

# From Immunology and Autoimmunity to Haematology and back

Virtual | 22-23 May 2026



## WELCOME

We are pleased to invite you to the EBMT Educational Meeting **'From Immunology and Autoimmunity to Haematology and Back'**, which will be held virtually on 22-23 May 2026. This meeting is jointly organised by the Autoimmune Diseases Working Party, Inborn Error Working Party, and Paediatric Diseases Working Party.

The programme will focus on current advances and future developments in hematopoietic stem cell transplantation, gene therapies and novel cellular therapies across a range of indications, including CAR-T cell therapies for autoimmune diseases. The meeting will feature both clinical and scientific sessions, fostering interdisciplinary exchange and cross-fertilization between haematology, paediatrics and autoimmune research. A selection of the best submitted abstracts will be integrated, providing an opportunity to highlight contributions from the community.

We warmly invite you to join us in supporting this event and look forward to your participation.

The Organising Committee,

*Tobias Alexander, Autoimmune Diseases Working Party Chair*

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**Friday, 22 May 2026**  
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## 14:00 – 14:15 Meeting Opening

Tobias Alexander (DE), Maria Ester Bernardo (IT), Krzysztof Kałwak (PL)

## 14:15 – 15:30 Session 1: Indications and recommendations

Chairs: Mathieu Puyade (FR) and Krzysztof Kałwak (PL)

14:15-14:35 Indications for autologous HCT in Autoimmune Diseases  
14:35-14:55 CAR-T for Autoimmune Diseases. Clinical practise recommendations from EBMT  
14:55-15:15 Indications for HCT in paediatric autoimmune disorders  
15:15-15:30 Session Discussion

Elisa Roldan (UK)  
Raffaella Greco (IT)  
Juliana Silva (UK)

## 15:45 – 16:35 Session 2: CAR-T for autoimmune diseases, where do we stand?

Chairs: Dominique Farge (FR) and Krzysztof Kałwak (PL)

15:45-16:05 CART-T in adult autoimmune diseases  
16:05-16:25 CART-T in paediatric autoimmune diseases  
16:25-16:35 Session Discussion

Melanie Hagen (DE)  
Marco Becilli (IT)

## 16:45 – 18:00 Session 3: Gene therapy

Chairs: Maria Ester Bernardo (IT) and Claire Booth (UK)

16:45-17:05 HSC-GT for Inborn Errors of Immunity  
17:05-17:25 HSC-GT for Inborn Error of Metabolism  
17:25-17:45 Future perspectives of GT strategies, regulatory aspects and accessibility  
17:45-18:00 Session Discussion

Claire Booth (UK)  
Maria Ester Bernardo (IT)  
Alessandro Aiuti (IT)

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## 09:00 – 10:15 Session 4: Rheumatic and neurological autoimmune diseases

Chairs: Julia Spierings (NL) and Tobias Alexander (DE)

09:00-09:20 CAR-T for Multiple Sclerosis  
09:20-09:40 Tailored AHST Therapy for Systemic Sclerosis  
09:40-10:00 T-cell engagers for systemic sclerosis  
10:00-10:15 Session Discussion

Johanna Richter (DE)  
Doron Rimar (IL)  
Elise Siegert (DE)

## 10:30 – 11:45 Session 5: Conditioning

Chair: Fulvio Porta (IT)

10:30-10:50 Optimizing serotherapy before HCT  
10:50-11:10 Low dose radiotherapy as part of conditioning therapy  
11:10-11:40 Pros and cons: busulfan versus treosulfan in non-malignant disorders  
11:40-11:45 Session Discussion

Arjan Lankester (NL)  
Fulvio Porta (IT)  
T: Krzysztof Kałwak(PL)  
B: Arjan Lankester (NL)

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**Saturday, 23 May 2026 – Continuation**  
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## 12:00 – 13:00 **Session 6: Best Abstracts**

Chairs: Claire Horgan (UK) and Rosamaria Nitti (IT)

12:00-12:12	The dramatic impact on viral reactivation and survival in children with IEI using haploidentical HSCT - $\alpha\beta$ T-Cell Depletion and Memory Addback – a pilot study from India	Minakshi Balwani (IN)
12:12-12:24	Haploidentical Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation in Autoimmune Lymphoproliferative Syndrome with a Reduced Toxicity Conditioning Regimen and Modified Post-transplant Cyclophosphamide-based GVHD Prophylaxis	Sayan Sinha Roy (IN)
12:24-12:36	Evaluation of filgrastim (G-CSF) at a dose of 10 mcg/kg/day as a mobilisation protocol combination with cyclophosphamide 2g for patients with Relapsing Remitting Multiple Sclerosis (RRMS) undergoing stem cell harvest—single centre experience	Haili Cui (UK)
12:36-12:48	Hematopoietic stem cell transplantation in children with neutrophil disorders: a single centre experience from South India	Nithya Seshadri (IN)
12:48-13:00	Allogeneic hematopoietic cell transplantation with reduced-toxicity conditioning for X-linked hyper-IgM syndrome	Ryosuke Wakatsuki (JP)

## 13:30 – 14:45 **Session 7: Complications**

Chairs: Krzysztof Kałwak (PL) and Giovanna Lucchini (IT)

13:30-13:50	Secondary AD after allo-transplantation haematologic malignancies	Arsène Mekinian (FR)
13:50-14:10	Fertility preservation in CAR-T cell therapy	Giorgio Orofino (IT)
14:10-14:30	HLH after CAR-T	Giovanna Lucchini (IT)
14:30-14:45	Session Discussion	

## 15:00 – 16:15 **Session 8: Expanding the horizon of HCT**

Chairs: Michael Albert (DE) and Giorgio Orofino (IT)

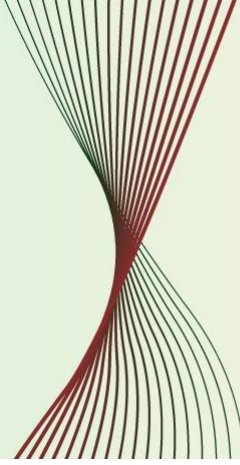
15:00-15:20	HCT's evolution from classical PIDs to PIRDs	Andrew Gennery (UK)
15:20-15:40	Primary immune deficiency and cancer: chemotherapy and HCT	Kirill Kirgizov (RU)
15:40-16:00	Bringing HCT to children in lower/middle income countries	Lawrence Faulkner (IT)
16:00-16:15	Session Discussion	

## 16:15 – 16:30 **Meeting Closing Remarks**

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