



OCUTHER 4th CONFERENCE

'Beyond the state of the art in ocular therapeutics – How these advances can be used for different disciplines'

DATE: 13. – 15.10.2020
VENUE: ONLINE / ZOOM

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We are very pleased to announce, that we will host the 4th OcuTher Conference as an online event via Zoom platform, October 13 – 15, 2020. This conference was originally planned to take place at the University of Tübingen in Germany but had to be transformed to a digital conference due to the public health crises.

While this has been a unique year, OcuTher is looking forward to bringing its consortium together once more for what feels like a long-awaited reunion. The Conference will feature presentations by OcuTher ESRs, as well as lectures from selected experts from the fields of ophthalmology and drug delivery.

GUIDELINES FOR THE EVENT:

The Programme is given in Finnish - Eastern European Summer Time (EEST), which is equivalent to 3 hours ahead of Coordinated Universal Time (UTC): UTC/GMT +3 hours.

Registration:

No registration will be necessary, as we are sending you the Zoom links to access the conference by email and via Outlook calendar invitation. Every day will have its own separate link. Please also check your junk mail folder if you do not see this email in your inbox.

Zoom instructions:

We will be using Zoom as platform for the conference. Ensure that your device meets the system requirements for running this application. It is possible to use Zoom from the browser, but we recommend that you install the Zoom app on your computer or phone. See installation instructions [here](#).

More detailed information on Zoom: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us>

Follow the steps provided to join the online event, for preventing any technical issues on the days of the event. Please join the online event at least 15 minutes early to minimize last minute issues. If you have audio issues, please check your application audio settings and your computer speakers.

Mute your audio while others are presenting!

Those who wish to ask questions or to discuss, should raise hand until the chair of the session will give you permission to start speaking after the presentation has ended.

During presentations, attendees can also post questions via Zoom 'Chat' while watching the live stream. The questions will be chosen by the chair of the session and posed to the presenter at the end of the presentation.

Recording:

The conference will be recorded, and all participants will have access to the recordings after the conference. The link to these recordings will be sent to you by email and can also be found on the OcuTher SharePoint. Should you not want to be recorded, please let us know in advance.

A group picture will be taken at the end of the conference (18.10.2020, appr. 16.35 – 17.00)

GUIDELINES FOR PRESENTERS:

- Expert presentations: 30 min + discussion time 10 minutes
- ESR presentations: 20 minutes + discussion time 10 minutes
- ESR presentations will have to be submitted to the coordinator and their supervisors in advance. The presentation should consist of not more than 20 slides and express only the most important issues of their research. *All ESRs present the end results of their project and how these results can be implemented in ophthalmology as well as in different disciplines, thus creating a new transdisciplinary field. Industrial partners will be present to comment and advice.*
- ESRs will function as 'Chair' for their colleagues. Prof. Urtti will introduce the first ESR, after which all ESR will take turns to chair one of their colleague's presentation-session (for the chronological order please see the programme of each day).
- If you are a presenter, be ready with your presentation slides open in your device when the meeting starts. Please share that document while sharing your screen.
- In order to stay in track of time, please ensure that you start and end your presentation on the times indicated in the program.
- ESRs will be asked to formulate one question per expert and send this to the coordinator in advance. The coordinator will then choose the most relevant questions to address to the expert from the collected questions.

PROGRAMME 13.10.2020 (Time: EEST, UTC/GMT+3 hours)

Zoom link:

