EATCB World Tissue Congress 2026
14 – 16 December 2026 | Hannover

Programme

MONDAY 14.12.2026

Room 3

WORKSHOP
09:00 – 10:30
Cardiovascular I – Recovery

- **Oscar Schwind & Alicia Chaparro**
- **Ramadan Jashari**
- **Cain Aguirre**
- **Enrico Confortin**
- **Hans van den Heever**

Moderated by Thomas Buersmeyer & Jan Kniese

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WORKSHOP
11:00 – 11:30 Cardiovascular II – Heartvalve Preparation

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13:30 – 15:30: SoHO training: Implement SoHO – training new EU SoHO regulation

Task 2
(closed, on invitation only)

16:00 – 18:30: SoHO training: Implement SoHO – training new EU SoHO regulation

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Room 4

WORKSHOP
09:00 - 10:30 Vigilance

Speakers:

- **Aurora Navarro**
- **Joel de Andrade**
- **Jinyoung Jeong**

WORKSHOP
11:00 – 12:30 Tissue for Research

Speakers:

- **Thomas Buersmeyer, LifenetHealth**
- **Jonathan Boyd, Lonza**
- **Marta Pérez, BeCytes**
- **Estephan Arrendondo, BeCytes**

Sponsored by Lonza

Room Closed

14:30 – 15:15 Mixed Tissue Session
Chair: Chris van Diemen & Jinyoung Jeong

14:30 – 14:40 Keynote: van Diemen, Chris
Non Blood Biological Products in a Blood Service - The Australian Perspective

14:40 – 14:50 Kajić Sanja
Development Of The Reproductive Tissue Bank In Croatia: Experience In Testicular Tissue Cryopreservation And Introduction Of An Ovarian Tissue Cryopreservation Program

14:50 – 15:00 McGee, Maria
Allogeneic Skin in Sweden: Building a Resilient National Supply and Stockholding system

15:00 – 15:05 Poster Presentation
Dionne, Sara: Microbial Recovery In Deceased Donor Skin: A Large-Scale U.S. Analysis

15:05 – 15:10 Poster Presentation
Lukač, Adriana
Validation Of Microbiological Contamination Detection In The Different Sample Volumes Of Hematopoietic Progenitor Cell Products

15:10 – 15:15 Poster Presentation
Nacu, Ana-Maria
Development of a decellularized avascular lymph node scaffold for allotransplantation: An experimental small-animal study

Auditorium

13:45 – 14:30: Congress Opening in the Auditorium

13:45: Welcome from EATCB, WUTBA, DGFG

13:55: Reveal Presentation EATCB Congress 2027

14:05: EATCB Activities
Simone Hennerbichler-Lugscheider

14:30 – 16:10: Cornea Session:
Chair: Jose Alvaro & Thomas Fuchsluger

14:30: Welcome by Moria

14:40 – 14:50: Philippy, Brian
Cold Storage vs. Organculture I

14:50 – 15:00: Tran, Khoa
Cold Storage vs. Organculture II

15:00 – 15:10: Pavoggio, Elena
Cold Storage vs. Organculture III

15:10 – 15:20: Aline Moryama
Cold Storage Media in Brasil - Experiences of the last years

15:20 -15:30 Rodello, Umberto
Novel Corneal Animal-Derivative-Free Media: A Preclinical Study At 31°C

15:30 – 15:40 Keynote Alvaro, Jose
Use of Amnion in Brazil

15:40 – 15:50 Amsale Geta
Experience of the first Corneabank in Ethiopia

15:50 – 16:00: SANCHEZ, IBÁÑEZ JACINTO
Microbiological Control Of The Procurement Cornea Storage Solution. Is It Necessary?

