognostic factor, all prospective studies that have investigated de-escalation therapy protocols have so far had negative results. Therefore, we still see many unanswered questions, which we would like to discuss with you in Leipzig. In addition to new vaccination approaches, new treatment strategies, modern surveillance measures, prevention, and therapy monitoring will also be key topics.

Nevertheless, Leipzig offers a wonderful atmosphere for getting to know each other better and forcing new collaborations and friendships. Happy to see you in November in Leipzig,



Andreas Dietz



René Leemans



Wojciech Golasinski



Peter Klussmann

**8:00 AM** Registration & Coffee

**9:00 AM** Welcome & Opening Remarks

Andreas Dietz, René Leemans,  
Wojciech Golasinski, Peter Klussmann

**9:10 AM** **Keynote Lecture**

Chair: Giovanni Sacco, Christian Simon

Carcinoma in situ (CIS) in HPV-associated  
oropharyngeal cancer  
Linda Marklund

**9:30 AM** **Session A – early cancer**

Chair: René Leemans, Thomas Hoffmann

**9:30 AM** Talk 1: Update transoral approaches in T1,2  
p16+ OPHNSCC  
Christian Simon

**9:45 AM** Talk 2: Transoral ultrasound guided surgery (TOUSS)  
Mario Fernandez

**10:00 AM** Talk 3: Transoral approaches TML in T1,2  
p16+ OPHNSCC  
Susanne Wiegand

**10:15 AM** Talk 4: Radiation: better not to operate in T1,2  
p16+ OPHNSCC?  
Hans Langendijk

**10:30 AM** **Session B - locally advanced**

Chair: Nicolas Fakhry; Andreas Dietz

**10:30 AM** Talk 1: Is there a place for surgery in p16+ LA  
OPHNSCC  
Giovanni Sacco

**10:45 AM** Talk 2: Why not to operate on p16+ LA OPHNSCC  
Jeppe Friborg

**11:00 AM** Talk 3: Perioperative IO in p16+ LA OPHNSCC  
Kevin Harrington

**11:15 AM** Talk 4: Role of adjuvant IO in surgically treated  
p16+ LA OPHNSCC  
Jean Bourhis

11:30 AM Session C – Liquid Biopsy, Screening, follow up surveillance, treatment guidance  
Chair: Chia-Jung Busch, Jochen Heß

Screening:

11:30 AM Talk 1: Predictive value of HPV screening testing  
Tim Waterboer

11:45 AM Talk 2: surrogate biomarkers for early lesions  
Paolo Bossi

Surveillance:

12:00 AM Talk 3: Lessons learned from the Hamburg City Health Study  
Friederike Meyer

12:15 AM Talk 4: Circulating HPV DNA  
Ruud Brakenhoff

Treatment guidance:

12:30 AM Talk 5: ctDNA-guided CRT for HPV+ OPC  
Marie-Nicole Theodorakis

12:45 AM Keynote Lecture  
Chair: Silke Tribius, Sefik Hosal

Implications and caveats of TNM9 for p16+ OPHNSCC  
Pim de Graaf

1:10 PM Lunch Break, Posters & Industry Exhibition  
Industrial Lunch Symposium

2:00 PM Keynote Lecture  
Chair: Simon Laban, Amanda Psyri

Caveats and misleads of active HPV-vaccination strategies  
Christian Ottensmeier

2:20 PM Session D – therapeutic vaccination  
Chair: Christian Ottensmeier, Peter Klussmann

2:20 PM Talk 1: current trials landscape of therapeutic  
HPV-vaccination  
Amanda Psyri

2:40 PM Talk 2: neoadjuvant vaccination in surgical  
treatment of p16+ HNSCC  
Peter Klussmann

3:00 PM Talk 3: individualization of therapeutic vaccines  
Angelika Riemer

3:30 PM Coffee Break, Posters & Industry Exhibition

4:30 PM Session E – Translational Insights  
Chair: Patrick Schuler, Markus Hoffmann

5:30 PM Interactive Tumor Board (Live Voting)  
4 real-world cases with audience participation  
Moderator: Andreas Dietz  
Experts: Inbar Finkel, René Leemans,  
Hans Langendijk, Stephan Lang

7:00 PM Get together: Kirow Leipzig



8:30 AM Welcome & Coffee

9:00 AM **Keynote Lecture**

Chair: Inbar Finkel, Sid Puram

Landscape of HPV related oropharyngeal cancer in Europe and Its Medical Consequences  
[Wojciech Goliński](#)

