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6TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON HPV-INFECTION IN HEAD AND NECK CANCER

*HPV & Head and Neck Cancer –
shaping medical needs*

05th - 06th November 2026
Leipzig, Germany



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European Head & Neck Society

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.

Unfortunately we realized that one of the most awarded pioneers of HPV-research in head and neck cancer, Maura L. Gillison, passed away at 21th of June this year. Recognizing her outstanding scientific work and her active participation at the 3rd EHNS-HPV Meeting in Leipzig in 2016 is a matter of honor for us. We have therefore decided to introduce the tradition of the "Maura Gillison Lecture" for this meeting.

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
Golusinski



Peter
Klussmann

8:00 Uhr Registration & Coffee

9:00 Uhr Welcome & Opening Remarks
[Andreas Dietz](#), [René Leemans](#),
[Wojciech Golusinski](#), [Peter Klussmann](#)

9:10 Uhr **Keynote Lecture**
Chair: [Giovanni Succo](#), [Christian Simon](#)

Global variations in the management of head
and neck cancer reflecting complex interactions
between training models, resource settings,
and cultural paradigms
[Nicolas Fakhry](#)

9:30 – 10:30 Uhr

Session A – early cancer

Chair: [René Leemans](#), [Thomas Hoffmann](#)

9:30 Uhr Talk 1: Update transoral approaches in T1,2
p16+ OPHNSCC
[Christian Simon](#)

9:45 Uhr Talk 2: Transoral ultrasound guided surgery (TOUSS)
[Mario Fernandez](#)

10:00 Uhr Talk 3: Transoral approaches TML in T1,2
p16+ OPHNSCC
[Susanne Wiegand](#)

10:15 Uhr Talk 4: Radiation: better not to operate in T1,2
p16+ OPHNSCC?
[Hans Langendijk](#)

10:30 – 11:30 Uhr

Session B - locally advanced

Chair: [Wojciech Golusinski](#), [Andreas Dietz](#)

10:30 Uhr Talk 1: Is there a place for surgery in p16+ LA
OPHNSCC
[Giovanni Succo](#)

10:45 Uhr Talk 2: Why not to operate on p16+ LA OPHNSCC
[Jeppe Friberg](#)

11:00 Uhr Talk 3: Perioperative IO in p16+ LA OPHNSCC
[Kevin Harrington](#)

11:15 Uhr Talk 4: Role of adjuvant IO in surgically treated
p16+ versus p16- LA OPHNSCC
[Jean Bourhis](#)

11:30 – 12:45 Uhr

**Session C – Liquid Biopsy, Screening, follow
up surveillance, treatment guidance**

Chair: [Chia-Jung Busch](#), [Jochen Heß](#)

Screening:

11:30 Uhr Talk 1: Predictive value of HPV screening testing
[Tim Waterboer](#)

11:45 Uhr Talk 2: surrogate biomarkers for early lesions
[Paolo Bossi](#)

Surveillance:

12:00 Uhr Talk 3: Lessons learned from the Hamburg
City Health Study
[Friederike Meyer](#)

12:15 Uhr Talk 4: Circulating HPV DNA
[Ruud Brakenhoff](#)

Treatment guidance:

12:30 Uhr Talk 5: Clinic ready for ctDNA-guided CRT
for HPV+ OPC
[Inge Tinhofer-Keilholz](#)

12:45 Uhr **Keynote Lecture**

Chair: [Silke Tribius](#), [Sefik Hosal](#)

Limitations TNM8, implications of TNM9
for p16+ OPHNSCC
[Linda Marklund](#)

13:10 Uhr Lunch Break, Posters & Industry Exhibition
Industrial Lunch Symposium

14:00 Uhr **Keynote Lecture**

Chair: [Simon Laban](#), [Amanda Psyrri](#)

Caveats and misleads of active HPV-
vaccination strategies
[Christian Ottensmeier](#)



