

5th CRIG Industrial Partnering Event – Program

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Friday 6th February 2026

9:00 - 9:10	Welcome by Prof. Karim Vermaelen, CRIG chairperson
9:10 - 9:40	Invited keynote speaker Unlocking Novel Intratumoral Cancer Therapies Through Pharma and Medtech Synergies – dr. Rosa Martín (Johnson & Johnson)
9:40 - 10:30	<u>Session 1 – Drug development and delivery</u> (moderator: dr. Gilles Brackman, CRIG) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New cancer drug development through optimizing the balance of benefit and risk – Dr. Helgi Van de Welde (Sanofi) The Galsome-NEO ATMP platform – Prof. Ine Lentacker (UGent, CRIG) DELIVERY-Seq mRNA barcoding – Dr. Koen Deserrano (UGent, CRIG) MATRAC: Marker-Agnostic Tumor-Anchoring Chimera – Dr. Benoit Louage (UGent, CRIG)
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee break and Core Facilities showcase</i>
11:00 - 12:00	<u>Session 2 – Oncology models and enabling technologies</u> (moderator: dr. Pieter Rondou, CRIG) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Predictive models for biodistribution of large molecules in solid tumors – prof. Wim Ceelen (UGent, UZ Gent, CRIG) Cuboids to guide precision medicine – Prof. Olivier De Wever (UGent, CRIG) Expanding the UGent NGS Core with Olink Proteomics, Illumina PIPseq, and Quantum-Si – Prof. Filip Van Nieuwerburgh (UGent, CRIG) Beyond Mass Alone: How NGPS Helps Illuminate Proteomic Uncertainty – Dr. Jean-Baptiste Penigault (Quantum-Si)
12:00 - 13:30	<i>Networking: Speed dating and visiting booths Core Facilities</i> <i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 14:00	Gold Sponsor – Dr. Nik De Bruyn – AstraZeneca (moderator: dr. Cristina Pintucci, CRIG)
14:00 - 15:00	<u>Session 3 – Therapeutics</u> (moderator: Sarah Braet, CRIG) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modeling of glucocorticoid resistance in multiple myeloma – Prof. dr. Karolien De Bosscher (VIB-UGent, CRIG) Onco3R Therapeutics: Transform patients' lives with best-in-class medicines – Dr. Francois Gonzalvez (Onco3R) Live Biotherapeutic Products as a treatment option in immuno-oncology – Dr. Katja Conrath (MRM Health) GlycoDelete-ADCs: a novel site-specific chemo-enzymatic conjugation technology – Dr. Berre Van Moer (VIB-UGent, CRIG) First-in-class small-molecule inhibitors for the precision treatment of cancer – FlindR
15:00 - 15:30	<i>Coffee break, booths and Birthday cake</i>

15:30 – 16:10	Session 4 – Diagnostics and platform technologies (moderator: dr. Daisy Flamez, CRIG) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Longitudinal monitoring of immune health in a drop of blood – Prof. Pieter Mestdag (UGent, CRIG) Next generation specificity profiling of biologics – Prof. Sven Eyckerman (VIB-UGent, CRIG) Cell-free RNA in blood plasma and urine for diagnosis and monitoring in precision oncology – Prof. Jo Vandesompele (UGent, CRIG) EVOKE platform - The first tool to guide optimal selection of EV preparation methods from different biofluids – Prof. An Hendrix (UGent, CRIG)
16:10 – 17:00	Session 5 – CRIG spinoffs and new start-ups (moderator: dr. Valentina Gofman, CRIG) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hafnolox: a bright future for medical imaging – Dr. Loren Deblock (UGent, CRIG) SpectaCell: HT platform for CAR-T HT screening – Dr. Tony Montoye (SpectaCell) 4Tissue: Shaping the future of regenerative medicine – Dr. An Van den Bulcke (4Tissue) Oxaform - Excipients for oral dosage forms – CRIG
17:00-17:10	Closing remarks - CRIG business unit
17:10	<i>Networking reception & partnering discussions</i>

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