

Program

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European Peptide Symposium



Vienna, 6-11 September 2026

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Sunday, 6 September 2026

Special Session · Career Development (upon registration only)

12:30–16:00 **Location:** BIG lecture hall

Keynote:

Morten Meldal (University of Copenhagen)

Moderators:

Anne Conibear (Technical University of Vienna)

Nina Hartrampf (Universität Zürich)

Time	Talk
12:30–13:30	Lunch & Welcome
13:30–16:00	Keynote & moderated discussion

Opening Ceremony and EPS award session

16:30–18:45 **Location:** Audimax lecture hall + livestream BIG lecture hall

Chairs:

Paolo Rovero (University of Florence)

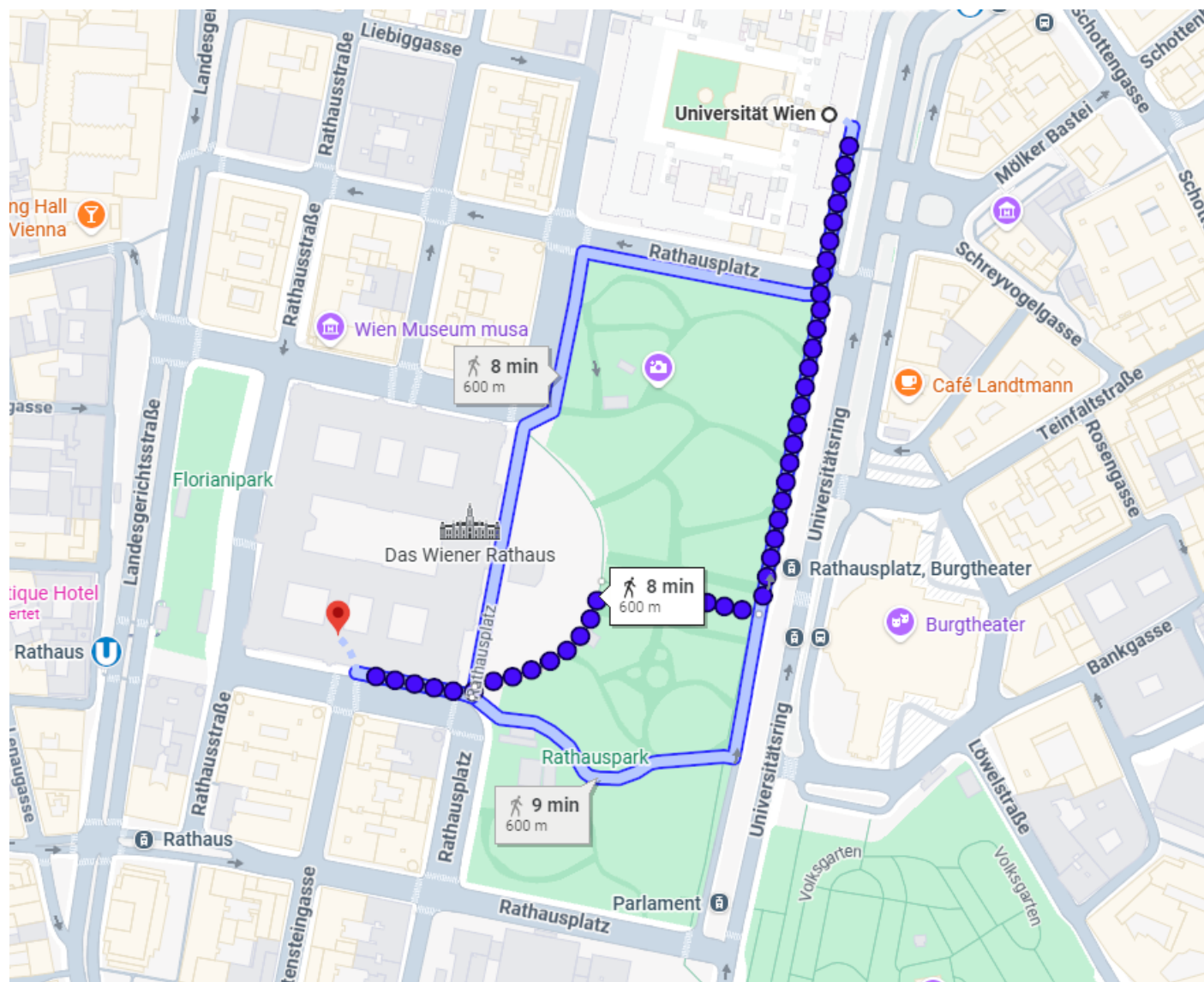
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Time	Talk
16:30–16:45	Opening Remarks Christian Gruber (Medical University of Vienna) & Christian Becker (University of Vienna)
16:45–17:00	Journal of Peptide Science Best Paper Award
17:00–17:25	Miklós Bodansky Award Lecture: Anne Conibear (Technical University of Vienna)
17:25–18:00	Leonidas Zervas Award Lecture: Steven Ballet (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)
18:00–18:45	Josef Rudinger Memorial Award Lecture: Norbert Sewald (Bielefeld University)