14:20 – 15:10 Uhr

Session D – therapeutic vaccination

Chair: Christian Ottensmeier, Markus Pirlich

14:20 Uhr Talk 1: current trials landscape of therapeutic HPV-vaccination

Amanda Psyrri

14:35 Uhr Talk 2: neoadjuvant vaccination in surgical treatment of p16+ HNSCC

Peter Klussmann

14:50 Uhr Talk 3: Improving the translatability of preclinical therapeutic HPV vaccine testing

Angelika Riemer

15:05 Uhr Discussion

15:10 Uhr Coffee Break, Posters & Industry Exhibition

15:40 Uhr **Keynote Lecture**

Chair: Chia-Jung Busch, Sefik Hosal

Trends among Investigators for Suspected p16 pos. HNSCC of Unknown Primary

Paul Nankivell

16:00 – 17:30 Uhr

**Session E – Translational Insights |
Proffered papers**

Chair: Inbar Finkel, Markus Hoffmann

- Presentation 1
- Presentation 2
- Presentation 3
- Presentation 4
- Presentation 5
- Presentation 6
- Presentation 7
- Presentation 8
- Presentation 9

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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

Thursday, 05/11/2026 –
Evidence & Immunotherapy



17:30 – 18:30 Uhr

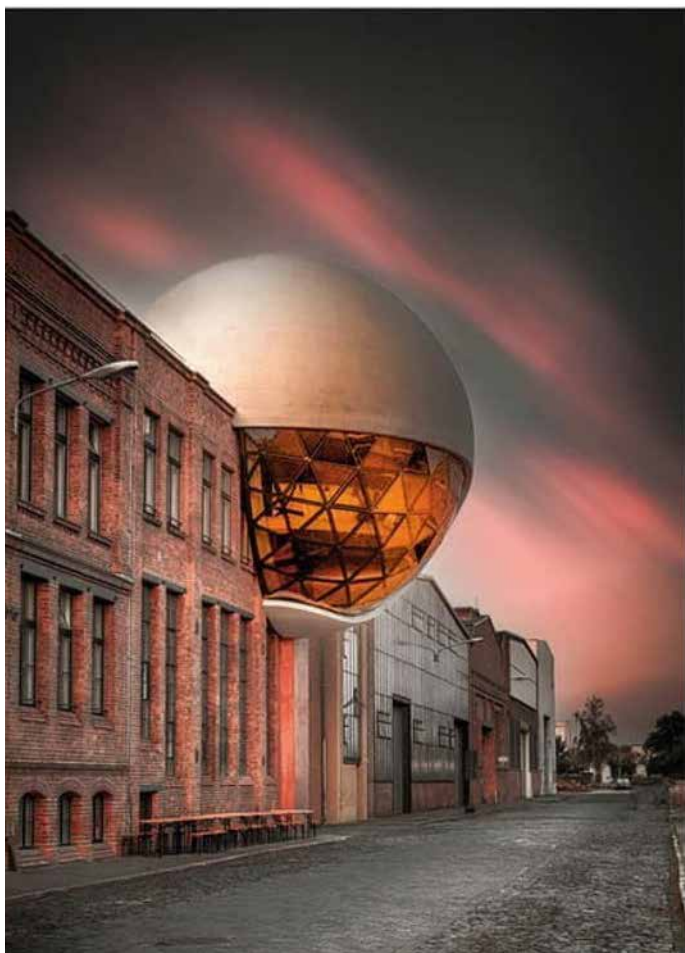
Interactive Tumor Board (Live Voting)

4 real-world cases with audience participation

Moderator: Andreas Dietz

*Experts: Inbar Finkel, Thomas Hoffmann,
René Leemans, Hans Langendijk, Stephan Lang*

19:00 Uhr Get together Dinner: Kirow Leipzig



8:30 Uhr Welcome & Coffee

9:00 Uhr **Keynote Lecture**

Chair: Inbar Finkel, Linda Marklund

Landscape of HPV related oropharyngeal cancer in
Europe and Its Medical Consequences

