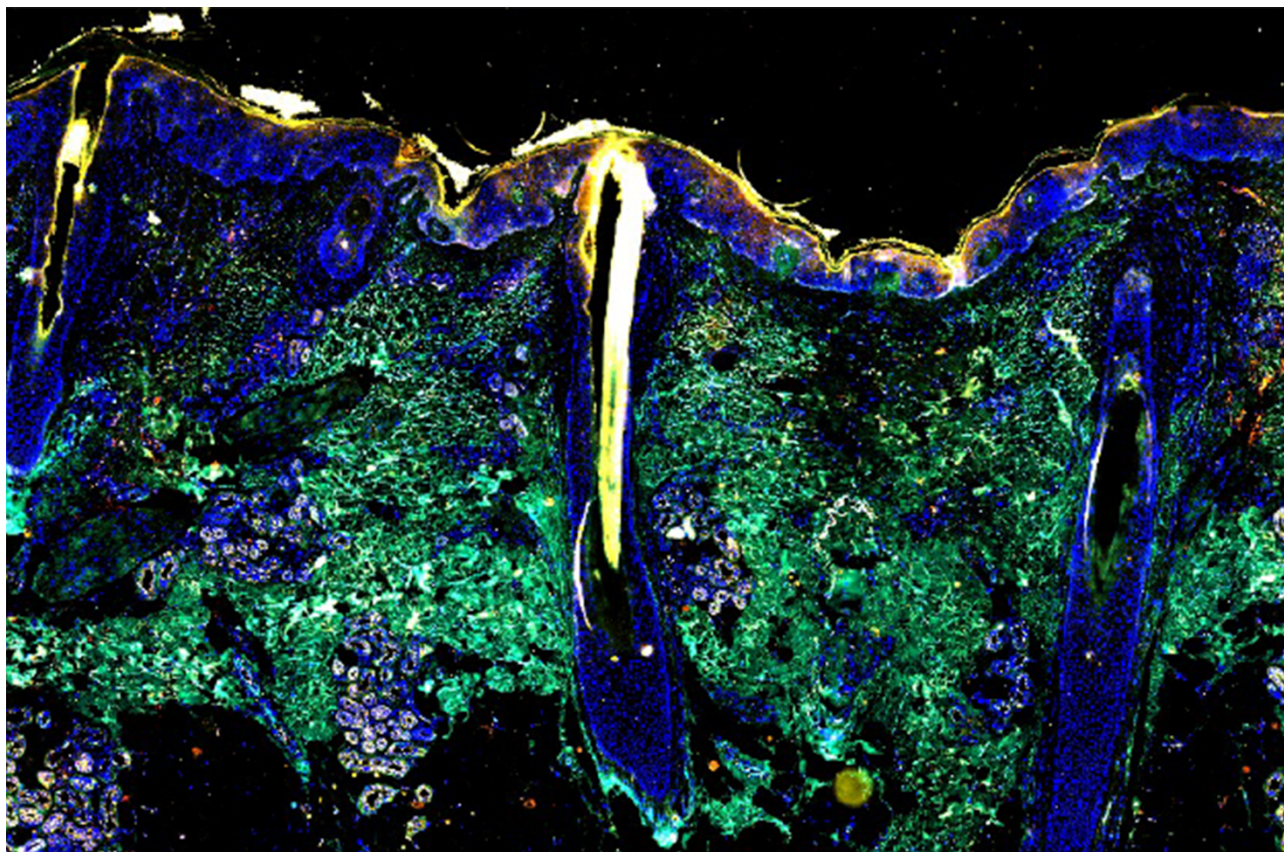


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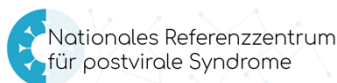


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Welcome note

Dear ÖGAI members, dear friends and colleagues!

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to the Annual Meeting 2026 of the Austrian Society for Allergology and Immunology.

As you can see on the following pages, we have an exciting line-up of speakers and sessions. We will open with a session chaired by the ÖGAI Immunometabolism working group, will then learn about the latest insights into post-acute infection syndromes, spotlight novel approaches for the design of CAR T cells and hear about how the microbiome impacts the gut-brain axis. Further highlights include a session by the ÖGAI B Cell Working Group, joint sessions with the Austrian Society for Rheumatology & Rehabilitation (ÖGR) and the FWF SFB HIT research program, as well as an engaging session with the Danube Allergy Research Cluster (DARC), all fostering strong cross-disciplinary collaboration and scientific exchange. In addition, early-stage researcher and postdoctoral fellows will present their findings in oral presentations embedded in the various sessions and in guided poster tours.

