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Be a Part of FIGON - LDDC Dutch Medicines Days 2026!

Join us on October 7-8, 2026, at the CORPUS Congress Centre in Leiden for Dutch Medicines Days 2026!

This two-day conference brings together researchers, healthcare professionals, and industry experts to explore the latest developments in pharmaceutical sciences. It offers a platform to share new research, exchange ideas, and build collaborations across both regional and international networks.

This year's theme, "**Innovate. Translate. Cure.**", reflects the conference's focus on advancing drug development through collaboration and innovation. The 2026 edition is organised by **FIGON** in partnership with **Leiden Drug Development Conference**, (powered by Johnson & Johnson, TNO, Leiden University and LUMC) bringing together their shared expertise and commitment to advancing science and improving healthcare.

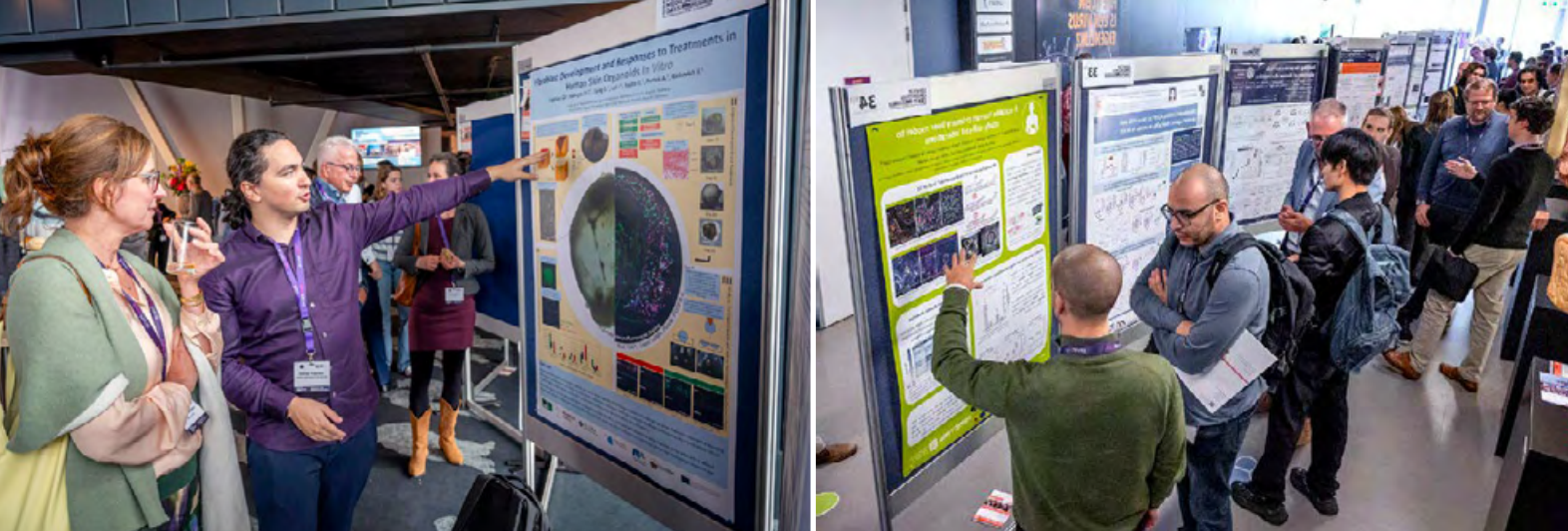
Programme highlights:

- **Plenary talks** from leaders and experts in drug innovation and pharmacology
- **Parallel sessions** covering the latest research and emerging trends
- **Poster presentations** featuring innovative work by early-career researchers
- **PhD Student Competition** showcasing outstanding research from Dutch institutes
- **Industry Innovation Slots** offering companies the opportunity to present their latest developments
- **Networking opportunities** with professionals from across the drug development pipeline
- Presentation of the first FIGON Douwe D. Breimer Distinguished Pharmaceutical Scientist Award



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Share, connect and innovate at Dutch Medicines Days

The Dutch Medicines Days is all about bringing the community together, and we invite you to play an active role in this year's programme.

Organisations have the opportunity to participate through an Industry Innovation Slot - a dedicated speaking opportunity to showcase your latest innovations, share your expertise, and connect with the conference audience. Learn more about the Industry Innovation Slots on our website.