Wojciech Golusinski

9:20 – 10:00 Uhr

**Session F – Functional Outcomes and
assessment tools**

Chair: Viktor Kunz, Alexander Rühle

9:20 Uhr Current view on PROMS and Frailty
assessment

Camilla Dawson

9:40 Uhr Role of prehabilitation

Markus Blaurock

10:00 – 11:30 Uhr

**Session G – news in molecular insights into
HPV+ OPC oncogenesis**

Chair: Silke Tribius, Hisham Mehanna

10:00 Uhr Talk 1: genomic and viral heterogeneity in
HPV-related oropharyngeal carcinoma

Sid Puram

10:15 Uhr Talk 2: Genetic susceptibility to HPV-
associated carcinomas

Sharma Virani

10:30 Uhr Talk 3: Using AI to stratify HPV-related
oropharyngeal carcinoma

Yuri Tolkach

10:45 Uhr Talk 4: p16 and HPV discordance,
meaning of false-positive p16

Hisham Mehanna

11:00 Uhr Talk 5: HPV-related methylation signature predicts
survival in HNSCC

Jochen Hess

11:15 Uhr Talk 6: Time for early detection of HPV-driven HNSCC

Chia-Jung Busch

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

12:15 – 13:00 Uhr

Session H – proffered papers

Chair: Sefik Hosal, Gunnar Wichmann

- Presentation 1
- Presentation 2
- Presentation 3
- Presentation 4
- Presentation 5
- Presentation 6

13:00 Uhr Keynote Lecture

Chair: Silke Tribius, Barbara Wollenberg

Practical implications from the PATHOS-trial
Terry Jones

13:20 Uhr Keynote Lecture

Chair: René Leemans, Susanne Wiegand

Immune Landscape of HPV positive disease
Barbara Wollenberg

13:40 Uhr Poster ceremony, Final Remarks & Farewell

Andreas Dietz, René Leemans,
Wojciech Golusinski, Peter Klussmann

14:00 Uhr End of conference

Thursday, 05/11/2026 – sponsored by MSD

11:30 – 12:15 Uhr

Head and Neck Tumors in Transition:
New Evidence, New Options, New Opportunities

Recent Data in LA HNSCC

[Irene Braña](#)

Evidence and Options in HPV-Associated
Head and Neck Tumors

[Peter Klußmann](#)

Friday, 06/11/2026 – sponsored by Regeneron

11:45 – 12:15 Uhr

High-Risk CSCC:
When is complete removal not enough? –

New immunotherapies C-POST HR CSCC

[Andreas Dietz](#)

Adjuvant CSCC cases with high-risk of recurrence

[Silke Tribius](#)

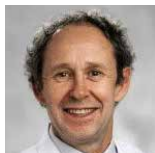
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Prof. Camilla Dawson
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Prof. Dr. Wojciech Golusinski

Chairman of the Department of Head and Neck
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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)
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Priv. Doz. Dr. Jochen Hess

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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



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Prof. Dr. René Leemans

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Prof. Dr. Giovanni Succo
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Prof. Dr. Silke Tribius

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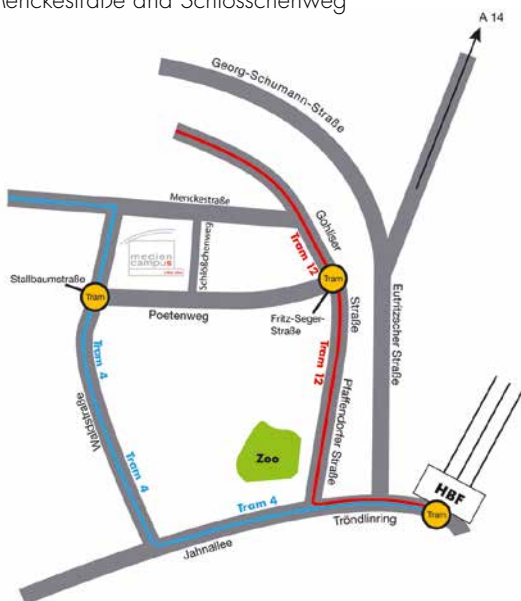
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