



PERI-OPERATIVE IMMUNOTHERAPY FOR HEAD AND NECK CANCER

08 & 09

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Thursday 8th & Friday 9th January 2026



Dear Participants,

We would like to welcome you to this workshop to explore the role of immunotherapy in the peri-operative management of head and neck carcinomas, organized by the European Head and Neck Society (EHNS).

The first day will provide a scientific overview of the immunological context (tumour micro-environment, the influence of local therapies, predictive immune biomarkers and new IO strategies) as well as clinical trials on neoadjuvant and adjuvant immunotherapies.

The second day will be entirely devoted to interactive round-table discussions in which experts and audience members will debate practical questions regarding surgical procedures after neoadjuvant IO, combination strategies and sequencing, and assessment of treatment response.

We all look forward to seeing you in January 2026.

Many thanks in advance.

Yours sincerely,

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The participation to the congress will represent a total of 13 credits for 2 days (8 credits for day 1 and 5 credits for day 2)



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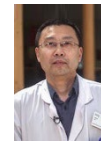
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- ◆ Marjorie Bourqui
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- ◆ Asvina Ramesh

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Day 1 - Thursday 08th January 2026



Understanding the immunology of head and neck cancers

CHAIR : Wojciech Golusinski, René Leemans

08:30 – 08:45	Introduction of the CHUV	Claire Charmet
08:45 - 09:00	Introduction to the meeting	Giovanni Succo, Christian Simon
09:00 - 09:30	Immune landscape of HNSCCs	Rieneke van de Ven
09:30 - 10:00	Impact of loco-regional treatment on immune response in HNSCC	Paul Nankivell
10:00 - 10:30	HPV and immuno-biomarkers to predict HNSCC outcome	Ruud Brakenhoff
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee break	
11:00 - 11:30	How Check-point inhibitors work and how to improve them	Petr Szturz
11:30 - 12:00	CAR-T-cells, therapeutic cancer vaccines and other IO-strategies	Amanda Psyri
12:00 - 13:30	Lunch	

Neo-adjuvant and adjuvant IO for surgical HNC patients

CHAIR : Giovanni Succo, Stefan Lang

13:30 - 14:00	BMS Symposium: The science behind neo-adjuvant IO versus adjuvant IO, or both	Mascha Binder
14:00 - 14:30	Defining pathological response after IO	Senada Koljenovic
14:30 - 15:00	Imaging for IO response evaluation	Patric Hagmann
15:00 - 15:30	Coffee break	

Clinical trial landscape

CHAIR : Sefik Hosai, Mario Fernandez Fernandez

15:30 - 16:00	Adjuvant IO for HPV negative and positive HNSCC	Andreas Dietz
16:00 - 16:30	Neoadjuvant combined with adjuvant IO for HPV negative HNSCC	Christophe LeTourneau
16:30 - 17:00	Adjuvant IO for high-risk disease HNSCC	Yun-Gan Tao
17:00 - 17:30	Summary and outlook on peri-operative IO trials	Jean Bourhis



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Day 2 - Friday 09th January 2026



Round tables with prepared questions

CHAIR : Vinidh Paleri

08:45 - 09:00	Introduction to the round tables	Christian Simon
09:00 - 9:45	How to resect after neo-adjuvant IO	Christian Simon
	Panelists	Jan Klotz, René Leemans, Gunesh Rajan, Andrew Schache, Patrick Sheahan, Sandro Stoeckli
09:45 - 10:30	Adjuvant, neo-adjuvant or both	Irene Brana
	Panelists	Martina, Broglie, Jeppe Friborg, Roland Giger, Ana Joaquim, Lisa Licita, Vin Paleri
10:30 - 11:15	Neo-adjuvant treatment: Combinations of IO with Chemo	Paolo Bossi
	Panelists	Andreas Dietz, Caterina Giannitto, Senada Koljenovic, Christophe Le Tourneau, Hisham Mehanna, Cesare Piazza
11:15 - 12:00	Coffee break	
12:00 - 12:45	Neo-adjuvant treatment: Modes of applications	Christophe Le Tourneau
	Panelists	Paolo Bossi, Andreas Dietz, Petri Koivunen, Sjoukje Oosting, David Thomson
12:45 - 13:30	Response evaluation: How?	Senada Koljenovic
	Panelists	Paolo Bossi, Ali Khurram, Stephan Lang, Laura Smit, Giovanni Succo
13:30 - 14:15	Adjuvant treatment after IO	Silke Tribius
	Panelists	Jeppe Friborg, Vincent Grégoire, Sefik Hosai, Lisa Licita, Barbara Wollenberg

End of the event