9:20 AM **Session F – Functional Outcomes and assessment tools**

Chair: Viktor Kunz, Alexander Rühle

9:20 AM Current view on PROMS and Frailty assessment  
[Camilla Dorson](#)

9:40 AM Role of prehabilitation  
[Markus Blaurock](#)

10:00 AM **Session G – news in molecular insights into HPV+ OPC oncogenesis**  
Chair: Stephan Lang, Hisham Mehanna

10:00 AM Talk 1: genomic and viral heterogeneity in HPV-related oropharyngeal carcinoma  
[Sid Puram](#)

10:20 AM Talk 2: Genetic susceptibility to HPV-associated carcinomas  
[Sharma Virani](#)

10:40 AM Talk 3: Using AI to stratify HPV-related oropharyngeal carcinoma  
[Yuri Tolkach](#)

11:00 AM Talk 4: p16 and HPV discordance, meaning of false-positive p16  
[Hisham Mehanna](#)

Talk 5: HPV-related methylation signature predicts survival in HNSCC  
[Jochen Hess](#)

Talk 6: Time for early detection of HPV-driven HNSCC  
[Chia-Jung Busch](#)

11:30 AM Coffee Break, Posters & Industry Exhibition  
Industrial Symposium

12:15 AM Session H – proffered papers

Chair: Sefik Hosal, Maximilian Linxweiler

1:00 PM Keynote Lecture

Chair: Prav Praveen, Barbara Wollenberg

Practical implications from the PATHOS-trial

Terry Jones

1:20 AM Keynote Lecture

Chair: René Leemans, Susanne Wiegand

Immune Landscape of HPV positive disease

Barbara Wollenberg

1:40 AM Poster ceremony, Final Remarks & Farewell

Andreas Dietz, René Leemans,

Wojciech Golusinski, Peter Klussmann

2:00 AM End of conference

## **LIST OF SPEAKERS** in alphabetical order



**Priv. Doz. Markus Blaurock**  
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Associate Professor Oncology  
Humanitas University  
Milano, Italy



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### **Dr. Inbar Finkel**

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### **Prof. Dr. Jeppe Friborg**

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### **Prof. Dr. Wojciech Goliński**

Chairman of the Department of Head and Neck Services of the Poznań University of Medical Sciences at the Greater Poland Cancer Centre, Poland



### **Prof. Dr. Kevin Harrington**

Head of the ICR's Division of Radiotherapy and Imaging in 2013. He is a National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Senior Investigator (elected in 2016) and leads the Targeted Physical Therapies theme within the RMH/ICR Biomedical Research Centre, London, United Kingdom



### **Priv. Doz. Dr. Jochen Hess**

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### **Prof. Dr. Markus Hoffmann**

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### **Prof. Dr. Sefik Hozal**

Professor at the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Atilim University, Ankara, Turkey



### **Prof. Dr. Terry Jones**

Director of Research & Innovation at the University Hospitals Liverpool Group (UHLG). Head of Liverpool Head and Neck Centre (LHNC), based at Aintree University Hospital, United Kingdom



### **Prof. Dr. Peter Klussmann**

Direktor HNO-Universitätsklinik Köln, Germany



### **Dr. Victor Kunz**

HNO-Universitätsklinik Leipzig, Germany



### **Prof. Dr. Simon Laban**

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### **Prof. Dr. Stefan Lang**

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### **Prof. Dr. Hans Langendijk**

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### **Prof. Dr. René Leemans**

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### **Dr. Friederike Meyer**

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### **Prof. Dr. Christian Ottensmeier**