Transfer to Vienna City Hall

18:45–19:00 approximately 600 m on foot



Welcome Reception

19:00–22:30 **Location:** Vienna City Hall
entrance from Lichtenfelsgasse 2, 1010 Wien



Monday, 7 September 2026

Plenary 1

08:30–09:20 **Location:** Audimax lecture hall + livestream BIG lecture hall

Chairs:

Ashraf Brik (Technion-Israel Institute of Technology)

Anna Maria Papini (University of Florence)

Time	Talk
08:30–09:20	O01 - Technologies for Accessing Modified Peptides and Proteins for Applications in Chemical Biology and Drug Discovery Richard Payne (The University of Sydney)

Session 1 · Synthetic chemistry of peptides, amino acids and proteins (peptide chemistry)

09:20–10:25 **Location:** Audimax lecture hall + livestream BIG lecture hall

Chairs:

Ashraf Brik (Technion-Israel Institute of Technology)

Anna Maria Papini (University of Florence)

Time	Talk
09:20–09:45	O02 - Chemical Tools for Biological Discoveries Monika Raj (Emory University)
09:45–10:10	O03 - Designing Rigid Helical Macrocycles beyond Stapled Peptides Jayanta Chatterjee (Indian Institute of Science)
10:10–10:25	O04 - Expanding Proximity-Catalyzed Solid-Phase Peptide Synthesis Using an N-Alkylimidazole Catalyst and Resin Design Control Zoe Drenzo (University of North Carolina Wilmington)

Coffee Break & Exhibition

10:25–11:00 **Location:** Ceremonial Hall Area



Session 2 · Synthetic chemistry of peptides, amino acids and proteins (peptide chemistry/synthesis methods/green chemistry)

11:00–12:35 **Location:** Audimax lecture hall + livestream BIG lecture hall

Chairs:

Joel Schneider (National Cancer Institute)

Beate Kokschi (Freie Universität Berlin)

Time	Talk
11:00–11:25	O05 - A catalyst for peptide synthesis Paramjit Arora (New York University)
11:25–11:50	O06 - Ferricyanide-Mediated Direct Ligation of Peptide Hydrazides in Neutral Water Lei Liu (Tsinghua University)
11:50–12:05	O07 - De novo designed protein accelerating native chemical ligation of peptides Shalene Ofner (University of Strasbourg)
12:05–12:20	O08 - Practical Green Aqueous Solid-Phase Peptide Synthesis (ASPPS) Using Nanoassemblies of Fmoc-Amino Acids: A DMF-Free Approach Keiko Hojo (Kobe Gakuin University)
12:20–12:35	O09 - Platinum Sponsor Session: From Bench to Bulk: Integrating Orthogonal Purification into Scalable Solid-phase Peptide Synthesis Robert Zitterbart (Gyros Protein Technologies)

Lunch & Exhibition

12:35–14:00 **Location:** Ceremonial Hall Area



Session 3 · Bioactive peptides (neuropeptides/hormones, peptides to target receptors/ion channels/transporters, metabolism)

14:00–15:35 **Location:** Audimax lecture hall + livestream BIG lecture hall

Chairs:

Ingrid Dijkgraaf (Maastricht University)

Jan Tytgat (KU Leuven University)

Time	Talk
14:00–14:25	O10 - Evolution and comparative physiology of neuropeptide signalling Maurice Elphick (Queen Mary University of London)
14:25–14:50	O11 - Neuropeptide doppelgänger: discovery and therapeutic applications of neuropeptide mimics from venoms and beyond Helena Safavi (University of Utah)
14:50–15:05	O12 - Neurotensin(8-13) Analogs Targeting NTS1 and NTS2 Receptors: A Comparative In vitro and Molecular Modeling Study Nikolay T. Tzvetkov (Bulgarian Academy of Sciences)
15:05–15:20	O13 - RaPID-Based Discovery of Cyclic Peptide Modulators Targeting Previously Undrugged GPCRs Fernando Salgado-Polo (University of Copenhagen)
15:20–15:35	O14 - Targeting the Neurotensinergic System for Chronic Pain Relief: In Vitro and In Vivo Characterization of a Brain-Penetrant NTS2-Selective Peptide Macrocycle Pierre-Luc Boudreault (Université de Sherbrooke)

