

# PBP

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15<sup>th</sup> World Meeting on  
Pharmaceutics, Biopharmaceutics  
and Pharmaceutical Technology

# Prague, Czech Republic

23 - 26 March 2026



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# 15<sup>th</sup> World Meeting on Pharmaceuticals, Biopharmaceutics and Pharmaceutical Technology

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In continuation of the very successful scientific meetings in Budapest, Paris, Berlin, Florence, Geneva, Barcelona, Malta, Istanbul, Lisbon, Glasgow, Granada, Rotterdam, and Vienna, the next World Meeting on Pharmaceuticals, Biopharmaceutics and Pharmaceutical Technology will be held in Prague, Czech Republic in 2026.

This conference has gained an ever increasing impact among the pharmaceutical scientists: With about 1000 submitted abstracts and 1300 participants, it has become a well-established major meeting, attracting scientists from all over the world. It is organized every two years: in March or April of all even years.

Importantly, the entire spectrum of topics ranging from engineering aspects of the manufacturing process, the portfolio of commercially available excipients enabling the formulation of a large variety of medicinal products, the underlying physico-chemical principles, cutting-edge characterization techniques as well as potential pitfalls and hurdles to be overcome during product development, manufacturing and characterisation will be covered.

The conference will be held on 3.5 days: from Monday (noon) until Thursday (evening). From Tuesday to Thursday, 4 parallel sessions with oral presentations will be held:

- 2 sessions on industry-related topics, presented by distinguished invited speakers, giving overviews on the current state of the art in the respective fields
- 2 sessions with short talks selected from submitted abstracts, presenting the latest research findings in the broad field of Pharmaceuticals, Biopharmaceutics and Pharmaceutical Technology.

During the entire conference, the accompanying exhibition ResearchPharm® provides a cross-disciplinary platform for pharmaceutical scientists working in all fields of drug development in industry, academia and regulatory bodies. This exhibition is steadily growing and offers the possibility to present and learn about the newest trends and products in the area of pharmaceutical ingredients, developing and processing equipment, analytical technologies, medicinal products, medical devices and contract manufacturing.


In addition, young and experienced scientists from academia and industry will present their latest research achievements in the form of poster presentations, allowing for fruitful scientific exchanges with the authors. We intentionally keep the physical poster format to stimulate face-to-face exchanges between the scientists.

The meeting aims to bring together people working in fundamental and applied academic research, in the chemical and pharmaceutical industry and the regulatory field, offering the opportunity to foster meaningful discussions and collaborations.


The organizing committee cordially invites you to join the 15<sup>th</sup> World Meeting and would be glad to welcome you in Prague, Czech Republic in 2026!

  
Juergen Siepmann  
President APGI



  
Sandra Klein  
President APV



  
Paola Minghetti  
President SITELF



## Registration fee

Until 30 January 2026

From 01 February 2026

<b>Student<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>member<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>240.00 €</b>	<b>360.00 €</b>
	<b>non-member</b>	<b>440.00 €</b>	<b>560.00 €</b>
<b>Academia</b>	<b>member<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>520.00 €</b>	<b>640.00 €</b>
	<b>non-member</b>	<b>720.00 €</b>	<b>840.00 €</b>
<b>Industry</b>	<b>member<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>1640.00 €</b>	<b>1790.00 €</b>
	<b>non-member</b>	<b>2040.00 €</b>	<b>2190.00 €</b>

1 Students are requested to send a copy of their valid student card/pass or a written confirmation of their supervisor.

Student rate only available for full time students.

2 Members of all participating societies.

\* All prices excluding 21% Czech VAT.

Coffee breaks (Coffee/Tea), welcome reception and networking gala dinner are included in the registration fees. Luncheons not included.



# Scientific programme

## Monday, 23 March 2026

13:00 – 13:45	Opening Ceremony	Exhibition
13:45 – 14:45	Key note lecture	
14:45 – 15:30	Coffee break	
15:30 – 17:30	Hot topic lectures	
17:30 – 19:00	Welcome Reception	

### Key note lecture

- 13:45 - The next frontier in pharma: AI and robotics driven drug formulation  
Christine Allen, University of Toronto, Canada

### 14:45 - 15:30 Coffee break/exhibition

### Hot topic session

- 15:30 - The future in gene therapy (tbc)  
Fulvio Mavilio, University of Modena, Italy
- 16:10 - Therapy of infectious diseases in the context of one health (tbc)  
speaker tbc
- 16:50 - Challenges for oral drug delivery  
Ben Boyd, Monash University, Australia

