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8-9 October 2025
CORPUS Congress Centre Leiden

New Frontiers in Drug Innovation



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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!



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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.

Find more information and submit your abstract on the [website](#).

PROGRAMME DUTCH MEDICINES DAYS 2025

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

09:00 - 09:30	Welcome & Coffee			
09:30 - 10:45	Plenary Opening Programme • Opening by Prof Laura Heitman (Chair of DMD2025) and Prof Klaas Poelstra (Chair of FIGON) • Welcome Speech by Peter Heijkoop, Mayor of Leiden • Keynote Presentation 1 by Dr Andreas Wallnöfer, Partner at Jeito Capital • Panel Discussion “Is innovative drug discovery sustainable with a non- innovative clinical trial environment?” with: • Frank Pétavy, Head of Methodology, Data Analytics and Methods Task Force at EMA • Andreas Wallnöfer, Partner at Jeito Capital • Mira Zuidgeest, Associate Professor at UMC Utrecht • moderated by Prof Adam Cohen			
10:45 - 11:15	Coffee Break			
11:15 - 12:45	Plenary Programme Part II 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	Lunch Break Poster Presentations			
14:00 - 14:20	Industry Innovation Slot 1 NewAmsterdam Pharma	Industry Innovation Slot 2 Oncolines	Industry Innovation Slot 3 Leiden Bio Science Park	Industry Innovation Slot 4 PD-Value
14:35 - 15:50	Session 1 AI in Drug Development	Session 2 Starting a Business in Life Sciences	Session 3 Collaborative Drug Discovery & Development: The Power of Partnerships	Session 4 Novel Targets for the Treatment of Metabolic Heath Disorders
15:50 - 16:20	Coffee Break			
16:20 - 17:35	Session 5 Restoring Central Nervous System (CNS) Homeostasis: Emerging Novel Treatments for Comorbid Depression, Substance Use and Chronic Pain	Session 6 Beyond Small Molecules: Novel Modalities in Medicinal Chemistry	Session 7 Emerging (Pre)clinical Predictive Models to Advance Translational Brain Research	Session 8 Open Research Facilities and Infrastructures: Democratizing Advanced Technologies
17:35 - 18:35	Networking Drinks			
18:35 - 21:00	Conference Walking Dinner @BioPartner Leiden			

PROGRAMME DUTCH MEDICINES DAYS 2025

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

08:30- 09:00	Welcome & Coffee			
09:00- 10:15	Session 9 Innovations in Academic Drug Manufacturing	Session 10 Patient Access to Unregistered Medicines: Current Developments in Compassionate Use	Session 11 Discovering Career Opportunities in the Field of Drug Development: Insights from the Industry, Biotech and Academy	Session 12 Navigating the Complexities of Rare Disease Therapy Development: Insights from the UK and NL
10:15- 10:45	Coffee Break			
11:15- 12:30	Session 13 Educational Bridges: Connecting Developers to Clinic and Patients	Session 14 Translational Toxicology: From Mechanistic Models to Clinical Safety	Session 15 Advances in Global Health Research	Session 16 Innovation in Pharmaceutical Patient Care
12:30- 14:00	Lunch Break Poster Presentations			
14:00- 15:15	PhD Student Competition			
15:15- 15:45	Coffee Break			
15:45- 17:15	Plenary Closing Programme • Keynote presentation 3 by Dr Chengcan Yao, University of Edinburgh • Award ceremonies PhD Student Competition and Poster Awards • Closing panel discussion with: • Ralf Herold, Head of Workstream Regulatory Science and Academia at EMA • Marjon Pasmooij, Head of Science Department at CBG-MEB & Associate Professor at Utrecht University • Just Weemers, Johnson & Johnson			
17:15- 18:15	Networking Drinks			

SPEAKERS DUTCH MEDICINES DAYS 2025

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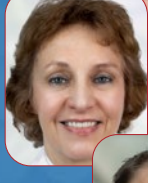
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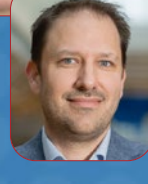
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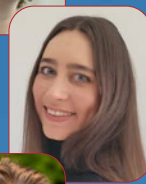
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PhD Student Competition

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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Accreditation

Dutch Medicines Days 2025 conference has received the following accreditations:

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

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