

# Wilhelm Sander 50th Anniversary Meeting

DATE

09 June 2026



VENUE

TRIO Seminar Room, Building 66  
Robert-Koch-Str. 21, 50937 Cologne

TIME

Start: 1:30 pm

1:30–1:40



Welcome

Prof. Michael Hallek

1:40–1:50



Introduction of the Foundation

Maximilian Habersetzer

## SESSION 1 · Tumor Microenvironment

Hosts: H. Balke-Want · T. Braun

1:50–2:10



Daniel Bachurski (Cologne)

*Extracellular Vesicle–Mediated Crosstalk in Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia*

2:10–2:30



Filippo Beleggia (Cologne)

*Neurons as Interaction Partners of Small-Cell Lung Cancer Cells*

2:30–3:00



Laura Surace (Bonn)

*Metabolic programming of innate lymphocytes in tumor development*

3:00–3:30



Douglas Hanahan (Lausanne, remote)

*The Tumor Microenvironment as a Hallmark of Cancer*



Coffee & Cake Break · 3:30–4:00 pm

## SESSION 2 · Immunotherapies

Hosts: R. Flümman · N. Pflug

4:00–4:20



Till Braun (Cologne)

*The Spectrum of T-cell neoplasms after CAR-T cell therapy*

4:20–4:40



Hyatt Balke-Want (Cologne)

*Engineering T cell therapies for lung cancer*

4:40–5:00



Roland Ullrich (Cologne)

*Myeloid-Driven Resistance to CAR-T Cell Therapy in B-Cell Lymphoma*

5:00–5:30



Paul Maciocia (London)

*TRBC1-Based Therapeutic Approaches in T-Cell Lymphoma*

5:30–6:00



Michele De Palma (Lausanne, remote)

*Novel Platforms for Engineered Dendritic Cell Therapies*

## SESSION 3 · Wilhelm Sander Funded Projects

Flash talks & posters

6:10–6:15



Iurii Tolkach (Cologne)

*AI-Driven Prostate Cancer Grading and Evolution Modeling*

6:15–6:20



Natali Pflug (Cologne)

*Investigating the Role of B-Cells in T-Large Granular Lymphocytic Leukemia Pathogenesis*

6:20–6:25



Roland Ullrich (Cologne)

*Overcoming Immune Cell Evasion in Small-Cell Lung Cancer*

6:25–6:30



Lars Schiffmann (Cologne, remote)

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Dinner & Drinks

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