<https://uef.zoom.us/j/61465115773?pwd=RUxQWVdsSNE44K2RuK1BUTGZ0Ry94Zz09>

Meeting ID: 614 6511 5773

Passcode: 942169

12.45 – 13.00	Zoom opens
13.00 – 13.05	Welcome <i>(Prof. Arto Urtti, Coordinator, University of Eastern Finland)</i>
13.05 – 13.35	ESR 1 <i>(Amir Sadeghi Boroujeni, University of Eastern Finland)</i>
13.35 – 14.05	ESR 2 <i>(Anam Hammid, University of Eastern Finland)</i>
14.05 – 14.25	Break (20 min)
14.25 – 14.55	ESR 3 <i>(Raja Sridevi Gurubaran Iswariyaraja, University of Eastern Finland)</i>
14.55 – 15.25	ESR 4 <i>(Merve Sen, University of Tübingen, Germany)</i>
15.25 – 15.45	Break (20 min)
15.45 – 16.15	ESR 5 <i>(Ada Annala, University of Utrecht, The Netherlands)</i>
16.15 – 16.45	ESR 6 <i>(Miao Tang, Queen’s University of Belfast, U.K.)</i>
16.45 – 17.00	Break (15 min)
Chair: Prof. Arto Urtti	
17.00 – 17.40	“Opportunities and Challenges of Drug Development for AMD” <i>Karl Csaky M.D., PhD, Managing & Medical Director, Retina Foundation, T. Boone Pickens Director, Molecular Ophthalmology Laboratory and Clinical Center of Innovation for Macular Degeneration, U.S.A.</i>
17.40 – 18.00	Closing of Day 1 <i>(Prof. Arto Urtti, University of Eastern Finland)</i>

PROGRAMME 14.10.2020 (Time: EEST, UTC/GMT+3 hours)

Zoom link:

<https://uef.zoom.us/j/65388357192?pwd=TG5xN0FHNTRJalBFRGFPUTNSWlIjQT09>

Meeting ID: 653 8835 7192

Passcode: 206580

12.45 – 13.00	Zoom opens
13.00 – 13.05	Welcome <i>(Prof. Arto Urtti, University of Eastern Finland)</i>
13.05 – 13.35	ESR 7 <i>(Stephen Marry, Queen's University of Belfast, U.K.)</i>
13.35 – 14.05	ESR 8 <i>(Daniel Ajoy, University of Strasbourg, France)</i>
14.05 – 14.25	Break (20 min)
14.25 – 14.55	ESR 9 <i>(Chiara Pretto, Eindhoven University of Technology, The Netherlands)</i>
14.55 – 15.25	ESR 10 <i>(Eva Kickova, University of Padova, Italy)</i>
15.25 – 15.45	Break (20 min)
15.45 – 16.15	ESR 11 <i>(MD Al-Amin, University of Padova, Italy)</i>
16.15 – 16.45	ESR 13 <i>(Charis Rousou, University of Utrecht, The Netherlands)</i>
16.45 – 17.00	Break (15 min)
Chair: Prof. Arto Urtti	
17.00 – 17.40	"Extension of the ocular half-life of small-molecule drugs" <i>Paulina Jakubiak, PhD, Preclinical and Translational Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacodynamics (PTPK), Genentech, Inc, U.S.A.</i>
17.40 – 18.00	Closing of Day 2 <i>(Prof. Arto Urtti, University of Eastern Finland)</i>

PROGRAMME 15.10.2020 (Time: EEST, UTC/GMT+3 hours)

Zoom link:

<https://uef.zoom.us/j/62008470389?pwd=ZWWhPNU1uZlI4WnhWOFU1ZFV6V0pjdz09>

Meeting ID: 620 0847 0389

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12.45 – 13.00	Zoom opens
13.00 – 13.05	Welcome (Prof. Arto Urtti, University of Eastern Finland)
13.05 – 13.35	ESR 12 (Blessing Ilochonwu, University of Utrecht, The Netherlands)
13.35 – 14.05	ESR 14 (Marco Bassetto, OZB, France & University of Padova, Italy)
14.05 – 14.35	ESR 15 (Anam Fayyaz, Certara/Simcyp, U.K. & University of Eastern Finland)
14.35 – 15.00	Break (25 min)
Chair: Prof. Arto Urtti	
15.00 – 15.40	"Fit for purpose Antibody Fabs for long acting delivery to the eye" Bob Kelley, PhD, Technical Development Staff Scientist, Drug Delivery, Genentech Inc., U.S.A.
15.40 – 16.20	Regulatory view & Discussion
16.20 – 16.35	Break (15 min)
16.35 – 17.00	Results & Impact + Discussion (especially to be discussed: MS4 - Identification of at least one formulation that is potentially suitable for clinical studies in follow-up studies MS6 - Identification of at least one drug candidate that is potentially suitable for clinical studies in follow-up studies) 'Group picture'
17.00 – 17.10	Acknowledgements & Closing of the Conference (Prof. Arto Urtti, University of Eastern Finland)