Coffee Break & Exhibition

15:35–16:10 **Location:** Ceremonial Hall Area

Time	Workshop
15:50–16:10	Intro to PurePep® Chorus: bring your hardest sequence. We develop a method for a difficult sequence live during the afternoon break. Come before the room is full and sign up at the session for a separate 15-minute one-to-one at the Peptide Clinic. Location: The Forum – Gyros Protein Technology booth at the Exhibition



Session 4 · Synthetic chemistry of peptides, amino acids and proteins (peptide chemical biology)

16:10–17:30 **Location:** Audimax lecture hall + livestream BIG lecture hall

Chairs:

Jane Aldrich (University of Florida)

Norbert Sewald (Bielefeld University)

Time	Talk
16:10–16:35	O15 - Targeting EloBC Protein Interactions — From Cancer Inhibition to Light-Controlled HIF1α Stabilization Olalla Vázquez (Marburg University)
16:35–17:00	O16 - Genetic code expansion for structural and dynamic studies of membrane receptors in living cells Irene Coin (Leipzig University)
17:00–17:15	O17 - Cross-Chiral Recognition between Proteins and Glycans: Insights from Machine Learning, Total Synthesis, and Array Technologies Ratmir Derda (University of Alberta)
17:15–17:30	O18 - Delineating PHF-1 hyperphosphorylation using homogeneously phosphorylated Tau Bingjia Yan (Leibniz-Forschungsinstitut für Molekulare Pharmakologie, FMP)

Conference Picture

17:30–17:35 **Location:** outside stairs of main entrance

Poster Session 1 · Poster Numbers 1-274

17:35–19:30 **Location:** Poster Area – corridors on each side of the Ceremonial Hall Area

EPS Board Meeting

20:00–22:00 **Location:** Marietta-Blau-Saal

EPS Board and Council only!



Tuesday, 8 September 2026

Plenary 2

08:30–09:20 **Location:** Audimax lecture hall + livestream BIG lecture hall

Chairs:

Gong Chen (Nankai University)

Steven Ballet (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)

Time	Talk
08:30–09:20	O19 - LassoGraft of Pseudo-Cyclic Peptide Motifs for NeoBiologics Hiroaki Suga (The University of Tokyo)

Session 5 · Emerging peptide-based technologies and drug development

09:20–10:25 **Location:** Audimax lecture hall + livestream BIG lecture hall

Chairs:

Gong Chen (Nankai University)

Steven Ballet (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)

Time	Talk
09:20–09:45	O20 - New Drugs from Plant Peptides Paul Alan Cox (Brain Chemistry Labs)
09:45–10:10	O21 - PhotoRaPID: Development of a trillion-member discovery platform to identify de novo light-responsive cyclic peptides Louise Walport (Imperial College London)
10:10–10:25	O22 - Reconnoitering the Catalytic Repertoire of N-Acyltransferases from Ribosomally Synthesized Lipopeptide Natural Products Anna Vagstad (ETH Zurich)



Coffee Break & Exhibition

10:25–11:00 **Location:** Ceremonial Hall Area

Time	Workshop
10:30–10:50	Novel Workflows for the Separation and Identification of Synthetic Peptides and Their Impurities Agilent Sponsor Workshop – upon registration via https://explore.agilent.com/eps2026-reg

Special Session 2 · Peptide drug development (and panel discussion)

11:00–12:40 **Location:** Audimax lecture hall + livestream BIG lecture hall

Moderator:

Ali Tavassoli (University of Southampton)

Time	Talk
11:00–11:10	O23 - Intracellular generation and high-throughput screening of cyclic peptide libraries Ali Tavassoli (University of Southampton)
11:10–11:20	O24 - High-throughput synthesis and screening synthetic peptide libraries for drug development Christian Heinis (EPFL)
11:20–11:30	O25 - Turning Venom into Medicine: Translating a Snake Toxin from Discovery to Clinical Development Nicolas Gilles (Paris-Saclay University)
11:30–11:40	O26 - Leveraging Academic and Biotech Collaborations to Accelerate Drug Discovery in the Pharmaceutical Industry Florence Brunel (Novo Nordisk)
11:40–11:50	O27 - Gate2Brain, An Entrepreneurial Journey Towards Patients Meritxell Teixido (Gate2Brain)
11:50–12:00	O28 - Peptides in Modern Drug Discovery: A Modality Coming of Age Ranganath Gopalakrishnan (Zealand Pharma)
12:00–12:10	O29 - Peptide Discovery & AI at AstraZeneca Anaïs Noisier (AstraZeneca)
12:10–12:40	Panel Discussion, Q&A

Lunch & Exhibition

12:40–14:00 **Location:** Ceremonial Hall Area



Session 6 · Bioactive peptides (anti-cancer, enzyme modulators/inhibitors, cell penetration, delivery/uptake, etc.)