During the meeting, we will also celebrate scientific excellence of the next generation of scientists and will present the ÖGAI prizes for the best papers in the field of Allergology (Clemens von Pirquet prize) and Immunology (Karl Landsteiner prize) and the best dissertation awards. Moreover, in the ÖGAI Medal award session we will honor outstanding scientists who have made important contributions in the fields of allergology or immunology and have a closer connection to the ÖGAI or its members. The meeting will close on Friday afternoon with the Ruth Sonntag Nussenzweig Award session and the EFIS-EJI Ita Askonas prize session. These distinguished awards celebrate the outstanding achievements of women in science, raising their visibility and contributing to a more equitable, inclusive, and diverse scientific community. Further details on both prizes are provided in subsequent sections of the program.

We also thank all sponsors for their generous support. With their contributions, we provide a dynamic meeting platform to share exciting new research data, discuss their translational and clinical applications and explore their broader scientific implications. We further promote networking among scientists, clinicians and exhibitors.

We look forward to three exciting days of science and an engaging and inspiring meeting that connects basic research with translational approaches that will foster clinical innovation.

On behalf of the organizing committee, thank you for joining us, and we look forward to welcoming you in Vienna!

Wilfried Ellmeier
ÖGAI president (2025-2026)

Nicole Boucheron
ÖGAI secretary (2025-2026)

Nicole Boucheron, Kathrin Eller, Wilfried Ellmeier, Wolfram Hoetzenecker, Bernado Silva, Georg Stary, Eva Untersmayr

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1. Location



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Joint ÖGAI & ÖGR session: Helga Radner and Michael Bonelli
Johnson & Johnson Lunch Symposium: Georg Stary

4. Registration & fees

Registration: <[link](#)> Abstract submission: <[link](#)>

Important deadlines:

Early registration deadline: 14.09.2026
Abstract submission deadline: 14.09.2026
Registration deadline: 15.10.2026
Late registration deadline: 01.11.2026

Abstract submitters will be notified by 07.10.2026 whether they have been selected for oral or poster presentation

Registration fees:

ÖGAI Member (early fee)	190,00 €
Non-member (early fee)	240,00 €
Student member (early fee)	120,00 €
Student non-member (early fee)	155,00 €
ÖGAI Member (regular fee)	235,00 €
Non-member (regular fee)	290,00 €
Student member (regular fee)	150,00 €
Student non-member (regular fee)	195,00 €
ÖGAI Member (late fee)	255,00 €
Non-member (late fee)	310,00 €
Student member (late fee)	170,00 €
Student non-member (late fee)	215,00 €



As part of the continuing medical education program of the Austrian Medical Chamber, 17 DFP credits will be approved for this event.

Day 1 (Wednesday): 5 DFP credits
Day 2 (Thursday): 6 DFP credits
Day 3 (Friday): 6 DFP credits

