

# FIGON-BPS DUTCH MEDICINES DAYS

**8-9 October 2025**  
**CORPUS Congress Centre Leiden**

## ***New Frontiers in Drug Innovation***



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# 2025

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## Join us at Dutch Medicines Days 2025!

Join us on October 8-9, 2025, at the CORPUS Congress Centre in Leiden for Dutch Medicines Days 2025!

This exciting two-day conference is dedicated to advancing the field of pharmaceutical sciences to exchange the latest research, share insights, and foster collaborations at regional and international levels. This year's theme, "New Frontiers in Drug Innovation", is organized in collaboration with FIGON and the British Pharmacological Society, combining their expertise and passion for advancing science and improving healthcare.

### Programme highlights:

- Plenary Lectures from leading experts in drug innovation and pharmacology
- Parallel Sessions exploring pioneering research and trends
- Poster Presentations showcasing innovative work from young researchers
- PhD Student Competition showcasing emerging talent from Dutch & UK research institutes
- Industry Innovation slots offering a speaking opportunity designed for companies to present their work
- Networking Opportunities with professionals from across the drug development pipeline



**For more information and registration:**  
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*“New therapies for patients: integrating expertise and sharing knowledge is the only possible way for successfully mastering together the complex and long route from idea to clinic. That is why FIGON-Dutch Medicines Days is year-after-year of utmost relevance”*

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# Conference Dinner

Make the most of DMD and join us for the conference dinner!

Don't miss the opportunity to conclude the first day of DMD on a high note. On October 8, from 18:35 to 21:00, we warmly invite you to attend the conference walking dinner, hosted at BioPartner 5 in Leiden, just a short walk from CORPUS Congress Centre, where the event takes place.

Please note that capacity is limited and conference registration is required, so be sure to reserve your spot soon!





# FIGON-BPS DUTCH MEDICINES DAYS

## Present your research!

The Dutch Medicines Days encourages active participation, and we invite you to help shape the program.

Science is the foundation of drug development, so we want to hear about the innovative research being done to advance the field. Researchers and PhD students are invited to present their work through **poster presentations** to a diverse audience of professionals. In addition, selected abstract submissions will be invited to pitch their work during the relevant sessions, offering another valuable way to contribute to the programme. Find more information on the website and submit your abstract before 1st of September.

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# PROGRAMME DUTCH MEDICINES DAYS 2025

DAY 1 – 8 October 2025 | Corpus Congress Centre, Leiden

09:00 - 09:30	<b>Welcome &amp; Coffee</b>			
09:30 - 10:45	<b>Plenary Opening Programme</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Opening by Prof Laura Heitman (Chair of DMD2025) and Prof Klaas Poelstra (Chair of FIGON)</li><li>• Welcome Speech by Peter Heijkoop, Mayor of Leiden</li><li>• Keynote Presentation 1 by Dr Andreas Wallnöfer, Partner at Jeito Capital</li><li>• Panel Discussion “Is innovative drug discovery sustainable with a non- innovative clinical trial environment?” with:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Frank Pétavy, Head of Methodology, Data Analytics and Methods Task Force at EMA</li><li>• Andreas Wallnöfer, Partner at Jeito Capital</li><li>• Mira Zuidgeest, Associate Professor at UMC Utrecht</li><li>• moderated by Prof Adam Cohen</li></ul></li></ul>			
10:45 - 11:15	<b>Coffee Break</b>			
11:15 - 12:45	<b>Plenary Programme Part II</b> Keynote Presentation 2 by Prof Birgit Koch, Professor of Clinical Pharmacometrics at Erasmus MC Ariëns Lecture by Prof Luke O’Neill			
12:45 - 14:00	<b>Lunch Break</b> <b>Poster Presentations</b>			
14:00 - 14:20	<b>Industry Innovation Slot 1</b> NewAmsterdam Pharma	<b>Industry Innovation Slot 2</b> Oncolines	<b>Industry Innovation Slot 3</b> Leiden Bio Science Park	<b>Industry Innovation Slot 4</b> PD-Value
14:35 - 15:50	<b>Session 1</b> AI in Drug Development	<b>Session 2</b> Starting a Business in Life Sciences	<b>Session 3</b> Collaborative Drug Discovery & Development: The Power of Partnerships	<b>Session 4</b> Novel Targets for the Treatment of Metabolic Heath Disorders
15:50 - 16:20	<b>Coffee Break</b>			
16:20 - 17:35	<b>Session 5</b> Restoring Central Nervous System (CNS) Homeostasis: Emerging Novel Treatments for Comorbid Depression, Substance Use and Chronic Pain	<b>Session 6</b> Beyond Small Molecules: Novel Modalities in Medicinal Chemistry	<b>Session 7</b> Emerging (Pre)clinical Predictive Models to Advance Translational Brain Research	<b>Session 8</b> Open Research Facilities and Infrastructures: Democratizing Advanced Technologies
17:35 - 18:35	<b>Networking Drinks</b>			
18:35 - 21:00	<b>Conference Walking Dinner @BioPartner Leiden</b>			

