

Coordination

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Event information

Promoter

AG 4 Vaskuläre Biologie
AG 41 Atherosklerose in der Klinik
AG 23 Herz und Diabetes
AG 19 Kardiovaskuläre Hämostase und antithrombotische Therapie
der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Kardiologie – Herz- und Kreislaufforschung (DGK)

Location

Collegium Glashütten (Taunus)
Wüstemser Str. 1
61479 Glashütten

Requirements

Participation

The participation requirement is to submit an abstract of up to 200 words, excluding the title, authors, and affiliation. Please upload your abstract directly to the event registration form by January 30th, 2026. There are no registration fees. We will select up to 35 participants based on the abstract rankings, and those selected will be notified in the first week of February 2026.

Registration

Registration until January 30th, 2026 via akademie.dgk.org/veranstaltung/38998

Abstract formalities

Up to four people will be selected from all abstract submitters who will present their scientific contributions as short talks during the Spring School.

The two best poster presentations will be determined on-site and will receive prize money of 150,- €.

Travel expense support

The four working groups provide all abstract submitters with travel support of a maximum of 100,- € per person. You will receive further information about reimbursement after you register.

Cave: Please book your hotel room by yourself. There is a limited number of pre-reserved rooms at Collegium Glashütten.



AG 4.
Vaskuläre Biologie



AG 41.
Atherosklerose
in der Klinik



AG 23.
Herz und Diabetes



AG 19.
Kardiovaskuläre Hämostase
und antithrombotische Therapie

Spring School 2026

Bridging Basic and Clinical Science
in Cardiovascular Biology, Metabolism,
Atherosclerosis & Thrombosis

AG 4 (Vascular biology) &
AG 41 (Atherosclerosis in the clinic) &
AG 23 (Heart and Diabetes) &
AG 19 (Cardiovascular hemostasis and
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March, 13th – 14th, 2026
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deadline
until
January
30th

Dear colleagues,

Following the great success of the joint Spring School in 2024 and 2025, we are pleased to invite you to the third joint Spring School on behalf of the German Society for Cardiology's basic science working groups 4, "Vascular Biology," clinical working groups 41, "Atherosclerosis in the Clinic," 23, "Heart and Diabetes," and 19, "Cardiovascular Hemostasis and Antithrombotic Therapy." This year, the established "Atherothrombosis Winter School" of AG 19 becomes part of the Spring School program, allowing its scientific spirit and community to continue within the broader interdisciplinary framework.

The Spring School aims to build the translational bridge from basic science to clinical practice. The targeted collaboration between the four working groups, which focuses on clinically important topics from various perspectives, is explicitly intended to foster an exchange between clinician scientists (medical students, young doctors) and natural scientists with an interest in cardiovascular disease (PhD students, postdocs), along with engaging speakers and meeting chairs.

Best regards,

Prof. Dr. Philip Wenzel (AG 4)

Prof. Dr. Sabine Steffens (AG 4)

Prof. Dr. Claudia Goetttsch (AG 4)

Prof. Dr. Ingo Hilgendorf (AG 41)

Prof. Dr. Hendrik Sager (AG 41)

Prof. Dr. Dennis Wolf (AG 23)

Prof. Dr. Florian Kahles (AG 23)

Prof. Dr. Christoph Olivier (AG 19)

Prof. Dr. Tobias Petzold (AG 19)

Friday, 13.03.2026

12:45 – Arrival and registration
 13:15
 13:15 – Welcome
 13:30
 13:30 – **Session 1 (organized by AG 4)**
 15:00 **Metabolic Control in Vascular Disease**
Endothelial cell metabolism
 Sophia Bibli, Heidelberg
Immunometabolism in the vascular wall
 Holger Winkels, Cologne
Short talk 1, selected from abstracts
 14:45 – 15:00 Coffee Break
 15:00 – **Guided poster presentations in small groups**
 17:45 **& Poster networking**
 17:45 – 18:00 Group picture
 18:00 – **Hotline – Opinion leader (organized by AG 4)**
 19:00 **Trained immunity in chronic inflammatory disease**
 Triantafyllos Chavakis, Dresden
 19:30 – **Dinner, Group Activity & Host reception.**
 21:30

Saturday, 14.03.2026

08:30 – 09:45 **Session 2 (organized by AG 23)**
Inflammation and Metabolism at the Crossroads of Heart Disease and Obesity
Clinically available strategies in obesity-related heart disease
 Christoph Maack, Wuerzburg
Cardiometabolic HFpEF: Metabolic Remodeling and Recovery Mechanisms
 Rongling Wang, Berlin
Short talk 2, selected from abstracts
 09:45 – 10:00 Coffee Break
 10:00 – 11:15 **Session 3 (organized by AG 41)**
Cardiovascular Risk Management: Old pathways – New targets
Beyond LDL-C: targeting lipoprotein(a)
 Raphael Schmieder, Munich
Re-thinking the renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system in hypertension
 Anna Lena Hohneck, Heidelberg
Short talk 3, selected from abstracts
 11:15 – 11:45 Coffee Break
 11:45 – 13:00 **Session 4 (organized by AG 19)**
Antithrombotic Strategies in Transition: From Clinical Evidence to Molecular Precision
The evolution of plasmatic anticoagulation: Pleiotropic effects of DOACs
 Amin Polzin, Duesseldorf
Systemic phenotyping of hemostasis in cardiovascular disease
 Kami Pekayvaz, Munich
Short talk 4, selected from abstracts
 13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch with scientific wrap-up and feedback/Awards**

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