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## NEWSLETTER



Dear readers,

With this newsletter, we would like to inform you about the latest news from the Else Kröner Fresenius Center for Optogenetic Therapies. We also welcome suggestions and contributions, which can be distributed among our members and associated partners.

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### EKFS NEWS

Dr. Dr. Daniel Strech, Professor of Meta-Research and Translational Bioethics at the BIH QUEST Center at Charité, becomes new chair of the EKFS.

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### ENHANCEMENT IN TEAM IV

Kristian Gjorgjeski supports Team IV as a PhD student working on the topic of "Optimizing Optogenetic Stimulation for Sensory Restoration: Deep Learning Approaches for Cochlear Implants and Vision Restoration". The additional financial support was secured by Marcus Jeschke as part of the seed funding call 2025 of the EKfZ.

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### KICK-OFF-MEETING

Optogenetic therapies combine gene therapy and optical medical technology. This combination of two different products, each with different requirements, increases the complexity of the approval process. Therefore, the EKfZ team is advised by the Munich-based company Entourage GmbH in Quality Management System and Regulatory Affairs matters. The kick-off meeting for this took place on January 21st, 2026.



### LATEST PUBLICATIONS

Channelrhodopsin variants for high-rate optogenetic neurostimulation at low light intensities (2025) Roos, L. et al.

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### ACADEMY NEWS

Scientific advice by the Paul-Ehrlich-Institut and the Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use.

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### EKfZ LECTURES - SAVE THE DATE

The next EKfZ lectures have been scheduled and will begin in May. **We still welcome suggestions for July, October and December.**

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### SCIENCE GOES CITY 2026

Science goes City – on April 19th, science will leave the laboratories, libraries, offices, and lecture halls and come to the citizens in downtown Göttingen.

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### JOB ADVERTISEMENT

Else Kröner Fresenius Center is seeking to fill the following positions as soon as possible:

Clinician Scientists (f/m/d)

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