# PROGRAMME DUTCH MEDICINES DAYS 2025

DAY 2 - 9 October 2025 | Corpus Congress Centre, Leiden

08:30- 09:00	<b>Welcome &amp; Coffee</b>			
09:00- 10:15	<b>Session 9</b> Innovations in Academic Drug Manufacturing	<b>Session 10</b> Patient Access to Unregistered Medicines: Current Developments in Compassionate Use	<b>Session 11</b> Discovering Career Opportunities in the Field of Drug Development: Insights from the Industry, Biotech and Academy	<b>Session 12</b> Navigating the Complexities of Rare Disease Therapy Development: Insights from the UK and NL
10:15- 10:45	<b>Coffee Break</b>			
11:15- 12:30	<b>Session 13</b> Educational Bridges: Connecting Developers to Clinic and Patients	<b>Session 14</b> Translational Toxicology: From Mechanistic Models to Clinical Safety	<b>Session 15</b> Advances in Global Health Research	<b>Session 16</b> Innovation in Pharmaceutical Patient Care
12:30- 14:00	<b>Lunch Break</b> <b>Poster Presentations</b>			
14:00- 15:15	<b>PhD Student Competition</b>			
15:15- 15:45	<b>Coffee Break</b>			
15:45- 17:15	<b>Plenary Closing Programme</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Keynote presentation 3 by Dr Chengcan Yao, University of Edinburgh</li><li>• Award ceremonies PhD Student Competition and Poster Awards</li><li>• Closing panel discussion with:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ralf Herold, Head of Workstream Regulatory Science and Academia at EMA</li><li>• Marjon Pasmooij, Head of Science Department at CBG-MEB &amp; Associate Professor at Utrecht University</li><li>• Just Weemers, Johnson &amp; Johnson</li></ul></li></ul>			
17:15- 18:15	<b>Networking Drinks</b>			



# SPEAKERS DUTCH MEDICINES DAYS 2025

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# PhD Student Competition

The annual PhD Student Competition is one of the highlights of the Dutch Medicines Days programme. This year, we are honoured to welcome nine outstanding PhD students from the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. These brilliant minds will present their research done in various pharmaceutical and medical fields to the jury.

## Nominated PhD students 2025



Marloes Pennings  
TU Eindhoven



Kirsty Tinto  
University of Strathclyde



Nicole Pinckaers  
Maastricht University



Joel Rüegger  
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Jaap W.A. Mouton  
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Thomas van Gelder  
Utrecht UMC

*“It’s an opportunity for researchers to present their work to a larger audience, that may include biotech and pharma companies, who are very interested in that research. So, there are so many reasons why you should be joining this PhD award competition”*

Attendee 2023





# Organising Committee



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- Nederlandse Internisten Vereniging (NIV) - 12 PE-points
- Ziekenhuisapothekers (ZA) - 12 PE-points
- Openbaar Apothekers (OA) - 12 PE-points



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