Research is at the heart of drug development, and we are proud to showcase research from across the field through oral abstracts included in the scientific sessions and poster presentations. These contributions provide an excellent opportunity to share your work with a diverse audience of scientists, clinicians, and industry professionals.

Visit our website for more information about the programme and opportunities to contribute.

PROGRAMME DUTCH MEDICINES DAYS 2026

Preliminary Programme Day 1 - 7 October 2026

09:00 - 09:30	Welcome & Coffee			
09:30 - 10:45	Plenary Opening Programme Opening by Prof Laura Heitman (Chair of DMD2026) and Prof Klaas Poelstra (Chair of FIGON) Welcome Speech by Esther Peters, Director of Leiden Bio Science Park Keynote Presentation by Karla van Rooijen, Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport Keynote Presentation by Prof. Annemieke Aartsma-Rus, Leiden University			
10:45 - 11:15	Coffee Break			
Human Diversity in Drug Responses: From Insight to Precision Medicine 11:15 - 12:30	From Structural Insight to Therapeutic Design 11:15 - 12:30	Becoming Funding-Ready 11:15 - 12:30	From Mechanism to First-in-Human: Immunopharmacology Today 11:15 - 12:30	Industry Innovation Slots Leiden Bio Science Park Anacura NLO 11:15 - 12:30
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch Break			
PhD Student Competition I 13:30 - 14:45	Next Generation Preclinical Science: AI and Beyond 13:30 - 14:45	Lipids and Lipoproteins in Drug Discovery and Therapeutic Innovation 13:30 - 14:45	The Netherlands as a Hotspot for Clinical Research? From International Positioning to Local Feasibility 13:30 - 14:45	Industry Innovation Slots OncoLize Pharming 13:30 - 14:45
14:45 - 14:55	Short Break			
PhD Student Competition II 14:55 - 16:10	Discovering Your Future: Career Opportunities in the Pharmaceutical Field 14:55 - 16:10	From Data To Decisions: Leveraging RWD, Virtual Humans, AI and Beyond! 14:55 - 16:10	Pharmacological Regeneration of Tissues 14:55 - 16:10	Industry Innovation Slots 14:55 - 16:10
16:10- 16:30	Coffee Break			
16:30 - 17:45	Plenary Closing Programme Keynote Presentation by Adam Stoten, Evotec Keynote Presentation Conny Helder, Health Holland & FAST FIGON Douwe D. Breimer Distinguished Pharmaceutical Scientist Award			
17:45 - 18:45	Networking Drinks			
19:00 - 21:00	Conference Walking Dinner @BioPartner 5			

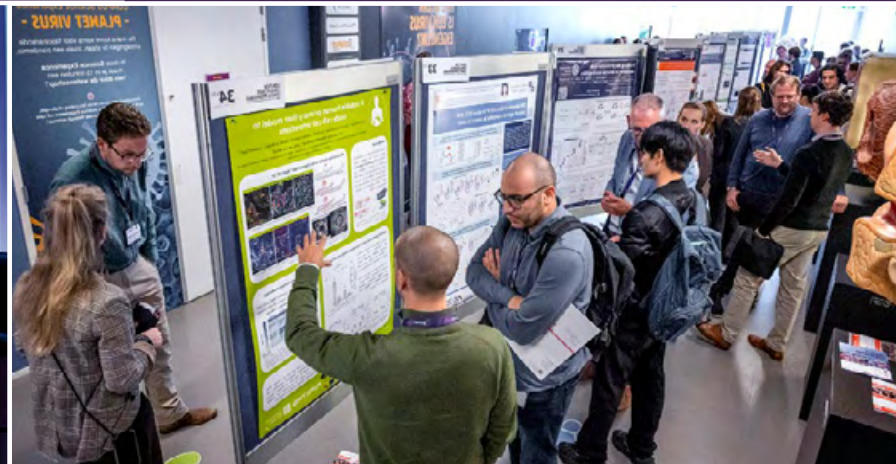
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Preliminary Programme Day 2 - 8 October 2026

