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Meet & Match Virus-based Technologies

Date:
20-May-2026
09.30 am - 05.00 pm

Venue:
Biberach

Costs:
free of charge

Address:
ITZ Plus
Hubertus-Liebrecht-Str. 39
88400 Biberach an der Riß

Directions:
How to find us

Type:
Meet & Match

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English

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To the registration

BIOPRO Baden-Württemberg and the Fraunhofer Institute for Interfacial Engineering and Biotechnology IGB jointly invite you to the "Meet & Match Virus-based Technologies." Look forward to an event that fosters new ideas, stimulates fresh perspectives, and creates opportunities for new partnerships.

Meet & Match – Focusing on Expert Exchange and Collaboration

The Meet & Match is all about professional dialogue and networking. The spotlight is on current innovations and developments in virus-based technologies – from fundamental concepts and the identification of promising viral therapy candidates to clinical development, as well as cutting-edge approaches in process design and production.

Across three thematic sessions, leading experts will share their insights, experiences, and perspectives, providing valuable impulses for further exchange:

1. **Virus-based Technologies: Concepts and Platforms**
2. **Virus-based Therapies: Lead Candidates from Discovery to Clinical Developments**
3. **Enabling Technologies for Process Development, Manufacturing and Analytics**

Participants are invited to present their own cooperation ideas, technology innovations, or partnership opportunities during a dedicated Pitch Session. Proposals can be submitted via the **Call for Speakers** in the registration form – an ideal opportunity to establish new contacts and initiate collaborations.

The number of presentation slots is limited and primarily aimed at representatives from research and industry working in R&D or production. Applications are open **until May 6, 2026**, via the event registration form. Final selection of talks will be made by the organisers.

In addition to inspiring presentations and expert impulses, the Meet & Match offers plenty opportunities for personal conversation, networking, and exchange on emerging developments and shared visions for the future. The event language is English.

Evening Event: VBT Reloaded – Strategic Dialogue and Regional Development

Following the Meet & Match, Fraunhofer IGB invites participants to an exciting evening event. Under the title **"VBT Reloaded: Connecting Science and Industry in the BioPharma Cluster South Germany"** this gathering sets a clear signal for the strategic advancement of the Biberach region and promotes stronger collaboration between science, biotech, and industry in the fields of virus-based therapies, ATMPs, and biologics.

A highlight of the evening will be a keynote by Prof. Jochen Maas, former Head of Research at Sanofi-Aventis. In his talk, Prof. Maas will explore the opportunities and challenges of biotechnology in Germany and share insights on innovation capacity, translational research, and competitiveness.

The program also features a moderated panel discussion with regional experts, who will examine key drivers, cooperation potential, and perspectives for further developing this dynamic field.

The language of this evening event is German. Further information about the evening program is available on the Fraunhofer IGB website.

Our Vision

The Meet & Match fosters expert exchange, knowledge sharing, and networking between research and industry. It provides a platform for discussing new ideas and innovations in virus-based technologies. The evening event "VBT Reloaded" complements this with strategic perspectives and a shared vision for future collaboration.

Registration:

The event will take place in Biberach. Participation in both the Meet & Match and the evening event is free of charge. For organisational reasons, prior registration is required. Registration for both parts of the event can be completed via the same online registration form.

To the registration

Program Meet&Match Virus-based Technologies

10:30 a.m.	**Networking Coffee**
11:00 a.m.	**Words of Welcome** Johannes Sarx, BIOPRO Baden-Württemberg GmbH

11:10 a.m.	**Session 1: Virus-based Technologies: Concepts and Platforms** **Xenotropic latency as a novel tool for durable vaccines: An MCMV-based vaccine elicits long-lived and broad protection in Syrian hamsters** Dr. Henning Jacobsen, Helmholtz Centre for Infection Research **Immunovirotherapy contributing to multimodal therapy of highly aggressive NUT carcinomas** Prof. Dr. Ulrich Lauer, Dr. Linus Kloker, University Hospital Tübingen **Peptide Nanofibrils as Transduction Enhancers in CAR-T and NK Cell Production** Prof. Dr. Jan Münch, Ulm University Medical Center
12:00 p.m.	**Networking Coffee**
12:30 p.m.	**Session 2: Virus-based Therapies: Lead Candidates from Discovery to Clinical Development** **A chimeric VSV-NDV platform for oncolytic virotherapy** Dr. Jennifer Altomonte, Fusix Biotech GmbH **Oncolytic Viruses @ Boehringer Ingelheim** Dr. Raphael Drerup, Boehringer Ingelheim International GmbH **Fantastic gene therapy vectors and how to find them** Prof. Dr. Dirk Grimm, Heidelberg University Hospital, primAAVera Therapeutics GmbH **Development of an Orf Virus-based Universal Influenza Vaccine** Verena Haug, Carina Metz, Prime Vector Technologies
01:30 p.m.	**Lunch**
02:30 p.m.	**Session 3: Enabling Technologies for Process Development, Manufacturing and Analytics** **Cell Line Platform Capability for the Development and Production of Virus-Based Technologies** Dr. Stefano Boi, Sartorius Stedim Cellca GmbH **Advances in Mechanistic Chromatography Modeling of Viruses for Preparative Purification and Viral Clearance** Lukas Döring, Rentschler Biopharma SE **Process Analytical Technology (PAT) during VLP processing** Prof. Dr. Jürgen Hubbuch, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology **Smarter Cells for Better Viral Vector Manufacturing** Prof. Dr. Kerstin Otte, Biberach University of Applied Sciences
03:30 p.m.	**Pitch-Session**
04:00 p.m.	**Networking Coffee**

Program evening event "VBT Reloaded: Connecting Science and Industry in the BioPharma Cluster South Germany"

05:00 p.m.	**Words of Welcome** Prof. Dr. Petra Kluger, Fraunhofer Institute for Interfacial Engineering and Biotechnology IGB Dr. Ralf Amann, Fraunhofer Institute for Interfacial Engineering and Biotechnology IGB, Prime Vector Technologies GmbH
05:15 p.m.	**Keynote** Prof. Dr. Jochen Maas, former CEO Research & Development Sanofi-Aventis Deutschland GmbH

05:45 p.m.	**Panel discussion "Short paths, strong impact: How a regional cluster can drive new impulses for virus-based therapies and biologics"** Dr. Ralf Amann, Fraunhofer Institute for Interfacial Engineering and Biotechnology IGB, Prime Vector Technologies GmbH Prof. Dr. Uwe Bücheler, BioPharma Cluster South Germany e. V. Dr. Till Wenger, Boehringer Ingelheim International GmbH Host: Johannes Sarx, BIOPRO Baden-Württemberg GmbH
06:15 p.m.	**Networking Dinner**
09:00 p.m.	**End of Event**

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