

# 28th DGRA Annual Congress

June 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026 in Frankfurt Gravenbruch

Hotel Hilton

- EU Pharma Package & regulatory reforms
- Medical Research Act & Pharma Dialogue
- ATMPs & Biologics: Clinical research
- EU HTA & EMA collaboration
- Competitiveness, sustainability & ESG
- AI, real-world evidence & health data ecosystems
- Startups & Innovation in Pharma

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**Moderation:**

**Prof. Dr. Karl Broich and**

**Dr. Ulrich Granzer**

## The Program on June 18<sup>th</sup> 2026

**9.30 a.m.** **Opening and Introduction to Sessions**  
*Dr. Ulrich Granzer (CEO Granzer Regulatory Consulting & Services)*

**9.45 a.m.** **The EU Pharma Package - Setting the Course for Research and innovation and an attractive regulatory system**  
*Dr. Florian Schmidt (Deputy Head of Unit, DG SANTE, European Commission)*

**10.15 a.m.** **Updates on the Medical Research Act and Pharma Dialogue**  
*Prof. Dr. Karl Broich (President Federal Institute for Drugs and Medical Devices (BfArM))*

**10.45 p.m.** **The Paul-Ehrlich-Institute: Role in ATMPs and Biologics Regulation**  
*Prof. Dr. Stefan Vieths (President Paul-Ehrlich-Institute (PEI))*

**11.15 a.m.** **Discussion**

**11.30 a.m.** **Coffee Break**

**12.00 a.m.** **EU HTA in Practice: First Experiences from Oncology and ATMPs**  
*Dr. Beate Wieseler (Head of Drug/Medicines Evaluation, Institute for Quality and Efficiency in Health Care (IQWiG))*

**12.30 p.m.** **From Approval to Access: Evolving Collaboration between EMA and HTA at the Interface**  
*Dr. Michael Berntgen (Head of Scientific Evidence Generation Department, European Medicines Agency (EMA))*

**1.00 p.m.** **Discussion**

**1.15 p.m.** **Lunch**

<b>2.15 p.m.</b>	<b>Current Developments in the Pharma Dialogue: The 5% Rule as a Competitive Advantage?</b> <i>N.N. (BMG)</i>
<b>2.45 p.m.</b>	<b>Environmental and Sustainability Requirements in the New EU Pharmaceutical Legislation</b> <i>N.N. (Sanofi)</i>
<b>3.15 p.m.</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
<b>3.30 p.m.</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>3.45 p.m.</b>	<b>Clinical Research in Germany: Opportunities Arising from New Legal Frameworks</b> <i>PD Dr. Thomas Sudhop (Senior Expert for Clinical Trials, BfArM)</i>
<b>4.15 p.m.</b>	<b>Thoughts/Expectations from Big Pharma for the Work with Biotech Startups</b> <i>N.N. (Roche Group)</i>
<b>4.45 p.m.</b>	<b>Discussion and Break (No Catering)</b>
<b>5.00 p.m.</b>	<b>DGRA General Membership Meeting and Board Elections</b> <i>(ends around 5.45 p.m.)</i>
<b>7.00 p.m.</b>	<b>Dinner Speech</b> <i>Reception (6.30 p.m.) and Buffet</i>

## The Program on June 19<sup>th</sup> 2026

**9.30 a.m.      Award Ceremonies “Walter-Cyran-Medaille”**

**10.00 a.m.      AI in Drug Development**

*Dr. Grzegorz Popowicz (Research Group Leader, Institute of Structural Biology, Helmholtz Center Munich)*

**10.30 a.m.      Research Data Centers**

**(Forschungsdatenzentrum(FDZ)) and the European Health Data Space**

*Dr. Steffen Heß (Head of Health Data Lab, BfArM)*

**11.00 am      Coffee Break**

**11.30 a.m.      AI & Real-World Evidence**

*Luis Pinheiro (Senior Epidemiology Expert, RWE, Data Analytics and Methods Taskforce, EMA)*

**12.00 p.m.      Startups Between Innovation and Regulation – Collaboration with Authorities**

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**12.45 p.m.      Panel Discussion**

**1.30 p.m.      Lunch**

**(There may be changes to the program)**

**Dates:**

June 18th, 2026, Hotel Hilton Gravenbruch	9.30 a.m.
Followed by General Membership Meeting	5.00 p.m.
Hotel Hilton Gravenbruch	6.30 p.m.
	7.00 p.m.

June 19th, 2026, Hotel Hilton Gravenbruch 9.30 a.m.

Presentations and discussions

Reception

Pre-Dinner Speech

Presentations and discussions

**Venue:**

Hilton Frankfurt Gravenbruch  
Graf-zu-Ysenburg-und-Büdingen-Platz 1  
63263 Neu-Isenburg

**Registration fees:**

Congress only (without accommodation): €560  
Early Bird\*: €495

Congress + 1 night accommodation: €755  
Early Bird\*: €690

Congress + 2 nights accommodation: €950  
Early Bird\*: €885

**Accommodation includes:** breakfast, Wi-Fi, and access to spa & fitness area.

**Note:** Rooms are limited and assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Payment & Confirmation:** After registration, you will receive confirmation and payment details. Hotel bookings are handled by the congress office - no separate booking required.

**VAT Information:** As a non-profit association, fees are VAT exempt.

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**Cancellation terms:**

Cancellation will be charged with a processing fee of 50 €.

In case of short-term cancellation (2 weeks before) 50 % of the registration fee will be charged.

One week before the event the full fee has to be paid, unless a substitute participant (DGRA member) is named.

**Registration:**

As a DGRA member please use the form at [www.dgra.de](http://www.dgra.de) or contact us at [info@dgra.de](mailto:info@dgra.de)

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The registration is binding. After receipt of the registration a written confirmation will be sent.

**Conference languages:**

English and German

**Note:**

Photographers will accompany the congress.

Some photographic material will be published.

Congress documents will include a list of participants.