14:00–15:35 **Location:** Audimax lecture hall + livestream BIG lecture hall

Chairs:

Nermina Malanovic (University of Graz)

Shiroh Futaki (Kyoto University)

Time	Talk
14:00–14:25	O30 - Reprogramming Tissue Selectivity and Brain Access of Therapeutic Proteins Benjamí Oller-Salvia (IQS - Universitat Ramon Llull)
14:25–14:50	O31 - Targeting cancer cell membranes with peptides to overcome drug resistance Sonia Henriques (Queensland University of Technology)
14:50–15:05	O32 - Peptide Nucleic Acid Probes for Affinity-Based Targeted Cancer Therapy Ameliel Eriksson Karlström (Kth Royal Institute of Technology)
15:05–15:20	O33 - Proteasome-Derived Peptides Extend Protein Function Beyond Degradation Arseniy Lobov (Weizmann Institute of Science)
15:20–15:35	O34 - Detailed Molecular Mechanism of Permeation-Enhancer Enabled Oral Peptide Absorption Severin T. Schneebeli (Purdue University)

Coffee Break & Exhibition

15:35–16:10 **Location:** Ceremonial Hall Area

Time	Workshop
15:50–16:10	PurePep® EasyClean (PEC™) 2.0: purification where HPLC reaches its limits. A short demonstration of orthogonal catch-and-release purification for aggregation-prone or hydrophobic sequences. The first Peptide First Aid Kits will be available after the session. Location: The Forum – Gyros Protein Technology booth at the Exhibition



Session 7 · Peptidomics, structure and conformational studies of peptides

16:10–17:30 **Location:** Audimax lecture hall + livestream BIG lecture hall**Chairs:**

Roderich Suessmuth (Technische Universität Berlin)

K. Johan Rosengren (The University of Queensland)

Time	Talk
16:10–16:35	O35 - Puromycin, Peptides, Pericyclases, and Polyenes Dirk Trauner (University of Pennsylvania)
16:35–17:00	O36 - Omics-guided discovery and biosynthesis of plant peptides Roland Kersten (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor)
17:00–17:15	O37 - Sequence-Driven Modulation of the Multistage Self-Assembly Process in Lamellin-Type β-Peptides Imola Szigyarto (HUN-REN Research Centre for Natural Sciences)
17:15–17:30	O38 - Proto-Peptide Assembly and the Chemical Origins of Backbone Selection Moran Frenkel Pinter (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

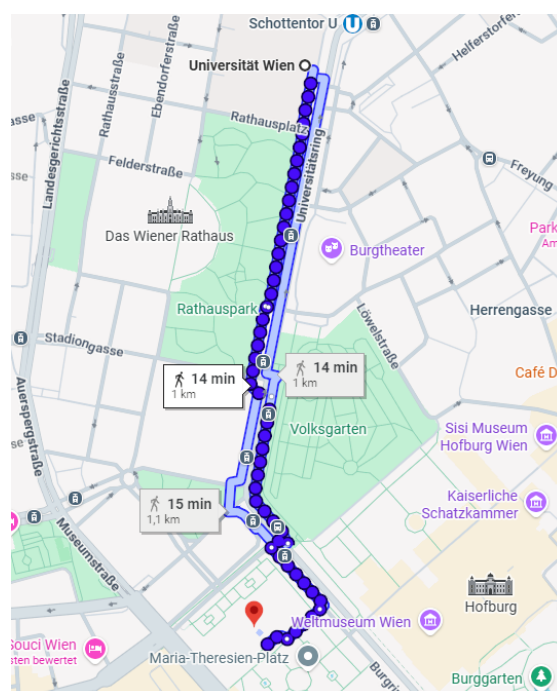
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17:30–19:30 **Location:** Poster Area – corridors on each side of the Ceremonial Hall Area

Speakers' Dinner (upon invitation only)

19:45–23:00 **Location:** Museum of Natural History (NHM)
Burgring 7, 1010 Wien

Approximately 1 km from the event site, transfer on foot or by tram.