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Chair  
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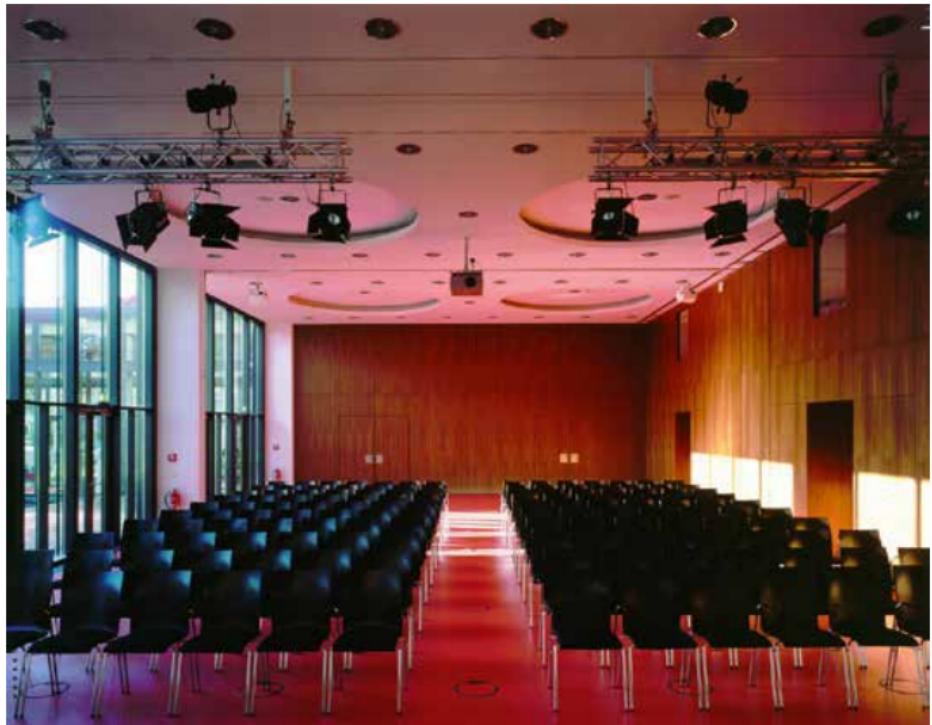
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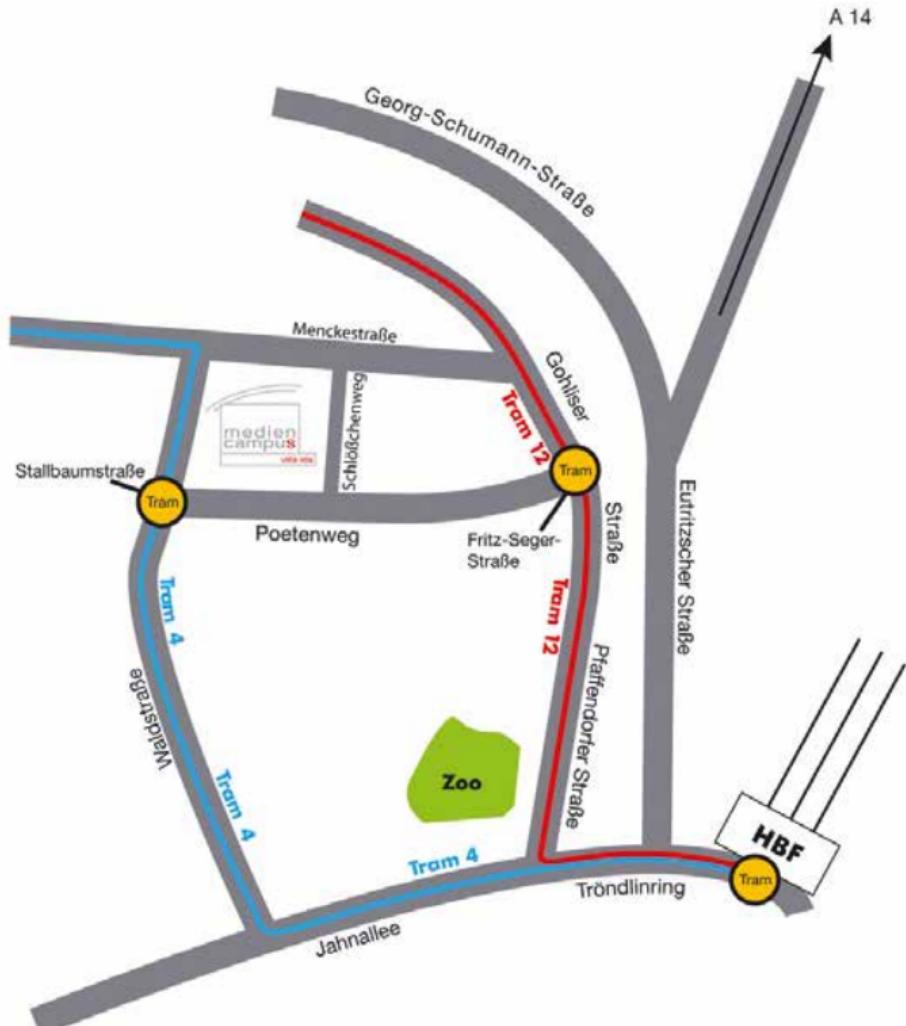
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