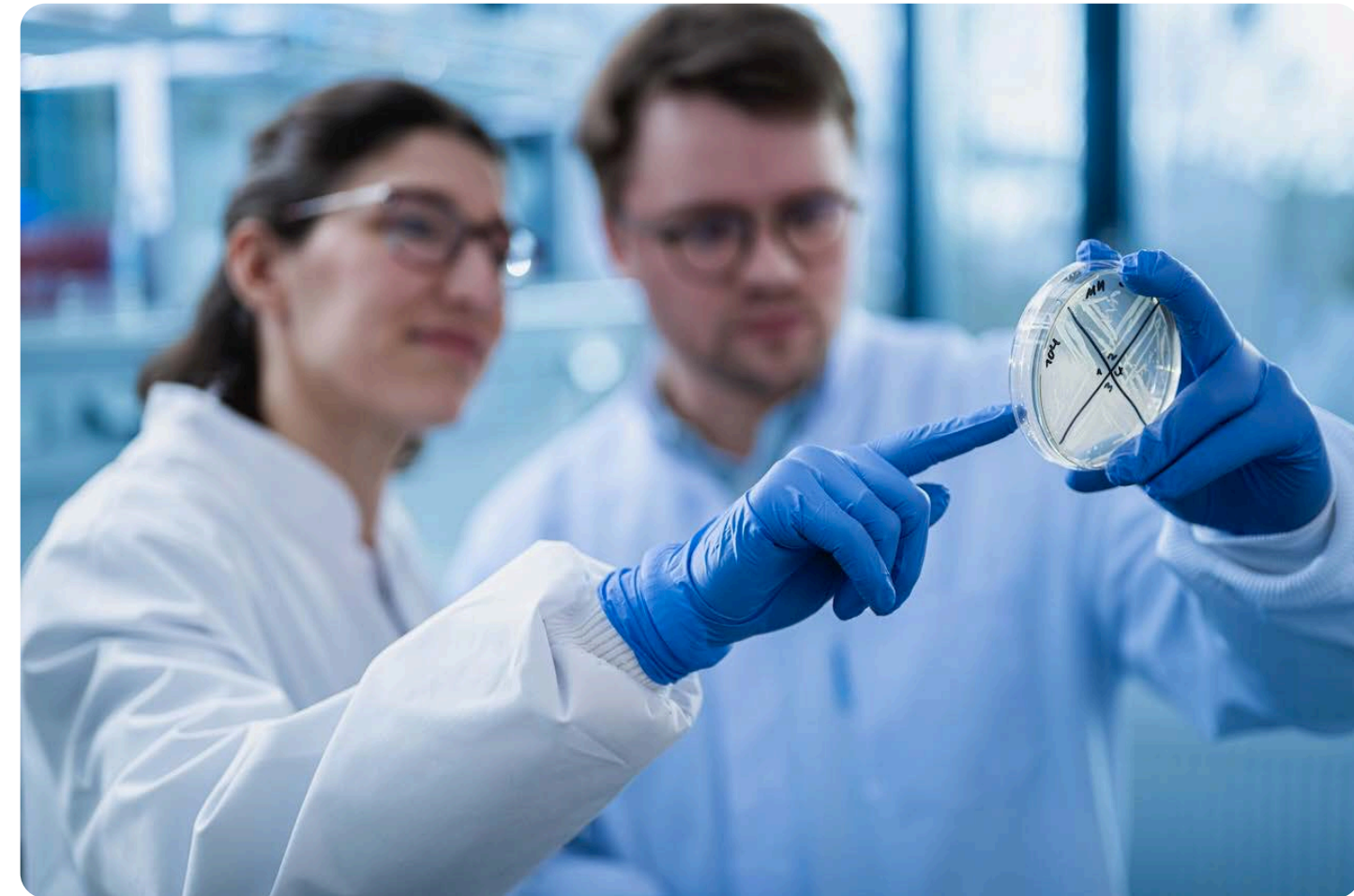


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## NEWSLETTER



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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Else Kröner Fresenius Center for Optogenetic Therapies

Represented by Tobias Moser, Emilie Macé, Maria-Patapia Zafeiropoulou and Kathrin Kusch



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### ELSE KRÖNER PROFESSORSHIP FOR DISEASE MODELING

**New Else Kröner Professorship in Disease Modeling at the University Medical Center Göttingen**

New Professorship Accelerates the Development of Optogenetic Therapies

Dr. Maria-Patapia Zafeiropoulou has accepted the Else Kröner Professorship for Disease Modeling at Division of Pediatric Neurology, Department of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine, University Medical Center Göttingen, effective on June 1st, 2026.

