



**15.25 Grit, Wit and Wonder: How to Do Research That Matters, is Fun and Advances your Career**  
 Daniela Krause  
 Vice Dean for Research, UMC  
 Director of the Institute of Transfusion Medicine –  
 Transfusion Center, UMC

**16.00 Award Ceremony & Closing Remarks**

Medical Minds Mainz Awards 2026  
 Novartis Graduate Award 2026  
 Daniela Krause  
 Vice Dean for Research, UMC  
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 Transfusion Center, UMC

Frei für Forschung Award 2026  
 Astrid Alflen & Petra M. Schwarz

TRANSMED Presentation Awards 2026  
 Julia Weinmann-Menke  
 Academic Director TRANSMED  
 Petra M. Schwarz  
 Managing Director TRANSMED

## Registration

Participation is free of charge!  
 Please register until August 30 online:  
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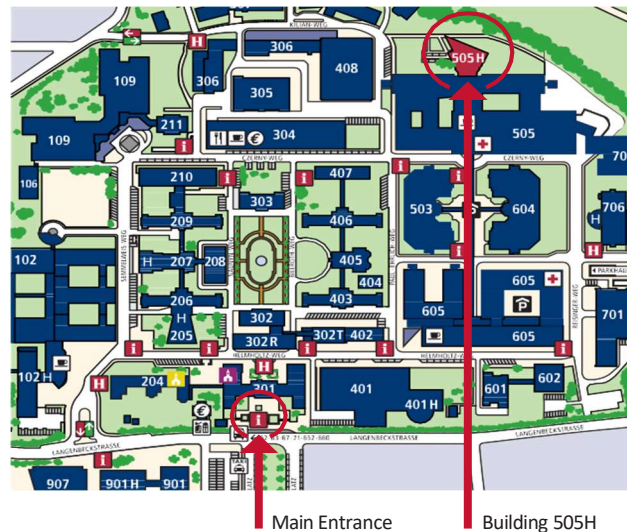
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## Organizing Committee

Prof. Dr. Julia Weinmann-Menke  
 Dr. Petra Schwarz  
 Ivonne Dietzel

## Map



University Medical Center  
 Lecture Hall, Building 505

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**12<sup>th</sup> TRANSMED Science Day**

**September 9, 2026**

Lecture Hall, Building 505H

## 12<sup>th</sup> TRANSMED Science Day 2026

### Dear Fellows and Colleagues,

We kindly invite you to the **12<sup>th</sup> SCIENCE DAY** organized by the TRANSMED Graduate School of the Johannes Gutenberg University (JGU) Mainz.

The Science Day will showcase interdisciplinary research in both basic and translational medicine conducted at JGU.

The meeting offers early career researchers an opportunity to forge and deepen scientific collaborations.

We are pleased to welcome as speakers **Prof. Dr. Daniela Krause** (Vice Dean for Research and Director of the Institute of Transfusion Medicine – Transfusion Center, University Medical Center Mainz (UMC)), **Prof. Dr. Rafael Kramann** (Chairman of the Department of Medicine 2, Rheinisch-Westfälische Technische Hochschule (RWTH) Aachen, Chairman of the Laboratory of Translational Kidney and Cardiovascular Research at Erasmus Medical Centre, Rotterdam), and **Dr. Federico Marini** (Head of the Bioinformatics Group - Genomic Statistics and Bioinformatics, IMBEI, UMC).

We are very much looking forward to meeting you at this exciting event!

Best regards,

Julia Weinmann-Menke  
Academic Director TRANSMED

Petra M. Schwarz  
Managing Director TRANSMED



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**09.00 Opening Remarks**  
Julia Weinmann-Menke  
Academic Director TRANSMED

**09.10 Welcome & Ceremony Dagmar Eißner Award**  
Philipp Drees  
Chief Scientific Officer, Dean, UMC

**09.20 Bioinformatics in Mainz - The Ten Year Challenge**  
Federico Marini  
Head of the Bioinformatics Group - Genomic  
Statistics and Bioinformatics, IMBEI, UMC

**09.45 Short Talks by 5 Early Career Researchers**  
Maximilian Haist  
Department of Dermatology  
Najla Abassi  
IMBEI  
Daniel Beus  
Department of Urology and Pediatric Urology  
Friederike Breuer  
NeuroImaging Center  
Aman Damara  
Department of Dermatology

**11.00 Coffee Break**



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**11.30 Guided Poster Walks**  
Foyer, 505H

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**12.30 Lunch Break**

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**13.15 From Omics to Organoids: My Journey Across  
Medicine, Science, and Entrepreneurship**  
Rafael Kramann  
Chairman of the Department of Medicine 2,  
RWTH Aachen,  
Chairman of the Laboratory of Translational  
Kidney and Cardiovascular Research at Erasmus  
Medical Centre, Rotterdam

**13.50 Short Talks by 5 Early Career Researchers**  
Alisa Kahler  
Institute for Transfusion Medicine - Transfusion  
Center  
Tanja Kübelbeck  
Department of Dermatology  
Ana Pena Vaquero  
Department of Pediatrics  
Maximilian Sturm  
Department of Dermatology  
Bang Tam Tran  
Institute of Immunology