5. Program at a glance (subject to change)

time	Day 1 - November 4	Day 2 - November 5	Day 3 - November 6
09:00		Session IV (09:00-10:30)	Session VIII (09:00-10:30)
09:15			
09:30		Joint session with SFB F70: Talk: Johan Henriksson 5 oral abstracts	Talk: Almudena Ramiro 5 oral abstracts
09:45			
10:00			
10:15	10:15 opening		
10:30	Session I (10:30-12:40)	coffee break (10:30-11:00)	coffee break (10:30-11:00)
10:45		Session V (11:00-12:30)	Session IX (11:00-12:30)
11:00	Talk: Sarah Dimeloe 5 Oral abstracts		
11:15		Talk: Maria Rescigno 5 oral abstracts	Joint session with ÖGR Talk Jens Thiel 5 oral abstracts
11:30			
11:45			
12:00	Industry talk: SONY		
12:15			
12:30	Talk: Kathrin Eller (Sobi)	short break (12:30-12:45)	
12:45		Session VI (12:45-13:45)	lunch break (12:30-13:15)
13:00	lunch break (12:45-13:30)	Johnson & Johnson lunch symposium Talks: G. Stary & M. Bonelli	
13:15			Session X (13:15-15:15)
13:30			
13:45	poster session (13:30-14.30)	poster session (13:45-14.45)	Talk: Michel Nussenzweig Ruth S. Nussenzweig prize Talk: prize winner EJI Ita Askonas prize Talk: Anna Obenauf
14:00			
14:15			
14:30	Session II (14:30-16:00)	coffee break (14:45-15:15)	
14:45	Joint session with Nationales Referenzzentrum für postvirale Syndrome Talk: Rikke J Olsen 5 oral abstracts	Session VII (15:15-16:45)	15:15 closing
15:00			
15:15		Joint session with "Danube Allergy Research Cluster" Talk Bernard Malissen 5 oral abstracts	
15:30			
15:45			
16:00	coffee break (16:00-16:30)		
16:15		short break (16:45-17:00)	
16:30	Session III (16:30-17:45)		
16:45	KL Medal Talk Meinrad Busslinger ÖGAI prizes (KL, CvP, dissertation)	ÖGAI GA (17:00-18:15)	
17:00			
17:15			
17:30			
17:45			
18:00			
18:15			
19:00	social event		

6. Invited speakers



Meinrad Busslinger
I.M.P. Vienna, Austria



Sarah Dimeloe
University of Birmingham,
Birmingham, UK



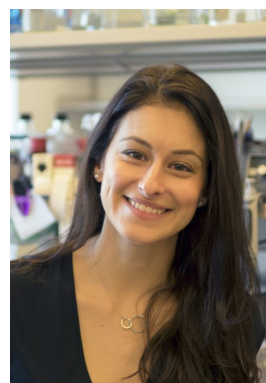
Johan Henriksson
Umea University, Umea,
Sweden



Bernard Malissen
Centre d'Immunophénomique
INSERM, CNRS, Marseille,
France



Michel Nussenzweig
Rockefeller University, New
York, USA



Anna Obenauf
I.M.P. Vienna, Austria



Rikke J Olsen
Aarhus University, Denmark



Almudena Ramiro
Spanish National Center for
Cardiovascular Research,
Madrid, Spain



Maria Rescigno
CeMM, Vienna, Austria

Joint ÖGAI & ÖGR session Sobi Industry-supported talk



Jens Thiel
Medical University of Graz



Kathrin Eller
Medical University of Graz

Johnson & Johnson Lunch Symposium
IL-23 as driver of disease-specific tissue inflammation



Georg Stary
Medical University of Vienna



Michael Bonelli
Medical University of Vienna

Speakers and talk titles

Michael Bonelli (Medical University of Vienna, Austria)

[Synovial pathotypes in inflammatory joint diseases](#)

Meinrad Busslinger (I.M.P. Vienna, Austria)

[Spatial control of V\(D\)J recombination at immunoglobulin gene loci](#)

Sarah Dimeloe (University of Birmingham, Birmingham, UK)

[Metabolic control of T cell function](#)

Kathrin Eller (Medical University of Graz)

[Targeting the complement system with Pegcetacoplan in rare kidney diseases](#)

Johan Henriksson (Umea University, Umea, Sweden)

joint session with FWF SFB F70 HDACs and T Cell-mediated Diseases

[Toward rational design of CAR T cells via natural off-target analysis](#)

Bernard Malissen (INSERM, CNRS, Marseille, France)

joint session with the Danube Allergy Research Cluster (DARC)

[Unveiling the molecular basis of T cell malfunctions and disorders using multi-omics approaches](#)

Michel Nussenzweig (Rockefeller University, New York, USA)

[How to maintain diversity while increasing specificity during an immune response](#)

Anna Obenauf (I.M.P. Vienna, Austria)

[Unlocking immunity: Decoding and reprogramming the immune-evasive tumor microenvironment](#)

Rikke J Olsen (Aarhus University, Denmark)

joint session with "Nationales Referenzzentrum für postvirale Syndrome"

[Mitochondrial Stress Resilience: Lessons from Inborn Metabolic Disorders to ME/CFS and Post-Acute Infection Syndromes](#)

