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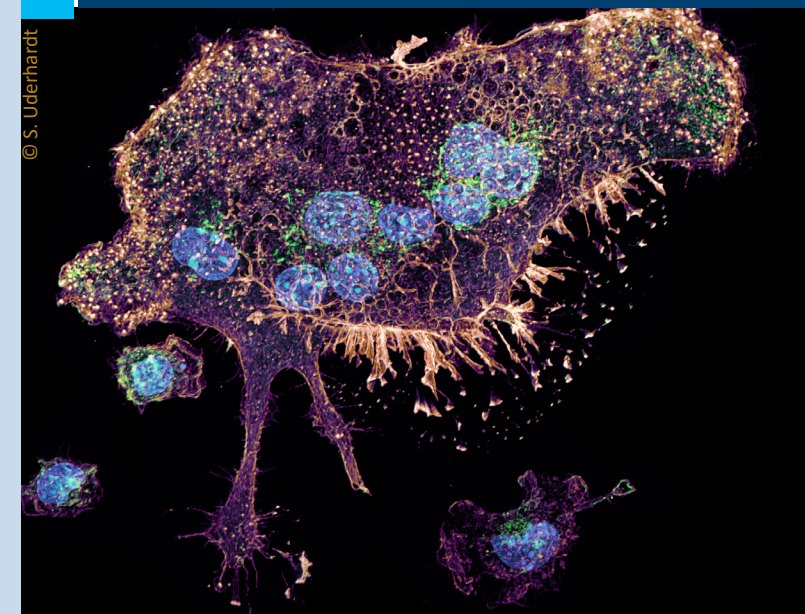


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THURSDAY, 25th JUNE 2026

Arrival till 13:30

Welcome and Introduction 13:45

Dean of the Medical Faculty, **Markus Neurath**, Erlangen
Chair of the IZKF, **Michael Wegner**, Erlangen

Session I: Diagnostics and Imaging Chair: Jana Hutter / Thorsten Klink 14:00 – 15:50

Mangala Srinivas, Wageningen NL
Translating 19F MRI for in vivo cell tracking: from molecular labels to clinical practice

Anton Windfelder, Gießen D
Advanced imaging of gut inflammation: insights from an invertebrate model system

Ferdinand Knieling, Erlangen D
Imaging the neonate at super-resolution

Ruth Beckervordersandforth-Bonk, Erlangen D
Functional role of astrocytes in hippocampal plasticity in health and disease

Session II: Biophysics and Biomechanics Chair: Andreas Arkudas / Eva Kiermaier 16:20 – 18:00

Vasily Zaburdaev, Erlangen D
Defining “Physics and Medicine” with some theory twist

Benoît Ladoux, Erlangen D
Mechanical imprints of cell extrusion and competition

Viola Introini, Erlangen D
Bioengineering microvascular models to understand malaria pathogenesis

Eleni Dalaka, Erlangen D
Bioengineering tumours in vitro to study cancer biomechanics

Conference Dinner 18:30

FRIDAY, 26th JUNE 2026

Session III: Genetics and Pathogenesis of Disease Chair: Simone Mader / Krystelle Makamdop 08:30 – 11:00

Robert Schwabe, New York US
Hepatic stellate cells: balancing protection and fibrosis in the liver

Bart Everts, Leiden NL
Regulating the regulators: how dendritic metabolism dictates the balance between tolerance and immunity

Meta Roestenberg, Leiden NL
Controlled human malaria infections as a tool to dissect pre-erythrocytic malaria immunity

Helen McShane, Oxford UK
Progress and challenges in TB vaccine development

Min Ae Lee-Kirsch, Dresden D
Lessons learned from monogenic forms of lupus

Session IV: Poster Session 11:00 – 13:00

Conference Lunch 13:00

Session V: Machine Learning and Digital Medicine Chair: David Blumenthal / Leila Taher 14:00 – 15:50

Olivier Couture, Paris FR
Super-resolution ultrasound imaging

Daniela Thorwarth, Tübingen D
Potential and challenges of automizing radiotherapy using machine learning

Markus Eckstein, Erlangen D
Spatial tumor immune microenvironment drives therapy resistance in advanced urothelial cancer

Fulvia Ferrazzi, Erlangen D
Bioinformatics and AI in precision oncology

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Session VI: Novel Immunotherapies Chair: Christina Bergmann / Ricardo Grieshaber-Bouyer 16:10 – 18:00

Hendrik Poeck, Regensburg D
The role of the microbiome in CAR T cell therapy

Fotios Sampaziotis, Cambridge UK
Cell and gene therapies for liver disease and beyond

Fabian Müller, Erlangen D
The rise of CAR T: expanding into uncharted territories

Caroline Voskens, Erlangen D
Designer tregs to treat inflammatory bowel disease

Publication Awards Poster Prizes 18:00 – 19:00

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Short presentations by the winners
- of the publication awards
- and poster prizes

Conference Dinner and Networking 19:00

Farewell and Departure