Wednesday, 9 September 2026

Plenary 3

08:30–09:20 **Location:** Audimax lecture hall + livestream BIG lecture hall

Chairs:

John Wade (Florey Institute of Neuroscience)

Oliver Seitz (Humboldt University Berlin)

Time	Talk
08:30–09:20	O39 - Protein Editing: Getting at the Center of Things Tom Muir (Princeton University)

Session 8 · Peptide-sugar, -lipid, -nucleic acid and -drug conjugates

09:20–10:25 **Location:** Audimax lecture hall + livestream BIG lecture hall

Chairs:

John Wade (Florey Institute of Neuroscience)

Oliver Seitz (Humboldt University Berlin)

Time	Talk
09:20–09:45	O40 - Chasing Water Behavior in Glycoprotein–Protein Interactions and Protein Folding under the Glycan Hydration Shell Effect Yasuhiro Kajihara (The University of Osaka)
09:45–10:10	O41 - New Strategies for Protein Chemical Synthesis Xuechen Li (University of Hong Kong)
10:10–10:25	O42 - Development of Enabling Technologies for Complex Peptide Synthesis: Solubilizing Tags for Hydrophobic Peptides and QM-Enabled Cyclization Prediction Tool (Industry talk) Yvonne Angell (WuXi TIDES)

Coffee Break & Exhibition

10:25–11:00 **Location:** Ceremonial Hall Area

Time	Workshop
10:30–10:50	High Throughput and Fast Determination of Melting Curves, Protein Folding and Peptide Characterization via UV VIS, FTIR and Fluorescence Agilent Sponsor Workshop – upon registration via https://explore.agilent.com/eps2026-reg



Special Session 3 · YIMS Oral Presentations

11:00–13:00 **Location:** Audimax lecture hall + livestream BIG lecture hall

Chairs:

Ines Neundorf (University of Cologne)

William Lubell (Université de Montréal)

Time	Talk
11:00–11:09	O43 - Stimuli-Responsive De Novo Peptide Masks for Conditional Activation of Miniprotein Binders Cristina Montaner (Institut Químic de Sarrià, IQS-URL)
11:09–11:18	O44 - Exploring the Molecular Basis of G Protein-Coupled Receptor Pharmacology through Evolutionary Conserved Neuropeptide Systems Simon Hasinger (Medical University of Vienna)
11:18–11:27	O45 - Structural and In Silico Means to Probe Triazole Peptidomimetics of the Conotoxins α-GI Product Michael Malone (University of Glasgow)
11:27–11:36	O45 - Total Synthesis, Configurational Assignment, and Structure-Activity Relationships of Threoglucin RiPP Antibiotics Natalia Cano Sampaio (University of Notre Dame)
11:36–11:45	O47 - Exploring oxidative crosslinking by cytochrome P450 enzymes in the synthesis of peptide natural products Jemma Gullick (Monash University)
11:45–11:54	O48 - Exploiting Electrostatic Landscapes for Powerful Sortase-Mediated Protein Modification Chen Wang (Centrale Lille)
11:54–12:03	O49 - Cyclopeptide-Based Fluorescent Conjugate for High-Selectivity Detection of Prefibrillar Aβ Nanostructures Steven Panek (University of Bielefeld, Université Paris-Saclay)
12:03–12:12	O50 - Peptide-Protein Hybrids via Replacement of a Ubiquitin Loop with HGF-Binding Peptides: Spacer Optimization Effects and Bioactivity Mikio Imai (The University of Tokyo)
12:12–12:21	O51 - Synthesising Libraries of α,δ-Foldamers using Solid Phase Peptide Synthesis Si Zhe Wang (King's College London)
12:21–12:30	O52 - Facile late-stage P(V) on-resin polyphosphorylation of serine, threonine and tyrosine Claire Grigglesstone (University of Zurich)
12:30–12:39	O53 - Retro-Inverted Host Defense Peptides as Inhalable Antitubercular Therapies Diptomit Biswas (Pennsylvania State University)
12:39–12:48	O54 - Enzyme-responsive self-assembling peptides for prostate cancer drug delivery: exploring the molecular structure space Bárbara Matos (i3S - Institute for Research and Innovation in Health)
12:48–13:00	Q&A, general discussion



Lunch & Exhibition

13:00–14:30 **Location:** Ceremonial Hall Area

Time	Workshop
13:05-14:30	Forty years in peptide synthesis. Austrian beer and Spezi over the lunch break with music, celebrating peptide science and a free afternoon. Everyone welcome. Location: The Forum – Gyros Protein Technology booth at the Exhibition

Free afternoon

Cost Venovate: consortium meeting (upon invitation only)

14:30–17:00 **Location:** Marietta-Blau-Saal

Chair:

Maria Ikonomopoulou (The University of Queensland)

Biodiversity2Drugs: consortium meeting (upon invitation only)

17:00–18:45 **Location:** Marietta-Blau-Saal

Chair:

Christian Gruber (Medical University of Vienna)

Early Career Researcher (YIMS) Mixer Event (upon invitation only)

18:30–22:00 **Location:** Arkadenhof (arcaded courtyard)



Thursday, 10 September 2026

Session 9 · Peptides as tools, materials and catalysts

08:30–10:30 **Location:** Audimax lecture hall + livestream BIG lecture hall

Chairs:

