

## 5<sup>th</sup> CRIG Industrial Partnering Event – Program

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Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026

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

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

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