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MI-VascAD

Methods to Investigate the Vasculature
in Autoimmune Diseases

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Symposium

28.09.2026, 2:00 - 6:00 pm
Fraunhofer IMTE

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Keynote Lecture
Prof. Carmen Ruiz de Almodóvar
(*Institute for Neurovascular Cell Biology, Bonn*)

Additional Talks by

Dr. Mandy Ahlborg (*Fraunhofer IMTE*)
Dr. Hanna Grasshoff (*Rheumatology*)
Prof. Gereon Hüttmann (*Biomedical Optics*)
Prof. Yoko Miura (*Ophthalmology*)
PD Dr. Helge Müller-Fielitz (*Pharmacology*)
Dr. Anja Stähle (*Rheumatology*)
PD Dr. Jan Wenzel (*Pharmacology*)

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Program

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- 2:00 – 2:30 *Arrival and Welcome*
- 2:30 – 2:45 *Introduction to MI-VascAD*
(Dr. Hanna Grasshoff/PD Dr. Jan Wenzel)
- 2:45 – 2:55 *Welcome Address by the University*
(Prof. Thomas Münte)
- 2:55 – 3:10 *Magnetic Particle Imaging as a Theranostic Platform*
(Dr. Mandy Ahlborg)
- 3:10 – 3:25 *Neurocognitive Impairment triggered by Autoantibodies:*
Insights into mechanisms and diagnostics (Dr. Hanna Grasshoff)
- 3:25 – 3:40 *New Technologies for Quantitative Imaging of Retinal Vessels*
(Prof. Gereon Hüttmann)
- 3:40 – 3:55 *Systemic Disease and Ocular Circulation* (Prof. Yoko Miura)
- 3:55 – 4:15 *Coffee Break*
- 4:15 – 4:30 *GPCRs at the Circumventricular Organs: An Overlooked Problem*
in Graves' Disease? (PD Dr. Helge Müller-Fielitz)
- 4:30 – 4:45 *Antibody-conjugated Magnetic Particles in Vascular Autoimmunity:*
From Linker Chemistry to a Functional Tracer (Dr. Anja Stähle)
- 4:45 – 5:00 *Endothelial Dysfunction and Cerebral Perfusion –*
How Vascular GPCR signaling affects the Brain (PD Dr. Jan Wenzel)
- 5:00 – 6:00 *Keynote Lecture: Selective Opening of the Blood-Spinal Cord Barrier*
and Immune Activation upon Peripheral Injury
(Prof. Carmen Ruiz de Almodóvar, Bonn)

from 6:00 *Get Together*

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