# Program

Venue: Conference room at the Innside Hotel Frankfurt Ostend
Hanauer Landstraße 81, 60315 Frankfurt am Main, Germany

Medical supervisor: ***Dr. med. Erwin Andreas Scharberg*** - SYNLAB MVZ Leinfelden-Echterdingen GmbH, Germany

## Monday November 2nd 2026

- 11:45 pm *Get together + snack*
- 12:30 pm Welcome and introduction
  ***Sabine Scholz & Dr. Sabrina König***- inno-train Diagnostik GmbH

***Block 1, chairs:*** *Prof. Dr. Peter Bugert, Prof. Dr. Martin L. Olsson*

- 1:10 pm Rare by Nature, Revealed by Genetics: Molecular Identification of Rare Blood Group Antigens
  ***Prof. Dr. Christoph Gassner*** - Private University in the Principality of Liechtenstein, Triesen
- 2:00 pm Experiences with anti-CD36 and CD36 protein
  ***Peter Ligthart*** - Sanquin Blood Supply Foundation, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2:30 pm *Coffee break*

***Block 2, chairs:*** *Adj. Prof. Dr. Jill Storry, Dr. Martin Písačka*

- 3:20 pm Phenotype v Genotype Discrepancies – their frequency, causes, identification, resolution and clinical care
  ***Shane Grimsley***- IBGRL, NHS Blood and Transplant, Filton, Bristol, UK
- 4:10 pm From ABO to Antibody Identification: Lessons learned from the Immunohematology Bench
  ***Dr. Sofia Lejon Crottet*** - Interregional Blood Transfusion SRC
- 5:00 pm Blood Group BINGO
- ~ 5:45 pm *End of day 1*
- 7:00 pm *Joint dinner at Margarete Restaurant (Braubachstraße 18–22)*

  *Margarete is a modern restaurant in the heart of Frankfurt's historic city centre, just a short walk from the Römer. It offers contemporary German and regional cuisine, combining traditional dishes with creative, seasonal ideas. The restaurant features an open kitchen.*

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## Tuesday November 3rd 2026

***Block 3, chairs:*** *Dr. Sofia Lejon Crottet, Shane Grimsley*

- 8:30 am Molecular Basis of Mixed-Field Observations in Rh Blood Group Antigens
  ***Prof. Dr. Peter Bugert*** - German Red Cross Blood Service Baden-Württemberg – Hessen gGmbH, Mannheim, Germany
- 09:20 am How to tackle the blood group regulome
  ***Prof. Dr. Martin L. Olsson*** - Department of Laboratory Medicine, Division of Transfusion Medicine, Lund University, Lund, Sweden
- 10:10 am *Coffee break*

***Block 4, chairs:*** *Prof. Dr. Christoph Gassner, Peter Ligthart*

- 11:00 am Redefining blood groups: erythrocyte blood group antigens on other haematopoietic cells
  ***Adj. Prof. Dr. Jill Storry*** - Dept.of Clinical Immunology and Transfusion Medicine, Skåne University Hospital, Sweden
- 11:50 pm *Lunch*
- 1:30 pm The Unbearable Lightness of DNA-based Immunohematology
  ***Dr. Martin Písačka*** - UHKT Immunohematology Department Prague, Czech Republic
- 2:20 pm Third-Generation Sequencing in Blood Group Genotyping: Current Progress and Challenges
  ***Dr. Birgit Omengo / Dr. Jan Konietzka*** - inno-train Diagnostik GmbH
- 3:10 pm *Final discussion*
- ~ 3:30 pm *Goodbye*

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