16:00 – 16:05: Poster Presentation
VICTOR, RICHARD
Comparative Study Of The Safety And Efficacy Of Punches Used In Corneal Graft Preparation

16:05 – 16:10: Poster Presentation
VICTOR, RICHARD
A Comparative Assessment Of Safety And Performance Of Two Microkeratome Systems During Pressure-Controlled Dsaek Graft Preparation

Room Closed

WORKSHOP
16:30 – 18:00: Limbus Stem Cell Workshop SLET and CLET

Speakers:
- Virender S. Sangwan
- Abha Gour

15:30 – 16:30 Coffee Break

18:30 Get Together – Welcome Drinks

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Workshop with Wetlab
16:30 – 18:30 Lamellae Preparation – Not always easy, but doable!
(Hybrid)

Speakers & Moderation

- **Annekatrin Rickmann**
- **Erik Chankiewitz**
- **Marcus Walcking**

Supported by Karl Kaps & Geuder

Room 4

WORKSHOP
09:00 – 10:30 Musculoskeletal I – Recovery

- **Mariana Nascimento**
- **Philipp Venter**
- **Christian Braun**
- **Darrel Lewis**
- **Zhivko Zhivkov**

Moderation: George Herrera & Jan Kniese

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WORKSHOP
11:00 – 12:30 Musculoskeletal II – Preparation

- **Mariana Nascimento**
- **Philipp Venter**
- **Christian Braun**
- **Darrel Lewis**
- **Zhivko Zhivkov**

Moderation: George Herrera & Jan Kniese

Sponsored by MTF Biologics and DIZG

13:30 – 15:00 Donation Systems around the world
Chair: Umang Mathur & Joel de Andrade

13:30 – 13:40 Keynote
Metelmann, Moritz
Transplant Coordinators' Unit at the UKL (University Hospital Leipzig)

13:40 – 13:50 de Andrade, Joel
Role of the Transplantcoordinator to realize Tissue Donation in Brazil

13:50 – 14:00 Geta, Amsale
Experiences to set up a Donation System in Africa

14:00 – 14:15: Mathur, Umang
Sustain Models for Tissuedonation in Low and middle income countries

14:15 – 14:25 Nathawat, Rakhi
Experiences in Developing Donation systems

14:25 – 14:40: Rogel, Maria Alejandra & Salica, Juan Pablo Maria Alejandra Rogel
Tissue Donation in Argentina

14:40 – 14:50: Buersmeyer, Thomas
Developing Tissue Donation Programs (Partnering with hospitals)

16:00 – 17:30 WUTBA General Assembly
Annually Meeting for WUTBA members
(Closed, on invitation only)

Auditorium

09:00 - 10:30: New Perspectives and Innovation in Eye and Cornea Treatment
Chair: Constanza Figueiredo, Jodhbir Mehta & Aline Moryama

09:00 - 09:20: Mehta, Jodhbir
CAIRS

09:20 – 09:30: Rodello, Umberto
Cairs: Standardized Graft Preparation, Preservation, And Implantation In An Ex Vivo Model

09:30 – 09:40: Fuchsluger, Thomas
How To Measure Cornealquality Beside Cellcounting

09:40 – 09:50 Annadurai, Suganya
Expansion Of Low Immunogenic Human Limbal Stem Cells For Clinical Application

09:50 – 10:00 Mehta, Jodhbir
Simple Non-Cultured Endothelial Cell Therapy

10:00 – 10:10 Barrouin, Laurence
Wharton's Jelly Eye Drops For Corneal Ulcer Healing: From Evaluation In Chronic Keratitis To Use In Orphan Diseases: Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis.

10:10 – 10:20 Barrouin, Laurence
Evaluation Of Tolerance And Efficacy Of A Umbilical Cord Intracorneal Ring Model In A Bioreactor: A New Cairs Approach

10:20 – 10:30: Mehta, Jodhbir
AI in the Cornea Pathway – In Cornea Processing

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30 Finding Donors
Chair: Aline Moryama, Sandra Venter & Rakhi Nathawat

11:00 – 11:10 Aline Moryama
System of BCS to find donors

11:10 – 11:20: Barlinn, Kristian
Detect System at UKDD (University Hospital Dresden)

11:20 – 11:30: Venter, Sandra
Experiences with Social workers in donation hospitals