Daniela Kalafatovic (University of Rijeka)

Paula Gomes (University of Porto)

Time	Talk
08:30–08:40	O55 - Searching for Nanostructured or pOre fOrming Peptides for therapY COST Action Daniela Kalafatovic (University of Rijeka)
08:40–09:05	O56 - From peptides to proteins to subcellular functions by design Dek Woolfson (University of Copenhagen)
09:05–09:30	O57 - Molecular Tools Based on Bionic Peptides Marta De Zotti (University of Padova)
09:30–09:45	O58 - Visible-Light-Mediated Bioconjugation and Peptide Macrocyclization Nicholas Mitchell (University of Nottingham)
09:45–10:00	O59 - Engineered Antibodies for Microcondensate Formation and Intracellular Antibody Delivery Yoshimasa Kawaguchi (Kyoto University)
10:00–10:15	O60 - Computational/Experimental Symbiosis to Design Functional Supramolecular Peptide Assemblies Ivan Sasselli (Materials Physics Center, CFM)
10:15–10:30	O61 - Towards the Expanded Use of Greener Solvents for Peptide Purification (industry talk) Colin Simpson (CEM)

Coffee Break & Exhibition

10:30–11:00 **Location:** Ceremonial Hall Area



Session 10 · Peptide bioinformatics and AI/ML-based technologies in peptide science

11:00–12:35 **Location:** Audimax lecture hall + livestream BIG lecture hall

Chairs:

Andreas Tzakos (University of Ioannina)

Alesia Tietze (University of Gothenburg)

Time	Talk
11:00–11:25	O62 - AI-enabled peptide design for diverse structures and functions Gaurav Bhardwaj (University of Washington)
11:25–11:50	O63 - Discovery of novel peptide-GPCR signalling systems across evolutionary domains Alexander Hauser (University of Copenhagen)
11:50–12:05	O64 - AI-enhanced molecular design of peptides regulating Bax activation Ioana-Mariuca Ilie (University of Amsterdam)
12:05–12:20	O65 - Computational design of antimicrobial peptide nanopores Robert Vacha (Ceitec Masaryk University)
12:20–12:35	O66 - Antimicrobial Peptide Digital Optimization Enables the Generation of Stabilized Bioinspired Products Octavio Franco (Universidade Católica Dom Bosco, Universidade Catolica de Brasilia)

Lunch & Exhibition

12:35–14:00 **Location:** Ceremonial Hall Area



Session 11 · Synthetic chemistry of peptides, amino acids and proteins

14:00–15:35 **Location:** Audimax lecture hall + livestream BIG lecture hall

Chairs:

Norman Metanis (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Fernando Formaggio (University of Padova)

Time	Talk
14:00–14:25	O67 - Synthetic Chemistry for Biologics Jeffrey Bode (ETH Zürich)
14:25–14:50	O68 - Understanding activation and acylation of protected and unprotected peptides Phil Dawson (Scripps Research)
14:50–15:05	O69 - Synthetic Strategies for Macrocyclic Peptidomimetics incorporating Bifunctional Disulfide Bridge Isosteres Andrew Jamieson (University of Glasgow)
15:05–15:20	O70 - Native Chemical Ligation of Peptoid Oligomers: Expanding Chain-Lengths, Enhancing Capabilities Kent Kirshenbaum (New York University)
15:20–15:35	O71 - Industry talk: Accelerating the workflow in peptide research Kasper Kildegaard Sørensen (Biotage)

Coffee Break & Exhibition

15:35–16:10 **Location:** Ceremonial Hall Area

Session 12 · Peptide and protein engineering

16:10–16:35 **Location:** Audimax lecture hall + livestream BIG lecture hall

Chairs:

Wilfred van der Donk (HHMI & University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

Gregor Anderluh (National Institute of Chemistry)

Time	Talk
16:10–16:35	O72 - Protein-Inspired Biomimetics: Design, Synthesis and Application Tom N. Grossmann (Georg-August-Universität Göttingen)



Plenary 4

16:35–17:25 **Location:** Audimax lecture hall + livestream BIG lecture hall

Chairs:

Wilfred van der Donk (HHMI & University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