### 17:30 - 19:00 Welcome reception

### Invited talks: Innovative manufacturing technologies

- 09:00 - Manufacturing technologies for protein drugs  
09:40 Wolfgang Friess, University of Munich, Germany
- 09:40 - Continuous manufacturing process: a long journey  
10:20 Leonardo Panetti, J&J Innovative Medicine, Italy
- 10:20 - Digital twins in biologics development  
11:00 Andrej Pohar, Novartis Pharma, Slovenia

### Short talks I: will be determined in December 2025

### Short talks II: will be determined in December 2025

### 11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break/exhibition/posters

### 11:30 - 12:00 SITELF award session

### Plenary lecture

- 12:00 - Title tbd  
13:00 speaker tbc

### 13:00 - 15:00 Lunch break/exhibition/posters

### Invited talks: Dermal and transdermal drug delivery

- 15:00 - Microneedles (covering industrial aspects, hurdles for market entry)  
15:40 Davide Brambilla, Université de Montréal, Canada
- 15:40 - Nanoparticles for topical drug delivery  
16:20 Sylvie Begu, University of Montpellier, France
- 16:20 - Engineered bacteria and skin treatments (tbc)  
17:00 speaker tbc

## Tuesday, 24 March 2026

09:00 – 11:00	Invited talks	Short talks	Posters	Exhibition
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break			
11:30 – 12:00	Award session			
12:00 – 13:00	Plenary lecture			
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch			
15:00 – 17:00	Invited talks	Short talks		

### Invited talks: Delivery of nucleic acids/Gene therapy

- 09:00 - Nucleic acid delivery systems for cancer immunotherapy  
09:40 Raymond M. Schiffelers, University Medical Center Utrecht, The Netherlands
- 09:40 - Gene therapy from an industrial perspective  
10:20 Jonathan Reef, UCB, Belgium
- 10:20 - New lipid platforms for nucleic acids delivery  
11:00 Stefano Salmaso, University of Padova, Italy

### Invited talks: Industrial digitalization/generative AI

- 15:00 - Digital evolution in pharma developments: our journey from traditional methods to end-to-end lab data automation, management and utilization  
15:40 Nicolas Descamps, Roquette, France
- 15:40 - title tbc  
16:20 speaker tbc
- 16:20 - Use of predictive modelling and simulation in formulation development and analytics  
17:00 Sabine Thielges, Novartis Pharma, United States

### Short talks I: will be determined in December 2025

### Short talks II: will be determined in December 2025



## Wednesday, 25 March 2026

09:00 – 11:00	Invited talks	Short talks	Posters	Exhibition
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break			
11:30 – 12:00	Award session			
12:00 – 13:00	Plenary lecture			
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch			
15:00 – 17:00	Invited talks	Short talks		
20:00 – 00:00	Networking event dinner			

### Invited talks: Local drug delivery

- 09:00 - 09:40 Electrospun nanofibers for topical treatments and implantable systems  
Carmen Alvarez Lorenzo, University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain
- 09:40 - 10:20 Efficient development of inhaled formulations  
Hugh D. Smyth, University of Texas at Austin, United States
- 10:20 - 11:00 Ocular delivery  
Katrien Remaut, University of Ghent, Belgium

### Invited talks: Modern pharmaceutical characterization methods

- 09:00 - 09:40 Predicting oral drug absorption considering physico-chemical interactions in the gastrointestinal tract  
Kiyohiko Sugano, Ritsumeikan University, Kusatsu, Japan
- 09:40 - 10:20 Synchrotron X-ray analysis in pharmaceuticals  
Gareth Williams, University College London, United Kingdom
- 10:20 - 11:00 Navigating the challenges of in vitro release testing for complex dosage forms  
Marival Bermejo Sanz, University of Miguel Hernández, Alicante, Spain

Short talks I: will be determined in December 2025

Short talks II: will be determined in December 2025

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break/exhibition/posters

11:30 - 12:00 APGI award session

### Plenary lecture

- 12:00 - 13:00 Rational design of advanced drug delivery systems for the treatment of glioblastoma  
Veronique Preat, University of Louvain, Brussels, Belgium

13:00 - 15:00 Lunch break/exhibition/posters

### Invited talks: Long acting injectables and implants

- 15:00 - 15:40 Parenteral controlled delivery of biomacromolecular drugs  
Steven Schwendeman, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, United States
- 15:40 - 16:20 Design and formulation strategies in the development of implants for drug delivery  
Eneko Larrañeta, Queen's University Belfast, United Kingdom