Almudena Ramiro (Spanish National Center for Cardiovascular Research, Madrid, Spain)

[Autoreactive antibody responses in atherosclerosis](#)

Maria Rescigno (CeMM, Vienna, Austria)

[The microbiota in the gut-brain axis](#)

Georg Stary (CeMM, Medical University of Vienna, Austria)

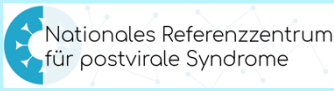
[Tissue-resident immune circuits in inflammatory skin diseases](#)

Jens Thiel (Medical University of Graz)

[Cellular Therapies for autoimmune diseases](#)

7. Detailed program

Day 1 - Wednesday, November 4, 2026

10:15 - 10:30	opening	
10:30 - 12:40	Session I: Immunometabolism Chairs:	
10:30 - 11:10	Sarah Dimeloe, University of Birmingham, UK Metabolic control of T cell function	
11:10 - 11:20	selected talk	
11:20 - 11:30	selected talk	
11:30 - 11:40	selected talk	
11:40 - 11:50	selected talk	
11:50 - 12:00	selected talk	
12:00 - 12:15	Company talk SONY	
12:15 - 12:40	Kathrin Eller, Medical University of Graz, Austria Targeting the complement system with Pegcetacoplan in rare kidney diseases	
12:40 - 13:30	lunch break, Exhibition	
13:30 - 14:30	poster session, Exhibition	
14:30 - 16:30	Session II: Post-acute infection syndromes Chairs: Eva Untersmayr, Vienna & ...	
14:30 - 15:10	Rikke J Olsen, Aarhus University, Denmark Mitochondrial Stress Resilience: Lessons from Inborn Metabolic Disorders to ME/CFS and Post-Acute Infection Syndromes	
15:10 - 15:20	selected talk	
15:20 - 15:30	selected talk	
15:30 - 15:40	selected talk	
15:40 - 15:50	selected talk	
15:50 - 16:00	selected talk	
16:00 - 16:30	coffee break, Exhibition	
16:30 - 17:45	Session III: ÖGAI prize session Chairs: Wilfried Ellmeier, Vienna & Nicole Boucheron, Vienna & NGIs	
16:30 - 17:10	Meinrad Busslinger, I.M.P. Vienna, Austria Molecular mechanism of allelic exclusion at the immunoglobulin heavy-chain locus in early B cell development	
17:10 - 17:45	ÖGAI prizes (KL, CvP, dissertation)	
19:00 - 22:00	Social event - Heuriger Mayer am Pfarrplatz (by registration only)	

Day 2 - Thursday, November 5, 2026

09:00 - 10:30	Session IV: joint session with FWF SFB F70 (HDACs and T cells) Chairs: tbd	
09:00 - 09:40	Johan Henriksson, Umea University, Umea, Sweden Toward rational design of CAR T cells via natural off-target analysis	
09:40 - 09:50	selected talk	
09:50 - 10:00	selected talk	
10:00 - 10:10	selected talk	
10:10 - 10:20	selected talk	
10:20 - 10:30	selected talk	
10:30 - 11:00	coffee break, exhibition	
11:00 - 12:30	Session V: Microbiome & Immunity Chairs: tbd	
11:00 - 11:40	Maria Rescigno (CeMM, Vienna, Austria) The microbiota in the gut-brain axis	
11:40 - 11:50	selected talk	
11:50 - 12:00	selected talk	
12:00 - 12:10	selected talk	
12:10 - 12:20	selected talk	
12:20 - 12:30	selected talk	
12:30 - 12:45	short break	
12:45 - 13:45	Session VI: Johnson & Johnson lunch symposium Chairs: Georg Stary, Vienna & Tbd	
12:45 - 13:15	Georg Stary (CeMM & Medical University of Vienna, Austria) Tissue-resident immune circuits in inflammatory skin diseases	
13:15 - 13:45	Michael Bonelli (Medical University of Vienna, Austria) Synovial pathotypes in inflammatory joint diseases	
13:45 - 14:45	poster session, exhibition	
14:45 - 15:15	coffee break, exhibition	
15:15 - 16:45	Session VII: Joint session with "Danube Allergy Research Cluster": Chairs: Rudolf Valenta, Vienna & tbd	
15:15 - 15:55	Bernard Malissen (INSERM, CNRS, Marseille, France) Unveiling the molecular basis of T cell malfunctions and disorders using multi-omics approaches	
15:55 - 16:05	selected talk	
16:05 - 16:15	selected talk	
16:15 - 16:25	selected talk	
16:25 - 16:35	selected talk	
16:35 - 16:45	selected talk	
16:45 - 17:00	short break	
17:00 - 18:15	ÖGAI General Assembly	

