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Preliminary agenda

Moderator: Leila Amini (Head of Regulatory Affairs, Berliner Centrum for Advanced therapies [BeCAT], Junior Group Leader Process Development for Cell and Gene therapy, BIH Center of Regenerative Therapies [BIH-CRT])

Time	Topic	Speaker
08:30	Registration	
09:00	Introduction	Leila Amini (BeCAT, BIH-CRT), Elke Luger (Elke Luger – National Network Office GCT Germany), Daniel Besser (German Stem Cell Network)
09:10	Keynote Lecture: Cell and gene therapy - challenges for academic research, development and translation into the clinic	Petra Reinke (Founding Director of the BeCAT, Head of GMP-Facility BIH-CRT)
09:50	Coffee break	
10:15	Introduction talks pre-GMP/GMP	
	The GMP challenge at the interface between laboratory research and "first in human"	Sven Stegemann (DWI Leibniz Institutes for Interactive Materials, Aachen, Germany)
10:35	ATMP development @Miltenyi and company interests in industry/academic co-developments	Michael Apel (Miltenyi)
10:55	3. Introduction to planned QP network	Martin Hildebrandt (Head of the apheresis unit, TU München)
11:15	GMP Development of an allogeneic off-the-shelf MSC preparation for steroid-refractory GvHD	Halvard Bönig (Goethe University Faculty of Medicine, Institute for Transfusion Medicine and immunohematology, and German Red Cross Blood Donor Service (DRK-BSD) BaWüHe, Institute Frankfurt, Department of Cellular Therapeutics/GMP)
11:35	5. IPSC process (heart patches)	Wolfram Hubertus Zimmermann (Director, Institute of Pharmacology and Toxicology, University Medical Center Göttingen)
11:55	Coffee break	
12:15	Introduction to the Workshop format	Leila Amini
12:20	Workshop GMP: 3 Breakout Sessions	Leila Amini
	Warm up Breakout Session: Definition of a developed product: process vs. Cell	
	Breakout sessions: in parallel 40'	



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	How can we train urgently needed personnel better? (And educate scientists about the importance of GMP processes) Challenges in manufacturing tackled early in the	Moderator: Jasmin Podufall, Berlin Partner & Cluster HealthCapital Berlin-Brandenburg Moderator: Andy Römhild, BIH-CRT
	 Challenges in manufacturing tackled early in the development process (Good translational practice concept) Special considerations for clinical trials with ATMPs 	Moderator: Tobias Winkler, BIH-CRT
13:00	Analysis Workshops GMP	Moderator / Member Break out session
13:20	Networking-Lunch	
14:15	Panel discussion:	Moderator: Gady Goldsobel
	Overcoming GMP bottlenecks	1. Academic GMP unit: Paul Franz (Fraunhofer Institute for Cell
	(CMO vs. Company vs. Academic GMP unit)	Therapy and Immunology IZI)
		CMO: Christian Ebel (Tetec GmbH) Company, in-house production: Guilietta Roel (co.don AG)
		4. Company, using a CMO (TBA)
14:55	Introduction talks Translation	
	From the idea to the patient: Translational Challenges and Technology Transfer of ATMPs	Daniel Forler (Bayer AG)
	German National Strategy of GCTs & GeneNovate: Insight into Workshop series	Elke Luger (National Network Office GCT Germany) & N.N.
	Regional and National Incubator Structures (Reimbursement, legal advice)	Garima Bhardwaj (Head of Clinical Incubator, Berlin Institute of Health)
	 Introduction of the National Regulation Support Unit @BIH 	Christoph Conrad (Head of Regulatory Affairs, Berlin Institute of Health)
	5. "Forschungsstrukturbereich ATMPs" at Charité	Annette Künkele-Langer (Project coordinator Join4 ATMP, Department of Pediatrics, Division of Oncology and Hematology Charité Universitätsmedizin Berlin)
16:05	Coffee break	
16:30	Panel discussion:	Moderator: Garima Bhardwaj
	What are challenges during translation?	ATMP developer from industry: Matthias Lutolf, Roche (TBC)
		ATMP developer from academia: Georg Hansmann, Medizinische Hochschule Hannover (TBC)
		Start-up: MyoPax, Verena Schöwel-Wolf
		Regulatory body: Ralf Sanzenbacher, Paul-Ehrlich-Institut
17:10	Wrap up and closing words	Leila Amini, Elke Luger, Daniel Besser
17:20	End of the Program	
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