

## “TRANSLATIONAL BIOMARKER DEVELOPMENT AND CLINICAL APPLICATION” *Joint 3rd Donau Symposium and 4th AIT Austrian Biomarker Symposium*



**March 19 – 20, 2020, Imperial Riding School Renaissance Vienna Hotel, Vienna, Austria**

*Objective.* In the era of precision or personalized medicine, biomarkers have been recognized as key for patient stratification in pharmaceutical development and clinical patient selection to improve treatment efficacy and outcome. Through a convergent approach of diagnostic disciplines like molecular pathology, laboratory medicine and molecular imaging, diagnostic biomarkers have widely entered an evidence level that enables clinical use.

This meeting will highlight important aspects of image based and other noninvasive biomarker derivation and quantification. The 3rd Danube Symposium takes place in close succession of the 2014 and 2016 Danube Symposia and will be co-organized for the first time in conjunction with the AIT Austrian Institute of Technology.

Highlights of the 2020 meeting include dedicated sessions on novel technologies in the context of liquid biopsy analysis, whole body dynamic molecular imaging as well as the establishment of novel biomarkers on organ crosstalk and systemic signaling. A clear focus in this year's meeting will be the clinical evidence of diagnostic biomarkers in addition to novel approaches in systems medicine. The meeting is open to free papers, which will be presented as posters and rapid-fire talks.

The 3rd “Danube Symposium” meeting, together with the 4th AIT Austrian Biomarker Symposium, intends to provide a forum to open-minded experts both from academia and industry in the field of molecular pathology, laboratory medicine, nuclear medicine, clinical pharmacology and their clinical partners from oncology and cardiovascular medicine who share the vision of bringing together and uniting molecular diagnostics with imaging and like to engage in advancing effective and individualized treatments based on novel and validated diagnostic approaches.

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## Organizing Committee

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## Programme Outline

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Danube Symposium and the 4<sup>th</sup> AIT Austrian Biomarker Symposium will come with following programme structure, that includes:

- Opening Ceremony
- Keynote Lecture
- Biomarker Sessions
- Big Data & Systems Medicine Sessions
- Personalized Medicine Sessions
- Poster Award

**The “3<sup>rd</sup> Donau Symposium” will be accredited with DFP points. Final approval from the Austrian Medical Chamber is pending.**

## Registration & Abstract Submission:

### Registration will open early December

Prices: Trainees/Students/Technologists: € 150,- (early) / € 200,- (late)  
Full registration : € 280,- (early) / € 330,- (late)

### Abstract Submission

Abstract submission will start early November 2019. Online submission only! Deadline: January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020

## General Information

### Airport and arrival information

Vienna International Airport (Schwechat) is located outside the city limits. To get to the center of Vienna you can choose either the City Airport Train, one of the airport express busses, the city railroad or a taxi. City Airport Train (CAT): leaves every half hour (00:05 & 00:35) from the airport to the city center (Landstrasse/Wien Mitte) and from there back to the airport every half hour. More information to be found under <http://www.cityairporttrain.com>.

### City of Vienna

Vienna is a pulsating metropolis, unifying tradition and modern spirit. You will be enchanted by Vienna's imperial heritage, the glorious buildings at the “Ringstrasse” and the large number of world-famous works of art. You can relax in one of the countless restaurants, coffee houses and bars or visit the enchanting parks, stately tree-lined alleys or city wineries in Grinzing. Get to know the unique diversity of the Austrian capital during your conference: Vienna waits for you!

### Climate

The daytime temperatures in March linger between 10° – 17°Celsius, and it may also be rainy and windy.

### Credit cards

All major credit cards, including Eurocard, Diners, VISA and Mastercard are accepted in restaurants, hotels, shopping centers and stores. Travel cheques can be cashed in most banks and exchange offices.

### Electricity

The power supply in Austria is 220/240 Volt-current. Most electric outlets adhere to the continental standard (Schuko). Appliances from North America require a transformer and British appliances require an adaptor for the two-pin sockets in use in Austria.

### Taxes & Tipping

The standard tax rate is 20%, however, some services such as hotel, food and transport have a reduced rate of 10%. Most services do not include tipping. In higher class restaurants it is common to give up to 10% of the total. For any other services (taxi, restaurants, hotel) it is up to you how much you want give.

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