

5th CRIG Industrial Partnering Event – Program

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Friday 6th February 2026

9:00 - 9:10	Welcome by Prof. Karim Vermaelen, CRIG chairman
9:10 - 9:40	Keynote speaker - Dr. Rosa Martín (Johnson & Johnson) Unlocking Novel Intratumoral Cancer Therapies Through Pharma and Medtech Synergies
9:40 - 10:30	Session 1 – Drug development and delivery (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 Velde (Sanofi) • The Galsome-NEO ATMP platform – Dr. Rein Verbeke (UGent, CRIG) • DELIVERY-Seq mRNA barcoding – Dr. Koen Deserrano (UGent, CRIG) • The last mile in precision oncology: from targeting to controlled activation – Dr. Gerco Kanbier (GenLumina)
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee break, sponsor booths and core facilities showcase</i>
11:00 – 11:20	Cell therapy platforms at AstraZeneca – Dr. Thierry Marysael (AstraZeneca)
11:20 - 12:10	Session 2 – Oncology models and enabling technologies (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) • Ex vivo patient-derived tumor spheroids: setting the stage 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)
12:10 - 13:45	<i>Networking: Speed dating, sponsor booths and core facilities showcase</i> <i>Lunch</i>
13:45 - 14:50	Session 3 – Therapeutics (moderator: Sarah Braet, CRIG) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modeling of glucocorticoid resistance in multiple myeloma – Prof. 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 oncology precision medicine – Dr. Tania Løve Aaes (Flindr)

14:50 - 15:20	<i>Coffee break, booths and CRIG 10-year birthday cake</i>
15:20 - 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 Mestdagh (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 Goftman, 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 – Dr. Aseel Samaro (UGent)
17:00-17:10	Closing remarks - CRIG business unit
17:10	<i>Networking reception & partnering discussions</i>

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