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### EKFZ OT GENERAL ASSEMBLY ELECTED NEW SPOKESPERSONS

**The General Assembly elected additional spokespersons on June 4th, 2026.**

Prof. Maria-Patapia Zafeiropoulou and Dr. Kathrin Kusch were elected as deputy spokespersons, and Prof. Tobias Brüggemann was elected as spokesperson for the Academy. We extend our warmest congratulations to all three candidates and wish them success in their new roles.



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### EKFZ OT 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

The 2025 Annual Report of the Else Kröner Fresenius Center for Optogenetic Therapies is now available. The highlights of the year are presented in approximately 30 pages.

Enjoy reading it and download the PDF file!

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### BENEFIT CONCERT WITH A SCIENTIFIC PERSPECTIVE ON HEARING

The Rotary Club of Göttingen has invited the public to a benefit concert on Monday, June 1st, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Georg-August University of Göttingen, which combined musical masterpieces with a scientific perspective on hearing. Neuroscientist and club member Tobias Moser offered fascinating insights into the interplay between music and perception in his lecture on hearing.

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### EKFZ ACADEMY MEETS INDUSTRY

**EKFZ Academy meets industry!**

Members of the EKFZ Academy had the great pleasure to visit Sartorius and discover their cutting-edge technologies. With over 150 years of experience and 14,000 employees worldwide, the Göttingen-based company Sartorius is a key partner of life science research and the biopharmaceutical industry, offering solutions covering the entire biopharmaceutical value chain.

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### LATEST PUBLICATIONS

Albrecht, Niels et al., Multichannel optical cochlear implants enable spectrally distinct auditory activity. *bioRxiv* 2026

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### ACADEMY PROGRAM

**June 25th, 2026, 3:00 pm**

Prof. Dr. Stefan Launer, Sonova AG

*Translating Science to Product Innovation*

Venue: German Primate Center, Lecture hall, Kellnerweg 4, 37077 Göttingen

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### EKFZ WORKSHOPS: Training, Career Development, and Communication

We are planning workshops for academic staff on the following topics:

- Workshop **"Career Choices:** Craft your career according to your strengths and values"
- Workshop **"Effective Communication:** Leading Difficult Conversations, Dealing with Conflict, Negotiating effectively"

If you're interested, please send an e-mail to: [ekfz@med.uni-goettingen.de](mailto:ekfz@med.uni-goettingen.de)

### EKFZ LECTURES

#### UPCOMING LECTURES

**July 1st, 2026, 4:00 pm**

Prof. Emma Robinson, Ph.D.

University of Bristol

*Introducing the 3Hs initiative*

Only online!

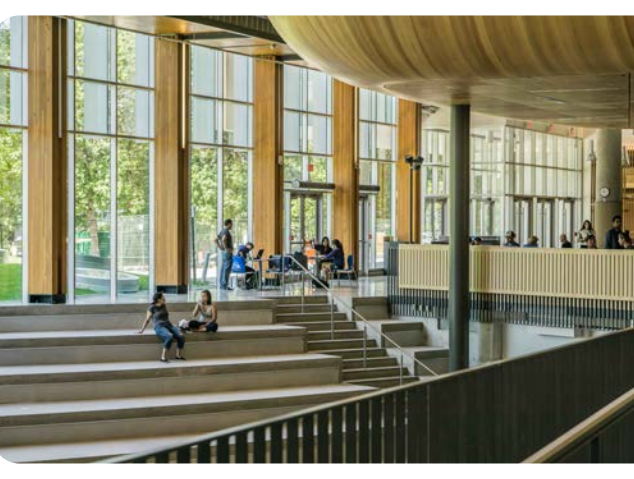
**September 9th, 2026, 4:00 pm**

Dr. Rachael Richardson

The University of Melbourne

*Combining optogenetics and electrical stimulation for precise control of neural modulation*

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### JOB ADVERTISEMENTS

We are looking for:

**Clinician Scientists** (m/f/d) for the Optogenetic Hearing & Vision Restoration Team

**PhD student** (m/f/d) for Team IV, Visual Circuits & Interfaces group, Dr. Patrick Jendritza.

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We wish you a wonderful and relaxing summer vacation