Day 3 - Friday, November 6, 2026

09:00 - 10:30	Session VI: ÖGAI B cell working group Chairs: Tbd	
09:00 - 09:40	Almudena Ramiro, Spanish National Center for Cardiovascular Research, Madrid, Spain)	
	Autoreactive antibody responses in atherosclerosis	
09:40 - 09:50	selected talk	
09:50 - 10:00	selected talk	
10:00 - 10:10	selected talk	
10:10 - 10:20	selected talk	
10:20 - 10:30	selected talk	
10:30 - 11:00	coffee break	
11:00 - 12:30	Session VII: joint session with Austrian Society for Rheumatology & Rehabilitation Chairs: Helga Radner, Vienna & Michael Bonelli, Vienna	
11:00 - 11:40	talk	
11:40 - 11:50	selected talk	
11:50 - 12:00	selected talk	
12:00 - 12:10	selected talk	
12:10 - 12:20	selected talk	
12:20 - 12:30	selected talk	
12:30 - 13:15	lunch break, Exhibition	
13:15 - 15:15	Session VIII: Ruth Sonntag Nussenzweig prize session Chairs: Tbd	
13:15 - 13:55	Michelle Nussenzweig, Rockefeller University, New York	
	How to maintain diversity while increasing specificity during an immune response	
13:55 - 14:35	TBA	
	XXX	
14:35 - 15:15	Anna Obenauf	
	Unlocking immunity: Decoding and reprogramming the immune-evasive tumor microenvironment	
15:15	closing remarks	

8. About the Ruth Sonntag Nussenzweig Award

The Ruth Sonntag Nussenzweig Award constitutes a targeted positive action measure aimed at addressing the persistent underrepresentation of women and non-binary scientists in senior and independent leadership positions in immunology. The prize honors rising female or non-binary immunologists with a maximum of 15 years scientific experience after their PhD, who have demonstrated outstanding promise and innovation in their own independent research. Named in tribute to Prof. Ruth Sonntag Nussenzweig, a pioneering leader in immunology of malaria, the award celebrates her groundbreaking contributions and dedication to advancing global health. By recognizing and supporting emerging female scientists, the prize aims to foster greater gender equity in science and encourages more women to excel in immunology and related fields. The prize will be given every 2 years at the Annual ÖGAI Meeting or at a special ÖGAI Symposium.



Ruth Sonntag Nussenzweig Award 2026



Honoring mid-career rising female or non-binary immunologists in Austria

Named in tribute to **Prof. Ruth Sonntag Nussenzweig**, a pioneering leader in immunology and malaria research, this award aims to honor emerging female or non-binary immunologists with exceptional scientific achievements.

Target group / career stage

Mid-career **female or non-binary immunologists** working in Austria, having a **maximum of 15 years of scientific experience after completing their PhD.**



SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION TODAY!

The deadline for submission is April 30, 2026.

More information: oegai.org/preise

For more information about the life of Prof. Ruth Sonntag Nussenzweig, please visit the ÖGAI website: oegai.org/preise (or use the QR code above).

9. About the EFIS EJI Ita Askonas prize

The prize was established in 2009 by EFIS and the European Journal of Immunology (EJI) to acknowledge female group leaders in immunology who have run an independent laboratory for a minimum of four and no more than ten years.
About the prize

Until 2021, the prize was awarded every three years. Beginning in 2023, the prize has been awarded annually and is coordinated by the EFIS Task Force on Gender and Diversity, which reviews nomination packages and decides on the awardee. The prize consists of a €20,000 cash award, plus support for travel, accommodations and registration to attend an award ceremony to be held at the next European Congress of Immunology, ECI 2027 in Florence, Italy.

More information about the prize can be found at the EFIS website:
<https://www.efis.org/efis/awards/eji-ita-askonas-award>