

2nd User Group Meeting of R-Biopharm

September 28 - 30, 2026, in Darmstadt, Germany



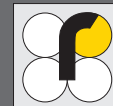
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Thank you

A heartfelt thank you to all our **Speakers and Chairs** for sharing your expertise, insights, and time at this UGM. Your contributions and engagement are key to making this meeting a valuable and inspiring experience for everyone.

Thank you for being part of it!



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Monday, 28 September 2026

15:30	Optional: Guided Darmstadt city tour Get together in the hotel lobby
18:00	Welcome Reception at Plaza Premium Darmstadt

Tuesday, 29 September 2026

Opening

08:00 - 08:10	Welcome by Christian Dreher (CEO, Member of the Executive Board)
08:10 - 08:20	Welcome by the State Secretary Dr. Johannes Loheide

GI-Session **Chair: Dr. Ulrike Zelck – LADR Zentrallabor Dr. Kramer & Kollegen, Geestacht (Germany)**

08:20 - 08:50	Experiences from the implementation of RIDA®UNITY for fecal diagnostics <i>Sandra Lücke-Johansson, PhD – Clinical microbiology, Karolinska University Hospital, Huddinge (Sweden)</i>
08:50 - 09:20	Introducing syndromic testing of stool samples for gastrointestinal pathogens using the RIDA®UNITY integrated molecular system <i>Claire Foster and Andy Carr – Sheffield Centre for Health and Related Research (UK)</i>
09:20 - 09:50	PCR in Gastrointestinal Infection Diagnostics: Current Trends and Future Directions <i>Dr. Tobias Fleige – Synlab Munich (Germany)</i>

09:50 - 10:10 Coffee Break

PrepX-Session **Chair: James Kessels – R-Biopharm Nederland (NL)**

10:10 - 10:40	Two Decades in Molecular Diagnostics of Gastroenteritis; from proof of concept to routine diagnostics and beyond <i>Tim Schuurmann – Regional Laboratory for Medical Microbiology Dordrecht/Gorinchem (Netherlands)</i>
10:40 - 11:10	The place of extraction free PCR process in the management of gastrointestinal disease <i>Lucy Donbavand – Airedale (UK)</i>

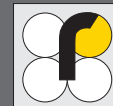
Others **Chair: Jason Baggaley – R-Biopharm Rhône (UK)**

11:10 - 11:40	Implementation and clinical significance of CPE PCR in a diagnostic laboratory <i>Anna Morkowska – North West London Pathology (UK)</i>
11:40 - 12:10	Implementation of the High-Sensitivity Tool for Dermatophyte Infections at FML Dubai <i>Dr. Nehmat El Banna – Synlab Freiburg FML (Dubai)</i>
12:10 - 12:40	Biology of Allergy: What Progress Has Been Made in Ivory Coast? <i>Prof. Chiaye Claire Antoinette Yapo-Crezoit – Pasteur Institute (Ivory Coast)</i>

12:40 - 13:40 Lunch

13:40 - 14:00	Get together in the hotel lobby
14:00	Transfer to R-Biopharm Headquarters
14:30 - 17:30	Meet our Systems & Experts at the R-Biopharm Headquarters, Darmstadt

19:30 Dinner: Braustüb'l, Goebelstraße 7, 64293 Darmstadt



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TB-Session	Chair: Dr. Ibrahim Mansoor – King's College Hospital London (Saudi Arabia)
08:30 - 09:00	Comparative Performance of IP-10-Based Assays for Immune Detection of Mycobacterium tuberculosis Infection <i>Dr. Alexandru Stoichita – Marius Nasta Institute of Pulmonology (Romania)</i>
09:00 - 09:30	IGRA 2.0: innovations in the diagnostics of tuberculosis infection <i>Kim Callebaut – AZ Sint-Jan, Brugge (Belgium)</i>
09:30 - 10:00	Paediatric Tuberculosis Study Data – Sidra Medicine Clinic, Qatar <i>Dr. Manuel Hitzler, R-Biopharm AG</i>
10:00 - 10:20	Coffee Break
RESPI & STI -Session	Chair: Prof. Udo Reischl – Institute for Microbiology and Hygiene, Regensburg (Germany)
10:20 - 10:50	Optimization of DNA Extraction and Quantification for PCR Analysis of Lower Respiratory Samples <i>Patricia Mista – EK Oberhausen (Germany)</i>
10:50 - 11:20	The Epidemiological and Public Health Value of Multiplex PCR Respiratory Panels Following the End of the COVID-19 Pandemic <i>Prof. Vanja Kaliterna MD, PhD – Teaching Institute for Public Health of Split-Dalmatia County and Faculty of Health Science, University of Split (Croatia)</i>
11:20 - 11:50	Experiences and implementation of the UP3 and Respiratory 24 well panel at Sheffield Teaching Hospitals Virology Department <i>Alex Yates and Mehmet Yavuz – Sheffield Centre for Health and Related Research (UK)</i>
	Chair: Prof. Ralf Bialek – LADR Zentrallabor Dr. Kramer & Kollegen, Geestacht (Germany)
11:50 - 12:20	Respiratory virus detection by AusDiagnostics – experience and future in Motol University Hospital <i>MUDr. Petr Hubáček – Motol University Hospital (Czech Republic)</i>
12:20 - 12:50	Sensitivity Profile and penA-60.001 Screening in <i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i> from Zagreb County <i>Prof. Sunčanica Ljubin-Sternak, MD, PhD – Teaching Institute for Public Health "Dr. Andrija Štampar" (Croatia)</i>
12:50 - 13:00	Closing
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch