

Thursday April 9, 2026

11.00 Welcome and introduction
Michiel van der Vlist, UMC Utrecht

Session I - Immune responses out of control
Chair: Gwenny Verstappen

11.15 **Autoreactive B cell responses in human autoimmune disease; what makes them different?**
Rene Toes, LUMC, Leiden

12.00 **New mechanisms that initiate and maintain asthma**
Bart Lambrecht, Belgium

12.45 Lunch and sponsor visiting

Session II - Therapeutic utilization of the immune system
Chair: Steven de Taeye

13.45 **Antibody designs and effector function engineering for tailored outcome**
Jan Terje Andersen, Norway

14.30 **Dendritic cells against cancer**
Gerty Schreibelt, Radboudumc, Nijmegen

15.15 Coffee/tea break and sponsor visiting

Session III - Lymphoid structures under the loop
Chair: Febe van Maldegem

16.00 **50 shades of lymphoid structures in cancer**
Karina Silina, Switzerland

16.45 **The immune regulating microenvironment of lymph nodes**
Reina Mebius, Amsterdam UMC, Amsterdam

17.30 Drinks

17.30 -18:15 Young NVvI Career Workshop

18:15 Diner

Key note lecture
Chair: Michiel van der Vlist

20.00 **Why you can't escape theoretical thinking in immunology**
Thomas Pradeu, France

21.00 Drinks (at own account)

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08.15 Meet the speaker breakfast sessions

Session IV - Immunology out of the box

Chair: Christine Jansen

09.00 **Tick-tumor-tock: circadian myeloid programs in lung cancer**

Maria Casanova-Acebes, Spain

09.45 **Innate immune cells in multiple sclerosis: a transcriptomic point of view on microglia**

Susanne Kooistra, UMC Groningen

10.30 Coffee and sponsor visiting

Session V - Fc receptors at work

Chair: Laia Querol

11.00 **Investigating the impact of Fc gamma receptors on the efficacy of antibody therapy for cancer**

Stephen Beers, United Kingdom

11.45 **Targeting Fc receptors in cancer and auto immunity: IgG or IgA, the ying and yang of antibody therapy**

Jeanette Leusen, UMC Utrecht

12.30 Lunch and sponsor visiting

Session VI - T cells: guardians and warriors

Chair: Iosifina Foskolou

13.30 **Coping strategies used by regulatory T cells to tolerate self-reactivity**

Derk Amsen, Sanquin

14.15 **Optimising CAR-T cell sensitivity by engineering extracellular receptor/ligand sizes**

Omer Dushek, United Kingdom

15.00 **Closure**

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