11:30 – 11:40: Bürgel, Martin
Process optimization

11:40 – 11:50 Palmisano, Michael
Designing a Sustainable 24/7 Tissue Operations Workforce: A Rules-Based Self-Scheduling, Bounded Flexibility, and Competency-Progression Model

11:50 – 12:00: Kepplerus, Kajsa
Tissue Donation In Forensic Cases: A Retrospective Study From Sweden

12:00 – 12:10 Králové, Pavel
Frequency of Clinically Undetected Malignancies Among Deceased Vascular and Musculoskeletal Tissue Donors: A Single Tissue Establishment Experience

12:10 – 12:30 Discussion

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch Break

13:30 – 15:00: Session on SoHO/ Regulations
Chair: Arlinke Bokhorst & Johan Guns

13:30 – 13:45 Keynote
Rita Piteira, DG-SANTE

13:45 – 13:55 Barrio Ruth
GAIPP-PRO Joint Action: Piloting the Preparation Process Dossier for SoHO Preparations

13:55 – 14:05 Navarro, Aurora
Assessment and improvement of the Catalan biovigilance system(CBVS)

14:05 – 14:15 Navarro, Aurora
VigiDoTe: New online vigilance notification system

14:15 – 14:25 Alvarez Miranda, Marina
Piloting The Authorisation Of Substances Of Human Origin Preparations In Spain Based On The European Gapp Methodology

14:30 – 15:00 Questions and Discussion

16:00 – 17:30 Cardiovascular Tissue Session
Chair: Constanza Figueiredo, Melissa Greenwald & T. Morschheuser

16:00 – 16:25 Keynote **Mark Hazekamp & Marten Engelse**
Automated decellularization of donor heart valves

16:25 – 16:40 Keynote **Ramadan Jashari**
History of Donation and Use of HV in Europe

16:40 – 16:50 T. Morschheuser
Experiences and Achievements Heartvalve Tissue Bank Kiel and DGFG

16:50 – 17:00 Rockl, Gary
Decellularized Human Pulmonary Valve Allografts Processed In A Tissue Bank: Dna Clearance, Matrix Preservation And Future Applications

17:00 – 17:10 Annadurai, Suganya
Genetic Engineering of vascular composite ALLOGRAFT THROUGH TARGETED MODULATION OF MHC EXPRESSION

17:10 – 17:20 Brockbank, Kelvin
Impact Of Warm Ischemia On Donor Cell Viability Of Partial Heart Transplant Grafts

17:20 – 17:30 Dück Junias
Biomechanical Analysis Of Dezellularized Heart Valves After Long Term Storage

17:30 – 17:40: Stevens, Francesca
Comparative Microbiological Study of Hearts Retrieved During Multi Tissue Donation and Organ Donation

17:40 – 17:55 Poster Presentation
Manara, Sabrina
Validation Of The „A In D" Isolator Technology In A Cardiovascular Tissue Bank: The Emilia-Romagna Btcv Experience

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

20:00 Gala Dinner

Wednesday 16.12.2026

Auditorium

09:30 – 11:00 EDQM/ECDC Panel
Chair: Simone Hennerbichler-Lugscheider & Jan Kniese

10:30 –11:00: Coffee Break

11:00 – 13:00 WUTBA PANEL
Chair: Martin Bölgel & Oscar Schwint

11:00 – 11:15 Brubaker, Scott
History of WUTBA and Tasks for the Future

11:15 – 11:30 Van Diemen, Chris
Reshaping the Associations, Situation in Australia & New Zealand

11:30 – 11:45 Venter, Sandra
Update Tissue Donation in Africa

11:45 – 12:00 Jinyoung Jeong
Update APASTB

12:00 – 12:15 Pearce, Marc
Reshaping the AATB, New Developments

12:15 -12:30 Hennerbichler-Lugscheider, Simone & Guns, Johan
Reshaping EATCB

12:30 – 13:00 Introducing New Board Members & Awards Ceremony

13:00 – 13:30 Congress Closing