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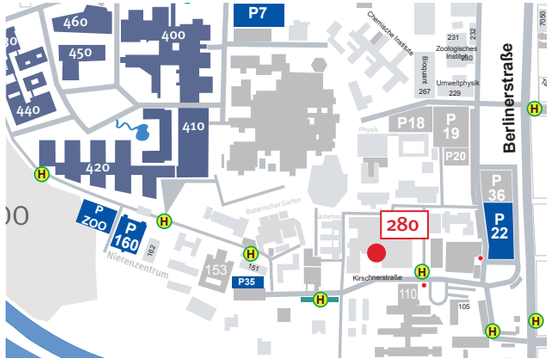

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May 15 – 16, 2026

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Dear colleagues,

It is with special pleasure that on behalf of all members of the combined research grant TR156 I would like to invite you to our 3rd Int. Symposium “Frontiers in Skin Immunity” to the beautiful city of Heidelberg. The symposium will take place from May 15 – 16, 2026 and will provide a “state of the art” overview of recent developments in skin immunity. We are fortunate to host this event and have assembled some of the world’s most renowned experts in the field as speakers.

The goal of this symposium is not only to provide an expert overview about the hot topics in skin research, but also to present the work of our TR156 at the end of its third funding period. Therefore an intense poster discussion with all project leaders will be prepared on the first day of the symposium. The TR156 is a world-unique consortium that bundles the research activities of the three universities Heidelberg, Tübingen, and Mainz in skin immunity. Its goal is to provide better insights in the skin immune system in a more “wholistic” approach. Therefore dermatologists, immunologists, microbiologists, and bioinformaticians are working together in this grant to gather a more complete and complex picture of the immune system of the skin and its interactions with systemic immunity. We are very proud that the German funding association (DFG) has granted us with the support necessary to pursue this goal.

Please join us in Heidelberg for this unique event of scientific exchange, fruitful interactions, and networking. Especially young investigators are cordially invited to join us for intense discussions and hopefully new scientific collaborations.

We all hope to see you in Heidelberg in May 2026!

With kind regards,

Prof. Dr. A. Enk
Spokesperson of the TR156

PROGRAM

Time: May 15, 2026
Location: DKFZ Communication Center

10.15 h Welcome
Alexander Enk

Chairs: Axel Roers and Jürgen Wienands

10.30 h “Mechanisms of skin aging: focus on immune cells”
Júlia Bonjoch, Barcelona

11.00 h “How bacterial competition governs microbiome-skin interaction”
Andreas Peschel, Tübingen

11.30 h “Tracking the emergence and spread of anti-microbial resistance in the skin microbiome”
Julie Segre, Bethesda

12.00 h “Keratinocyte death in skin inflammation: lessons from mouse models”
Manolis Pasparakis, Köln

12.30 h Lunch

Chairs: Claudia Günther und Karsten Mahnke

13.30 h “Innate lymphoid cells control endothelial cell remodeling in melanoma”
Andreas Diefenbach, Berlin

14.00 h “(Re-)Organization of the skin lymphocyte niche during development and inflammation”
Georg Gasteiger, Würzburg

14.30 h “Humoral immune responses to vaccines and infections”
Michel Nussenzweig, New York City

15.00 h “The use of nanobodies to orchestrate host defense”
Hidde Plough, Boston

15.30 h Coffee break

Chairs: Jan Simon and Gabriela Riemekasten

16.00 h “Neuroimmune circuits in Psoriasis and Atopic Dermatitis and Itch”
Daniel Kaplan, Pittsburgh

16.30 h “Pathomechanisms of fibrosis in SSc”
Jörg Distler, Erlangen

17.00 h “Psoriasis: from molecular endotypes to treatment resistance”
Michel Gilliet, Lausanne

17.30 h “Therapeutic potential of incretins in immunology”
Francisco Ramirez-Valle, New York City

18.00 h Poster discussion – Drinks and snacks

PROGRAM

Time: May 16, 2026
Location: DKFZ Communication Center

Chairs: Alexander Enk and Wolfgang Kastenmüller

09.30 h “Immune Regulation in Skin”
Michael Rosenblum, San Francisco

10.00 h “Treatment of immunological diseases, including pemphigus vulgaris, by converting disease-mediating T cells into Tregs”
Shimon Sakaguchi, Osaka

10.30 h “Novel Highly Multiplex 2D and 3D Imaging Imaging Methods for Spatiotemporal Analysis of Normal and Diseased Tissues Including Skin”
Ronald Germain, Bethesda

11.00 h “The broad spectrum of immune cell migration strategies”
Tim Lämmermann, Münster

11.30 h Coffee break

Chairs: Bernd Engelmann and Christian Sadik

12.00 h “Identification of HEV-like endothelial cells and CD4+ resident memory T cells in atopic dermatitis”
Kenji Kabashima, Kyoto

12.30 h “Functional rewiring of skin tissue-resident memory T cells in chronic inflammation”
Georg Stary, Wien

13.00 h “Proteomics for precision medicine in Dermatology”
Thierry Nordmann, Martinsried

13.30 h Poster discussion and farewell