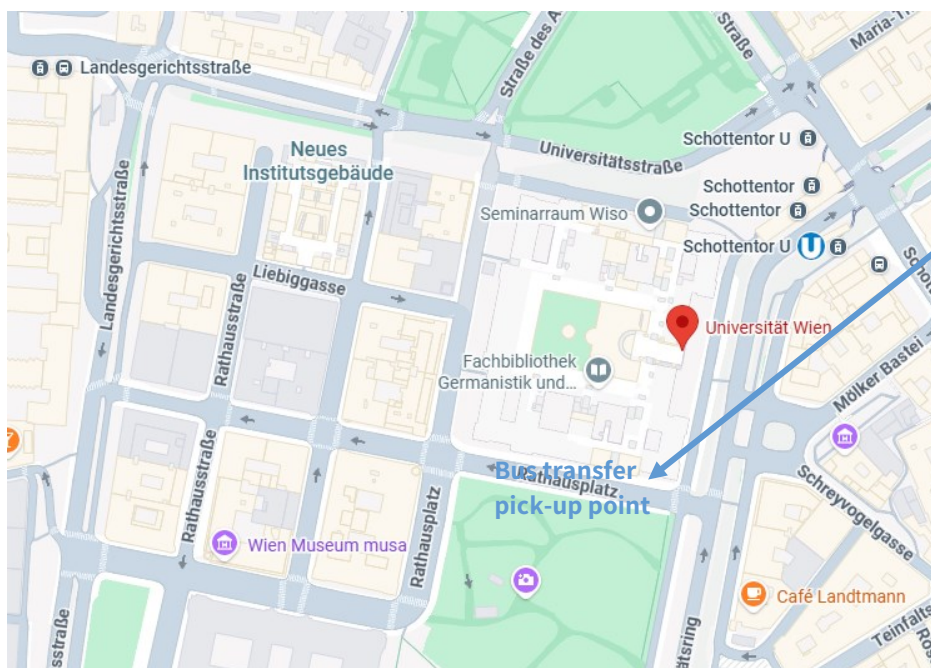
Gregor Anderluh (National Institute of Chemistry)

Time	Talk
16:35–17:25	073 - Design of new protein functions using deep learning David Baker (University of Washington)*

**Online presentation*

Conference Dinner (upon registration)

19:15–23:30 **Location:** Stiftsrestaurant Leopold, Albrechtsberggasse 1, 3400 Klosterneuburg
Bus transfer pick-up point:



Time	Talk
from 17:30	Bus transfers
18:15–19:15	Guided Tour Monastery Klosterneuburg (upon registration)
19:15–23:30	Conference Dinner (upon registration)



Friday, 11 September 2026

Plenary 5

08:30–09:20 **Location:** Audimax lecture hall + livestream BIG lecture hall

Chairs:

Fernando Albericio (University of Kwazulu-natal)

Yuji Ito (Kagoshima University)

Time	Talk
08:30–09:20	O74 - Discovery, Physiology and Therapeutic Innovation of GLP-1 and Related Peptide Hormones Jens Juul Holst (University of Copenhagen)

Session 13 · Peptides as tools, materials and catalysts

09:20–10:25 **Location:** Audimax lecture hall + livestream BIG lecture hall

Chairs:

Fernando Albericio (University of Kwazulu-natal)

Yuji Ito (Kagoshima University)

Time	Talk
09:20–09:45	O75 - RADA-based peptide scaffolds in nanotechnology: a viennese composition of structure, signal and regeneration Sylwia Rodziewicz-Motowidło (University of Gdańsk)
09:45–10:10	O76 - Screening and optimization of micellar delivery systems for peptide-based vaccines Kata Horváti (HUN-REN Research Centre for Natural Sciences)
10:10–10:25	O77 - Development of novel peptide ligands with improved selectivity and pharmacological properties for complement system receptors Richard Clark (The University of Queensland)

Coffee Break & Exhibition

10:25–11:00 **Location:** Ceremonial Hall Area



Session 14 · Emerging concepts at the interface of peptide and protein chemistry

11:00–12:35 **Location:** Audimax lecture hall + livestream BIG lecture hall**Chairs:**

Istvan Mandity (Semmelweis University)

Knud Jensen (University of Copenhagen)

Time	Talk
11:00–11:25	O78 - Transcending Stereochemical Boundaries: Ambidextrous Cleavage of D- and L-Peptide Enantiomers by Natural Eukaryotic Proteases Bobo Dang (Westlake University)
11:25–11:50	O79 - In situ click chemistry using an on-nanoparticle DNA-encoded library to discover highly selective peptoid ligands for PTB1B Hyun-Suk Lim (POSTECH)
11:50–12:05	O80 - PROTACs based on mini-proteins for targeted disruption of the p53/MDM2 interaction Julia Kriegesmann (Ruhr University Bochum)
12:05–12:20	O81 - Creating Cyclic Peptides and Proteins Inside Living Cells Jody Mason (University of Bath)
12:20–12:35	O82 - Harnessing Protein Electrostatics to Enable Fast and Precise Protein Modification at Nanomolar Concentrations Oleg Melnyk (CNRS Lille)