08:30- 09:00	Welcome & Coffee			
09:00- 10:15	Plenary Opening Programme Opening by Prof Laura Heitman (Chair of DMD2026), Prof Klaas Poelstra (Chair of FIGON) and Prof dr Marlies Reinders (on behalf of LDDC) Keynote Presentation by Prof. Luc Brunsveld, TU Eindhoven Keynote Presentation by Audrey Derobertmeasure, Paris Cité University			
10:15- 10:45	Coffee Break			
Pharmaceutical Sciences in the Dutch Sectorplan Bèta-II: Status and Future Perspectives 10:45 – 12:00	Innovate: Organoid Technologies in Precision Treatment Optimization 10:45 – 12:00	PharmaNL Infrastructure 10:45 – 12:00	Medicine Shortages in the Netherlands 10:45 – 12:00	Translational Innovation with Industry: From Mechanism to Medicine 10:45 – 12:00
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch Break			
Innovation and Affordability Hand in Hand 13:00 - 14:15	Translate: From Research to Improved Patient Care 13:00 - 14:15		What Does it Take to Start a Biotech? From Scientific Discovery to Company Creation 13:00 - 14:15	Oligonucleotides as Treatment Strategy 13:00 - 14:15
LED3: From Collaborative Discovery to Novel Therapeutic Candidates at Leiden University 14:30 - 15:45	Cure: Innovation in Pharmaceutical Patient Care 14:30 - 15:45	Accelerating Academic Therapy Development for Rare Diseases 14:30 - 15:45	Lifelong Learning in the Pharma & Biotech Sector 14:30 - 15:45	Talent & Carrière Programma Laboratorium Techniek - deel 1 Powered by Johnson & Johnson 14:30 - 16:00 - in Dutch
15:45 - 16:15	Coffee Break			Talent & Carrière Programma Laboratorium Techniek 16:00 - 16:25 - in Dutch
16:15 - 17:30	Plenary Closing Programme Panel Discussion led by Hans Schikan, Chairman, Board member, TopTeam Life Sciences & Health with Luc Brunsveld, TU Eindhoven, Valentyna Starodub, STARoDub, Michel van Agthoven, Johnson & Johnson and Joost Kreijtz, Trained Therapeutix Discovery PhD Student Competition & Award Ceremony - Top 3 Pitches Poster Award Ceremony			Talent & Carrière Programma Laboratorium Techniek - deel 2 Powered by Johnson & Johnson 16:25 - 17:30 - in Dutch
17:30 - 18:30	Networking Drinks			

"If one is involved in drug discovery in the Netherlands, the Dutch Medicine Days is the conference to attend!"

Attendee 2025



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Conference Dinner

Enhance your DMD experience by joining us for the conference dinner! Wrap up the first day of DMD with an enjoyable evening at our conference walking dinner. On October 7, from 19:00 to 21:00, we warmly welcome you to BioPartner 5 in Leiden, just a short walk from the CORPUS Congress Centre, where the conference is being held. Places are limited, and attendance is exclusively available to registered conference participants. Be sure to reserve your spot soon to avoid missing out!

SPEAKERS DUTCH MEDICINES DAYS 2026

Status 24 August 2026 | www.hyphenprojects.nl/figon-dmd/speakers



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 8 outstanding PhD students from the Netherlands. These brilliant minds will present their research done in various pharmaceutical and medical fields to the jury.

Nominated PhD students 2026

- Solaiman Ezzafzafi, Amsterdam UMC
- Lisa Ringeling, Erasmus MC
- Fleur Sinkeler, Radboudumc
- Sanne van de Looij, Utrecht University
- J. Miguel Mata, Leiden University
- Floris-Jan Haan, University of Groningen
- Bryan Nathalia, Eindhoven University of Technology
- Luisa Wensky, Maastricht University

“Broadly themed conference ranging from preclinical to clinical and industry topics to cross barriers in the drug research field, with a spectacular PhD award session to round up the conference”

Attendee 2025



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Accreditation

Dutch Medicines Days 2026 conference has received the following accreditations:

- Nederlandse Internisten Vereniging (NIV) - 12 PE-points
- Ziekenhuisapothekers (ZA) - 10 PE-points
- Openbaar Apothekers (OA) - 10 PE-points

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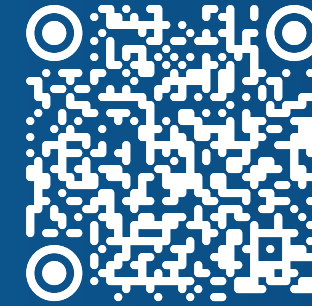
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