

Words of Welcome

The pandemic has not only made us all realise that infections are among the most serious complications for our patients after stem cell transplantation, but also reinforced the need for continuous improvement in anti-infective strategies. To ensure the best possible protection for our patients, it is our duty to develop these strategies further and to provide our colleagues with the highest quality training and ongoing education.

The **28th Infectious Diseases Working Party Educational Course** offers an opportunity to learn about the latest scientific and clinical advancements in the field of infectious diseases at the highest level. In addition to “state-of-the-art” insights and future perspectives in pathogen diagnostics, the course will focus on appropriate treatment and, above all, the integration of all anti-infective tools into the overall treatment concept for our patients. Furthermore, the course provides an ideal platform for networking, sharing knowledge, and exploring the beautiful city of Würzburg, Germany.

We are delighted to offer this course at the highest professional level in collaboration with you, our partners, and we would like to express our sincere gratitude for your support and valued cooperation.

Dina Averbuch, Infectious Diseases Working Party Chair
Jan Styczynski, Infectious Diseases Working Party Secretary
Daniel Teschner, Local Organiser

Thursday, 20 November 2025

13:30 – 13:45	Welcome	
13:45 – 14:35	Session I: Inflammation vs. Infection Chairs: Dina Averbuch (IL) & Rafael de la Cámara (ES)	
13:45 – 14:05	Inflammation vs. Infection - diagnostic approach	Oliver Kurzai (DE)
14:05 – 14:25	Inflammation vs. Infection - management	Dionysios Neofytos (CH)
14:25 – 14:35	<i>Case presentation: Unilateral Chronic Pleuritis in a Pediatric Patient after Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation: A Diagnostic Challenge</i>	Giulia Ferrando (IT)
14:35 – 15:45	Session II: Infections Prophylaxis and Prevention Chairs: Inken Hilgendorf (DE) & Christina Rieger (DE)	
14:35 – 14:55	Vaccination strategies in HSCT patients	Inken Hilgendorf (DE)
14:55 – 15:15	Antifungal prophylaxis	Andrew Ullmann (DE)
15:15 – 15:35	Antibacterial prophylaxis	Dina Averbuch (IL)
15:35 – 15:45	<i>Case presentation: A complex infection with multiorgan involvement: lessons from a case</i>	Davide Bosetti (CH)
15:45 – 16:15	Coffee Break	
16:15 – 17:05	Session III: Blood Stream Infections (BSI) Chairs: Lidia Gil (PL) & Malgorzata Mikulska (IT)	
16:15 – 16:35	How do diagnose BSI	Enrico Schalk (DE)
16:35 – 16:55	Bacterial BSI (incl. MDR) – treatment & management	Maria Vehreschild (DE)
16:55 – 17:05	<i>Case presentation: Septic shock on day +18 after haploidentical stem cell transplantation due to an unusual pathogen</i>	Carmen Corrales (ES)
17:05 – 18:15	Session IV: Cytomegalovirus Chairs: Martin Schmidt-Hieber (DE) & Daniel Teschner (DE)	
17:05 – 17:25	CMV – screening & diagnostic approach	Michael Boeckh (US)
17:25 – 17:45	CMV – treatment & prevention	Per Ljungman (SE)
17:45 – 18:05	Cellular mediated immunity (CMI) – how to use it	Eva Maria Wagner-Drouet (DE)
18:05 – 18:15	<i>Case presentation: pancytopenia and chorioretinitis in a patient with multiple myeloma</i>	Paul Casey (IE)
18:15 – 18:30	Day 1 Closing Remarks	