- 16:20 - 17:00 Title tbd  
speaker tbc

### Invited talks: Oral route for challenging molecules

- 15:00 - 15:40 Unlocking oral bioavailability of low-permeability molecules: the safe potential of medium-chain fatty acid esters  
Philippe Caisse, Gattefossé, France
- 15:40 - 16:20 3D printing, large molecules, Triastek  
Xiaoling Li, University of the Pacific, United States
- 16:20 - 17:00 Programmable nanoparticles for oral drug delivery  
Amirali Popat, University of Queensland, Australia

Short talks I: will be determined in December 2025

Short talks II: will be determined in December 2025

20:00 - 00:00 Networking event dinner

## Thursday, 26 March 2026

09:00 – 11:00	Invited talks	Short talks	Posters	Exhibition
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break			
11:30 – 12:00	Award session			
12:00 – 13:00	Plenary lecture			
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch			
15:00 – 17:00	Invited talks	Short talks		

### Invited talks: Nanomedicines

- 09:00 - 09:40 Delivery of antibiotics and antiviral drugs  
Francesco Stellacci, Ecole Polytechnique Losanna, Switzerland
- 09:40 - 10:20 Nanomedicines for drug targeting  
Junho Bjun, Seoul University, South Korea
- 10:20 - 11:00 Extracellular vesicles and secretomes: new biological drugs or drug delivery systems?  
Maria Luisa Torre, University of Eastern Piedmont, Italy

### Invited talks: Population specific medicines

- 09:00 - 09:40 3D printing in healthcare: successes, lessons learned, and challenges ahead in hospital implementation for personalized medicine  
Maxime Annereau, Institut Gustave Roussy, France
- 09:40 - 10:20 Patient-focused developments (tbc)  
speaker tbc
- 10:20 - 11:00 Evaluating the use related safety, effectiveness and usability of medical products for special target population (tbc)  
Lee Wood, medHF (Medical Human Factors AG), Switzerland

Short talks I: will be determined in December 2025

Short talks II: will be determined in December 2025

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break/exhibition/posters

11:30 - 12:00 APV award session

### Plenary lecture

12:00 - title tbd  
13:00 - speaker tbc

13:00 - 15:00 Lunch break/exhibition/posters

### Invited talks: Science of excipients

15:00 - Bioinspired polymers and nanoparticles for drug delivery  
15:40 Sébastien Lecommandoux, University of Bordeaux, France  
15:40 - The nitrosamine saga (tbc)  
16:20 speaker tbc  
16:20 - An industry perspective on generic product development challenges & research priorities (tbc)  
17:00 speaker tbc

### Invited talks: Drug targeting

15:00 - Delivery for cardiac diseases  
15:40 Maria Blanco, University of Pamplona, Spain  
15:40 - Liposomes for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease and other brain pathologies  
16:20 Sophia Antimisariis, University of Patras, Greece  
16:20 - Oral colon targeting (tbc)  
17:00 speaker tbc

Short talks I: will be determined in December 2025

Short talks II: will be determined in December 2025

17:00 End of conference

Please note that the programme is subject to change.

## Chairs and committees

### Local chair of the conference

Frantisek Stepanek, University of Chemistry and Technology of Prague, Czech Republic

### Co-chairs of the conference

Sandra Klein, University of Greifswald, Germany  
Paola Minghetti, University of Milan, Italy  
Juergen Siepmann, University of Lille, France

### Chair of the programme committee

Vincent Faivre, University of Paris-Saclay, France

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Frantisek Stepanek, University of Chemistry and Technology of Prague, Czech Republic

## Abstract submission

### Online submission

Abstracts can only be submitted online. Submission will open on 01 October 2025. Please use the following URL, where you will find further information: [worldmeeting.org](https://worldmeeting.org).

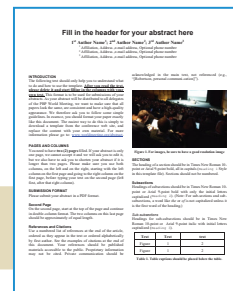
**Deadline for abstract submission:**  
**15 November 2025**

### Abstracts

Submitted abstracts will be presented either orally as short talk or as poster presentation on one day from 23 - 26 March 2026.

### Acceptance of abstracts

Authors will be notified of acceptance of their submitted abstract and the type of presentation (oral or poster) by the end of December 2025. Authors also have the possibility to view the status of their abstract using the function "status of your abstract" on our website.



## Social programme

### Welcome reception

The welcome reception will be held on

**Monday, 23 March 2026 from 17:30 - 19:00 h.**

Enjoy a glass of wine while networking with old and new friends or strolling around the industrial exhibition ResearchPharm® in the congress centre.