Closing Session

12:35–13:15 **Location:** Audimax lecture hall + livestream BIG lecture hall

Time	Talk
12:35–13:15	Closing remarks Christian Gruber (Medical University of Vienna) Christian Becker (University of Vienna) Knud Jensen (President European Peptide Society, University of Copenhagen)

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CSBio is a leading manufacturer of fully automated peptide and oligonucleotide synthesizers, proudly serving the life sciences industry for over 30 years. Our systems have been refined into the flexible, reliable, and cost-effective solutions trusted by researchers and manufacturers worldwide. From research scale to commercial-scale production, CSBio synthesizers are used in top universities, biotech, and pharmaceutical labs across the globe. Today, CSBio is the world's leading provider of pilot and commercial-scale peptide synthesizers, with more systems in operation than any other manufacturer.

Gyros Protein Technologies

Gyros Protein Technologies has built instruments for automated peptide synthesis since 1985, when it began in Tucson, Arizona.

The PurePep® portfolio runs from method development to clinical material: PurePep® Chorus for modular R&D synthesis, Symphony® X for parallel synthesis with per-channel protocol control, PurePep® Sonata®+ for pilot scale to 200 mmol, and PurePep® EasyClean (PEC™) for purification where HPLC reaches its limits.

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Iris Biotech

Iris Biotech is providing high quality products for the fields peptide synthesis, linkerology®, drug delivery, and life sciences in flexible quantities from research scale to commercial production, for academia as well as industry.

Besides our broad portfolio from standard to exotic, we have the know-how and facilities to manufacture your compound of choice based on a Custom Synthesis.

We are in continuous exchange with scientists all around the world to gather ideas and be ahead regarding technologies and innovations true to our slogan Empowering Peptide Innovation.

All our services are rounded off by a strong and competent personnel customer support.

JPT

For more than 20 years, JPT Peptide Technologies has supported peptide research from discovery to clinical research with high-quality custom solutions manufactured in Berlin under an ISO 9001:2015-certified quality management system. Our expertise spans linear, cyclic, stapled and highly modified peptides, peptide libraries, conjugation-ready and site-specifically functionalized peptides, as well as light and heavy labelled standards. From hit discovery, macrocycle and peptide-drug conjugate development to screening, bioanalysis and preclinical studies, JPT combines flexible synthesis, advanced modifications and application-focused support. Meet us at EPS 2026 in Vienna to discuss your next peptide challenge.

PharmaBlock

Empowering next-generation therapies with green and intelligent chemistry

PharmaBlock was officially operated in 2008 as a provider of drug-like small molecule building blocks and has since evolved into a fully integrated CRDMO partner following its IPO in 2017 (Stock Code: 300725.SZSE). Today, the company offers end-to-end solutions spanning from early-stage discovery to commercial manufacturing, with expanding capabilities in emerging modalities such as oligonucleotides, peptides, and complex conjugates.

PharmaBlock's strategy is anchored in advancing sustainability through innovation in green and intelligent chemistry to empower next-generation therapies. In discovery, the company has advanced its building blocks into "PharmaChips" for next generation therapies including novel and high-purity short peptides, amides and conjugate linkers. Leveraging three distinctive libraries: a DNA-encoded library, a fragment library, and an ultra-large, synthetically accessible virtual library and AI technologies, it enables customers to accelerate hit discovery and lead optimization.

In development, drawing on extensive experience in the production of thousands of building blocks, PharmaBlock has built a strong green and intelligent technology platform for both development and manufacturing. This platform includes flow chemistry, process modeling, computational fluid dynamics (CFD), bio-/metal catalysis, high-throughput experimentation (HTE), process analytical technology (PAT), and digitalization, as well as advanced capabilities in Liquid Phase Peptide Synthesis (LPPS). These capabilities allow the company to address complex chemistry challenges, reduce development risks, and minimize environmental impact.

Committed to green and intelligent chemistry, PharmaBlock combines speed with sustainability. Its global "region-for-region" model ensures fast turnaround, reliable supply, and consistent quality for partners worldwide.

PolyPeptide

PolyPeptide Group is a specialized Contract Development & Manufacturing Organization (CDMO) for peptide-based active pharmaceutical ingredients. By supporting its customers mainly in pharma and biotech, it contributes to the health of millions of patients across the world. PolyPeptide serves a fast-growing market, offering products and services from pre-clinical through to commercial stages. Its broad portfolio reflects the opportunities in drug therapies across areas and with a large exposure to metabolic diseases, including GLP-1. Dating back to 1952, PolyPeptide today runs a global network of six GMP-certified facilities in Europe, the U.S. and India. PolyPeptide's shares (SIX: PPGN) are listed on SIX Swiss Exchange.

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