Translational Immune Oncology 2026: Immune Oncology History,TME, Therapies

Preliminary programme

Monday 9th November '26	***Speaker***	***Title/Topic***
Stratenum Str. 2.106/Str. 2.112 Theme: Tumor-immune interactions: Cellular dynamics and spatial analysis Organizer: Antoine Khalil, a.khalil@umcutrecht.nl		
09.00-10.00	*Antoine Khalil*	*Introduction*
10.00-11.00	*Antoine Khalil*	*The tumor and it's microenvironment*
11.00-11.15	*Break*	
11.15-12.45	*Peter Friedl (Guest speaker, Radboud UMC)*	*The dynamics of tumor cell killing by cytotoxic T-cells (including a 10 minute break)*
12.45-14:00	Lunch break	
14.00-14.45	*Kristof van Avondt*	*Spatial analysis of the tumor microenvironment in patient samples*
14.45-15.00 (refreshments)	*Break*	
15.00-16.45	*Kristof van Avondt*	*Practical assignment: Multiplex Imaging analysis*

Tuesday *10th November '26*	*Speaker*	*Title/Topic*
Stratenum Str. 2.106/Str. 2.112 Theme: Immuno therapy of cancer Organizer: Jeanette Leusen, j.h.w.leusen@umcutrecht.nl		
09.00-09.50	*Mitchell Evers*	*Introduction on antibodies*
10.00-10.50	*Mitchell Evers*	*Applications of antibodies and new formats in oncology*
11.10-11.50	*Michiel van der Vlist*	*Checkpoints in the lab*
12.00-12.45	*Emma van Dijk*	*Checkpoints in the clinic*
12.45-13.30	Lunch break	
13.30-13.45	***Go to Genmab***	***Uppsalalaan 15 Utrecht***
13.45-14.30	*Martine van Vugt*	*Introduction about Genmab + latest developments*
14.30-15.15	*Jeroen van den Brakel*	*Lab tour at Genmab*
15.15-15.30	*Break*	
15.30-17.00	*Esther Breij*	*Short assignment; Academia versus Industry, from target to therapy*

Wednesday 11th November '26	*Speaker*	*Title/Topic*
Stratenum Str. 2.106/Str. 2.112 Theme: Cellular Therapies Organizer: Monique den Boer, m.l.denboer@prinsesmaximacentrum.nl		
09.00-10.00	*Monika Wolkers (Guest speaker, Sanquin)*	*Basic functions of immune cells and TIL therapy*
10.00-11.00	*Stefan Nierkens (Pr. Màxima Center/University Medical Center Utrecht)*	*DC Vaccination*
11.00-11.15	*Break*	
11.15-12.15	*Olaf Heidenreich (Pr. Màxima Center)*	*Monocytes/macrophages in supporting AML*
12.15-13.00	Lunch break	
13.00-14.00	*Cesca van de Ven (Pr. Màxima Center)*	*Bone marrow microenvironment and effect on immunotherapy*
14.00-16.00 *14.00 hrs (refreshments)*	*Monique den Boer, Cesca van de Ven with help of a cartoonist*	*Interactive round-table session; what were the eyeopeners during the course, what are your dreams/do you want to achieve in your scientific career?*
16.00-17.30	DRINKS	Kitchen 2nd floor Stratenum