

SCIENCE MEETS INDUSTRY DAY

BDC MEETING SPACE, HEIDELBERG | OCTOBER 19-20, 2026

October 19th (Monday): Pre-Event Program

- 14:00 - 16:00 Guided DKFZ Site Visit for Industry Partners
 KiTZ Drug Screening Unit (hosted by I. Oehme)
 HIT: Heidelberg Ion Beam Therapy Center (hosted by A. Abdollahi)
 DKFZ NGS Core Facility (hosted by S. Wolf)
 KiTZ, the new building (hosted by S. Pfister)
- 18:30 - 21:00 Networking Dinner (Hotel Marriott, Vangerowstraße 16, Heidelberg)

October 20th (Tuesday)

- 09:00 - 10:00 Registration & Coffee
- 10:00 - 10:05 Welcome (M. Bories)
- 10:05 - 10:40 **Setting the Scene: Bridging Academia and Industry**
 Advancing Translational Research in Academia (S. Pfister)
 Enabling Translational Innovation in Industry (H. Steutel)
- 10:40 - 11:20 **Industry Perspectives: What Are We Looking For?** (Chair: M. Meergans)
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- 11:20 - 12:00 **Research Pitches: Selected Translational Projects** (Chair: J. Siveke)
 ■ HematoTrac
 Björn Scheffler, DKTK Essen/Düsseldorf
 ■ DrugSeq
 Violaine Goidts, DKFZ Heidelberg
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- 12:00 - 13:30 Networking Lunch
- 13:30 - 14:30 **Fish Bowl: Translational Challenges**
 ● Barriers in academia-industry collaboration
 ● Preclinical -> clinical transition
 ● IP / regulatory challenges
- 14:30 - 15:15 **Fish Bowl Outcomes & Plenary Discussion**
- 15:15 - 15:45 **Wrap-Up & Next Steps**