Friday, 21 November 2025

09:00 – 10:10	Session V: EBV, HHV6 and CARV Chairs: Michael Boeckh (US) & Per Ljungman (SE)	
09:00 – 09:20	EBV and HSV – Diagnosis and treatment	Jan Styczynski (PL)
09:20 – 09:40	HHV6 – Diagnosis and treatment	Simone Cesaro (IT)
09:40 – 10:00	How I manage CARV infections	Christina Rieger (DE)
10:00 – 10:10	<i>Case presentation</i>	Marina Vallvé (ES)
10:10 – 10:40	Coffee Break	
10:40 – 11:50	Session VI: Diagnostic Tools Chairs: Dionysios Neofytos (CH) & Oliver Kurzai (DE)	
10:40 – 11:00	How I use imaging in diagnosis of infections	Claus-Peter Heuβel (DE)
11:00 – 11:20	Fungal biomarkers and PCR techniques	Jürgen Held (DE)
11:20 – 11:40	Novel diagnostic approaches using NGS	Daniel Teschner (DE)
11:40 – 11:50	<i>Case presentation: Breakthrough Infection in a Pediatric AML Patient During Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation</i>	Laura Pedretti (IT)
11:50 – 12:50	Session VII: Invasive fungal diseases Chair: Andrew Ullmann (DE) & Rafael de la Cámara (ES)	
11:50 – 12:10	IFD – diagnostic hurdles & approaches	Oliver Cornely (DE)
12:10 – 12:30	How I treat invasive pulmonary fungal infections	Andreas Groll (DE)
12:30 – 12:40	A severe emerging mycosis in neutropenic patient with hematologic disease	Claudia Gómez Hernández (ES)
12:40 – 12:50	<i>Case presentation</i>	Eva Desbrousses (FR)
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00 – 15:20	Session VIII: How I Manage and Treat Chairs: Dina Averbuch (IL) & Jan Styczynski (PL)	
14:00 – 14:20	CNS infections	Martin Schmidt-Hieber (DE)
14:20 – 14:40	BKV infections	Simone Cesaro (IT)
14:40 – 15:00	GIT infection and CDI	Malgorzata Mikulska (IT)
15:00 – 15:10	<i>Case presentation: Breakthrough invasive aspergillosis after pediatric HCT</i>	Martina Colli (IT)
15:10 – 15:20	<i>Case presentation: An unexpected guest in a pediatric patient after hematopoietic stem cell transplant</i>	Laia García Marzo (ES)
15:20 – 15:35	Day 2 Closing Remarks	
15:35 – 16:00	Coffee Break	
16:00 – 18:00	Scientific Business Meeting	

Saturday, 22 November 2025

09:00 – 10:20	Session IX: Basic & translational science Chair: Sebastian Voigt (DE) & Daniel Teschner (DE) IFD and immunology - from bench to bedside Multidrug-resistant enterococci - a scientific point of view Evasion of adaptive and innate immunity by Cytomegaloviruses Complex relationship – microbiome and infectious diseases	Michelle Seif (DE) Stefanie Kampmeier (DE) Sebastian Voigt (DE) Erik Thiele Orberg (DE)
10:20 – 10:40	Coffee Break	
10:40 – 11:50	Session X: Other Viruses & VSTs Chairs: Simone Cesaro (IT) & Armin Gerbitz (DE) Hepatitis Virus Infections Adenovirus infections VSTs to counteract viral infections after HSCT <i>Case presentation: Severe Hemorrhagic urothelitis with renal and lung failure secondary to adenovirus and BK virus infection: a case report</i>	Rafael de la Cámara (ES) Sebastian Voigt (DE) Britta Eiz-Vesper (DE) Martín Cueto Díaz (ES)
11:50 – 13:00	Session XI: Special Patient Cohorts Chairs: Jan Styczynski (PL) & Jochen Frietsch (DE) How to manage infections after CAR-T How to manage infections after BiSpecs How to manage infections in patients with GvHD <i>Case presentation: THE EYE OF THE STORM - A Cryptic Complication of CAR-T Cell Treatment</i>	Anna Ruckdeschel (DE) Lidia Gil (PL) Armin Gerbitz (DE) Lotan Choshen Cohen (IL)
13:00 – 13:15	Closing Remarks	

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