



## PROGRAM OF THE EUROPEAN MEETING ON MOLECULAR DIAGNOSTICS 2024

Grand Hotel Huis ter Duin, Noordwijk aan Zee  
October 09 – 11, 2024

### Wednesday October 09, 2024

08.30 - 10.00 *Company sponsored satellite symposium*

10.00 – 10.30 Registration & coffee

**10.30**            **Opening EMMD 2024 (Main Lecture Hall)**

10.35 – 12.00 Session 1:  
**MOLECULAR DIAGNOSTICS IN ONCOLOGY**

Chair:            Prof Ernst Jan Speel

10.35 – 11.05 **Technical developments within NGS; what's on the horizon**  
Anna Lyander, PhD  
Clinical Genomics Stockholm, Sweden

11.10 – 11.40 **Comprehensive genomic profiling in tumor diagnostics**  
Guy Froyen, PhD  
Jessa Hospital, Belgium

11.45 – 12.00 **Testing for homologous recombination deficiency and its impact for patients with cancer**  
Prof Marjolijn Ligtenberg, PhD  
Radboud UMC, The Netherlands

**12.00 - 13.15 LUNCH & POSTERS AT THE EXHIBITION AREA**

13.15 – 15.00 Session 2:  
**MOLECULAR DIAGNOSTICS IN INFECTIOUS DISEASES (I)**

Chair:            tba

13.15 – 13.45 **A pan-cancer analysis of the microbiome in metastatic cancer**  
Joris van de Haar, PhD  
The Netherlands Cancer Institute, The Netherlands

13.50 – 14.20 **Variation in (the) human microbiome and consequences for diseases and treatment**  
Prof. Sarah Leeber, PhD  
University of Antwerp, Belgium

14.25 – 14.55 **Infectious disease surveillance via wastewater**  
Prof. G.J. (Gertjan) Medema, PhD  
Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands



**15.00 – 15.30 COFFEE BREAK & POSTERS AT THE EXHIBITION AREA**

15.30 – 17.30 Session 3:

**MOLECULAR DIAGNOSTICS FOR GUIDING DRUG THERAPY (PHARMACOGENETICSS)**

Chair: Prof Ron van Schaik

15.30 – 16.00 **Pharmacogenetics: current state of the art in clinical use**

Prof Ron van Schaik, PhD

Erasmus MC, Rotterdam, The Netherlands TBA

16.05 – 16.35 **Optimum Design of PGx Programs – Lessons from the 100,000 Genomes project**

Prof Matt Brown (CSO), PhD

Genomics England

16.40 – 17.10 **Technical challenges in genotyping in Pharmacogenetics**

Andrea Gaedigk, PhD

Children's Mercy Research Institute and Director PharmVar – Kansas City, USA

**17.10 - 18.40 WELCOME RECEPTION & POSTER VIEWING AT THE EXHIBITION AREA**



**Thursday October 10, 2024**

07.15 – 08.45 *Company sponsored satellite symposium by Accuramed*

08.30 – 09.00 Registration & coffee

09.00 – 10.25 Session 4:  
**MOLECULAR DIAGNOSTICS IN Hemato-Oncology**

Chair: Isidor Minovic, PhD

09.00 – 09.30 **Clonal hematopoiesis and risk for hematological malignancies**  
Prof. Gerwin Huls, PhD  
UMCG – Groningen – The Netherlands

09.35 – 10.05 **Use of circulating tumor DNA in the evaluation of Hodgkin's lymphoma**  
Sven Borchmann, MD, PhD  
Clinic I for Internal Medicine | University Hospital Köln - Germany

10.10 – 10.40 tba

**10.40 – 11.10 COFFEE BREAK & POSTERS AT THE EXHIBITION AREA**

11.10 – 12.50 Session 5:  
**SPECIAL TOPIC: SEPSIS FROM DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES: CLINIC, BIOLOGY AND MOLECULAR DIAGNOSTICS**

Chair: tba

11.10 – 11.40 **Introduction to Sepsis**  
Prof. Jacques Schrenzel, PhD  
Geneva University Hospitals, Swiss

11.45 – 12.15 **Use of Biomarkers for Immunomodulatory Precision Medicine in Sepsis**  
Erik Michels, MD, PhD  
Center for Experimental and Molecular Medicine | Amsterdam – The Netherlands

12.20 – 12.50 tba

**12.50 – 14.05 LUNCH & POSTER SESSION AT THE EXHIBITION AREA**

14.05 – 15.45 Session 6:  
**MOLECULAR DIAGNOSTICS IN PREVENTIVE MEDICINE**

Chair: Jesper Bonde, PhD

14.05 – 14.35 **Fully molecular cervical cancer screening**  
Anja Oštrbenk, PhD  
Faculty of Medicine, University of Ljubljana - Slovenia



14.40 – 15.10 **Molecular screening for Colon Cancer**

Claus Lindbjerg Andersen, MSc., PhD.

Aarhus University Hospital - Skejby - Denmark

15.15 – 15.45 **Experiences & Perspectives of Molecular Testing in Newborn Screening in the Netherlands**

Auke Otten PhD.

National Institute of Public Health and the Environment, Bilthoven, The Netherlands

16.00 – 17.30 *Poster viewing – Leisure or working groups*

**18.30 – 22.00 EMMD CONFERENCE DINNER**



**Friday October 11 2024**

07.15 – 08.45 *Company sponsored satellite symposium*

08.30 – 09.00 Registration & coffee

**09.00 – 10.40** Session 7:  
**QUALITY MANAGEMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY**

Chair: Richard Molenkamp, PhD

09.00 – 09.30 **Standardization of (Q)PCR and use of Ct values**  
Jim Huggett BSc. PhD. FRCP (Edin)  
National Measurement Laboratory – Middlesex – UK

09.35 – 10.05 **How to deal with unexpected clinical findings in NGS results; The NIPT example**  
Sandra G. Heil, PhD  
National Institute for Public Health and the Environment, Bilthoven, The Netherlands

10.10 – 10.40 **LEAF – helping to make labs sustainable**  
Andrea Hodgetts, PhD  
Sustainable Research Manager University College London

**10.40 – 11.10 COFFEE BREAK & POSTERS AT THE EXHIBITION AREA**

**11.10 – 12.50** Session 8:  
**NGS BASED METAGENOMICS**

Chair: Prof Jacques Schrenzel

11.10 – 11.40 **cfDNA testing in febrile neutropenic patients**  
Silke Grumaz, PhD  
NGS diagnostics company Noscendo – Duisberg – Germany

11.45 – 12.15 **Population genetics and disease**  
Astrid Iversen, MD, PhD  
University of Oxford – Oxford – United Kingdom

12.20 – 12.50 TBA

**12.50 – 14.05 LUNCH & POSTERS AT THE EXHIBITION AREA**



**14.05 – 15.45** Session 9:

**FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS AND DIAGNOSTIC PREPAREDNESS**

Chair: tba

14.05 – 14.35 **CRISPR CAS diagnostics**

Michael M. Kaminski, PhD

Berlin Institute for Medical Systems Biology (BIMSB) – Germany

14.40 – 15.10 **Intra-operative methylation profiling in pediatric tumors**

Bastiaan Top, PhD / Lennart Kester, PhD

Princess Maxima Center for Childhood Cancer – The Netherlands

15.15 – 15.45 **Mapping the HIV intact reservoir: value of digital PCR and its role in HIV cure.**

Linos Vandekerckhove, PhD

Universitair Ziekenhuis Gent - Belgium

**15.45 – 16.00 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING AND FINAL REMARKS**