### Networking dinner event

Join us for our unmissable social networking event dinner at the event location „Forum Karlin“. The doors will be open for you

**on Wednesday, 25 March 2026 from 20:00 00:00 h.**

The Forum Karlin is accessible within walking distance in the city centre of Prague.

Experience Prague on a traditional exclusive level and establish contacts in a relaxed atmosphere with high tables and banquet tables. Taste the variety of traditional Czech food with a buffet dinner.



## Accommodation

### Headquarter Hotel:

Holiday Inn Prague Congress Centre  
Na Pankráci 1684/ 15  
140 00 Praha 4-Nusle  
Czechia  
Single room - 145 € (incl. 12% VAT, incl. breakfast, excl. city tax)

<https://www.holidayinn.cz/en>

Further hotel recommendations and contingents can be found on our homepage, [worldmeeting.org](https://worldmeeting.org).





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Take advantage of this great event to showcase your company and your products to an international and very versatile audience!

## ResearchPharm®

We invite you to join this  
state-of-the-art industrial exhibition

Coffee breaks, welcome reception as well as the event dinner are included in the registration fee. Coffee breaks and welcome reception will be integrated in the exhibition/poster area to create as much traffic around your booth as possible.

It's easy to book a booth at the ResearchPharm®. Just fill in the booking form, which you will find on our website [www.researchpharm.org](http://www.researchpharm.org) and send it to us.

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For the updated floorplan with available booths please visit our website:

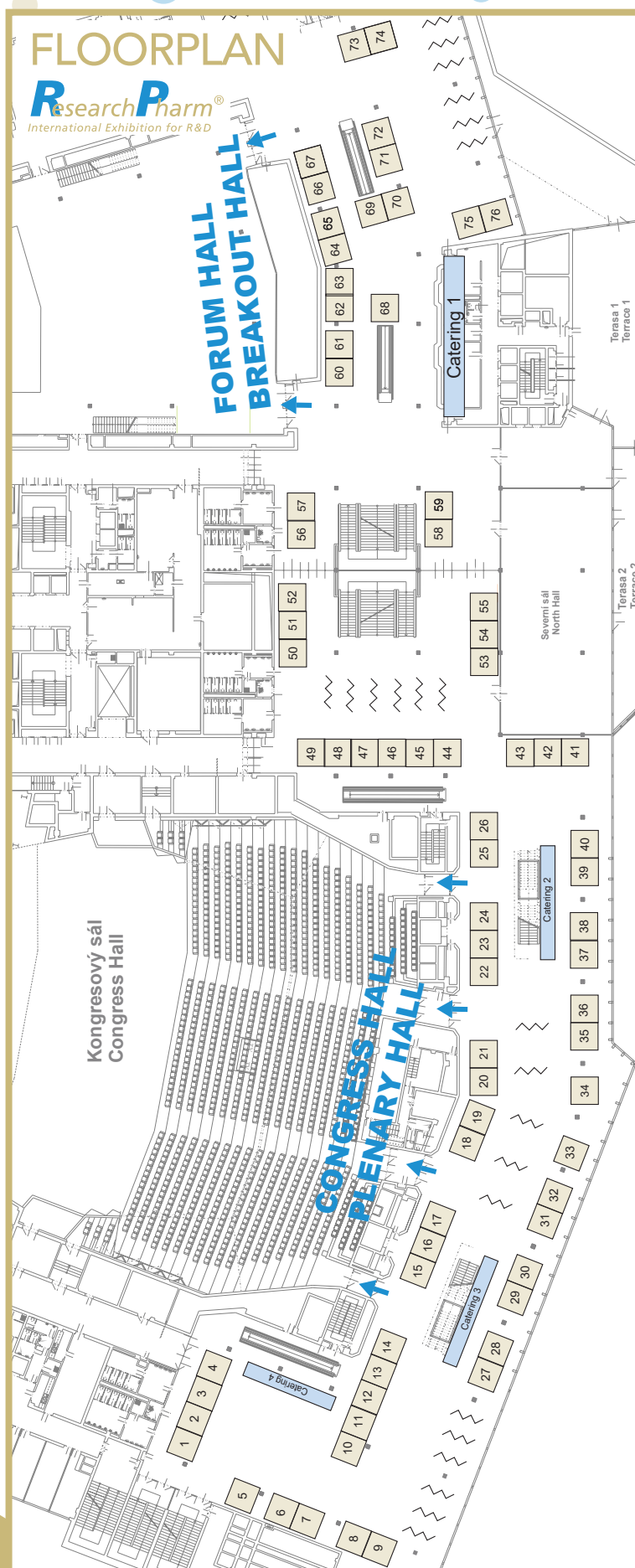
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## Venue

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Conference website will be updated soon with the latest news!

