

A laboratory setting with a petri dish and a pipette. The background is a soft, blue-tinted image of a laboratory. In the foreground, a petri dish is being held by a gloved hand, and a pipette is visible on the left side. The text is overlaid on this image.

INVITATION TO THE OPENING CEREMONY OF
THE **CHRISTIAN DOPPLER LABORATORY** FOR
ACTIVATION OF IMMUNOGENIC CELL DEATH
IN LUNG CANCER

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026 | 3.30 - 5.00 PM
AULA OF THE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF GRAZ

CD-LABORATORY FOR ACTIVATION OF IMMUNOGENIC CELL DEATH IN LUNG CANCER

Cancer cells can be eliminated by the body's own immune system, supported by so-called immunotherapies or chemo-immunotherapies, and in many patients, tumours can be controlled in the long term. However, non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) remains extremely difficult to treat because it is highly effective at evading this immune defence. This often leads to relapses within months or a few years. The CD-Laboratory investigates therapeutic strategies aimed at making the cancer cells more visible for the immune system, and seeks to identify biomarkers as well as treatment strategies that support this process.

In Christian Doppler Laboratories, application-oriented basic research is pursued at a high level, and expert scientists cooperate with innovative companies. The Christian Doppler Research Association is an international best practice example for promoting this collaboration. Christian Doppler Laboratories are financed jointly by the public purse and the participating companies. The most important public sponsor is the Federal Ministry of Economy, Energy and Tourism (BMWET).



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PROGRAM

OPENING

ANDREA KURZ, Rector of the Medical University of Graz

WELCOME

PETER PRENNINGER, Vice President of the Christian Doppler Research Association & AVL List GmbH

AKOS HEINEMANN, Vice Rector of Research, Medical University of Graz

LARS-PETER KAMOLZ, Deputy Medical Director, University Hospital Graz

ALEXANDER ROSENKRANZ, Vice Rector of Clinical Affairs, Innovation and Sustainability, Medical University of Graz

MARK PEARSON, Senior Scientific Director External Innovation, Boehringer Ingelheim RCV, Vienna

VIDEO TOUR OF THE CD-LAB

PRESENTATIONS BY PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS

Model Systems for Cell Death Research in Lung Cancer

MICHAEL DENGLER, Head of the CD-Laboratory

Clinical Translation of Lung Cancer Research

PHILIPP JOST, Head of the CD-Laboratory

KEYNOTE

Strategies for clinical translation in cancer medicine

ULRICH KELLER, CBF, Charité, Berlin

FINAL REMARKS – HEADS OF LABORATORY

FLYING DINNER AND NETWORKING

Registration

Please register by March 10, 2026, at
<https://formular.medunigraz.at/form/provide/5910>



By participating, you consent to the taking of photographs and video recordings during the opening ceremony and to the publication of these recordings on the digital media of the Medical University of Graz and the CDG.

Venue

Medical University of Graz | Aula
Neue Stiftingtalstraße 6 | 8010 Graz

How to get there

Take tram line 7 or bus lines 41, 58, or 64 to St. Leonhard/Klinikum Mitte.

If you are arriving by car, paid parking is available in the Stiftingtalstraße visitor parking garage or in the visitor parking garage at the entrance center.