# Program & speakers

## PrimeMeet Europe

### Towards a Coordinated Strategy for NHP Research Capacity for the Health and Resilience of EU citizens

### Day 1 – Tuesday May 26th

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| 12:00 – 13:00 | Lunch |
| 13:00 – 13:10 | Opening congress by BPRC |
| 13:10 – 13:30 | Opening presentation<br>• Prof. Dr. Stefan Treue |
| 13:30 – 14:30 | Plenary presentations<br>• Prof. Dr. Christine Mummery<br>• Prof. Dr. Mu-ming Poo<br>• Dr. Lars Mecklenburg |
| 14:30 – 15:00 | Break |
| 15:00 – 16:00 | Plenary presentations<br>• Dr. Roger Le Grand<br>• Dr. Erwan Bezard<br>• General discussion |
| 16:00 – 16:30 | Break |
| 16:30 – 17:00 | Introduction NHP-centres & introduction working sessions |
| 17:00 – 18:00 | Working sessions<br>• Infectious diseases & translational models<br>• Neuroscience & translational models<br>• NAMs & bio- and databanking<br>• Public outreach<br>• NHP sourcing, welfare and veterinary sciences |
| 18:00 | Bites & drinks |

### Day 2 – Wednesday May 27th

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| 8:00 – 8:30 | Coffee and arrival |
| 8:30 – 9:30 | Continue working sessions |
| 9:30 - 10:30 | Plenary presentations conclusions working sessions |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Break |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | General discussion & call to action |
| 12:00 | Lunch |

Participants are invited to **bring a poster** to showcase their work. Between sessions there will be time and space for attendees to walk around, view the posters, and engage in informal discussions.

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# We are proud to announce our speakers!

## Prof. Dr. Stefan Treue

Stefan is director of the German Primate Center and professor of cognitive neurosciences at the University of Göttingen, focusing on cognitive neuroscience and primate research. “Responsible animal research is an essential method in biomedical research.”

He is a key figure in European research networks and was awarded the Leibniz Prize of the German Research Foundation — one of Germany’s top scientific awards — for his pioneering research on visual attention.

## Prof. Dr. Christine Mummery

Christine is professor of developmental biology at Leiden University Medical Center and a globally leading expert in stem cell research and organ-on-chip technology. Her message is clear: ”it’s not just about using fewer animals, but about doing smarter and better research.”

Using human stem cells and organ-on-chip platforms, she demonstrates how disease processes can be modelled more realistically — from beating mini-hearts to blood vessels on a chip used to test new drugs.

## Prof. Dr. Mu-ming Poo

Mu-ming is a leading neuroscientist and founding director of Institute of Neuroscience, Chinese Academy of Sciences. He is also the Paul Licht Distinguished Professor Emeritus at the University of California, Berkeley.

His research interest includes axon growth, synaptic plasticity, and the use of non-human primates to study higher cognitive functions and human brain disorders.

## Dr. Lars Mecklenburg

Lars is site managing director and executive director of safety assessment at Labcorp. With a background in veterinary pathology and decades of experience in both CRO and pharmaceutical settings, he emphasizes the role of translational models in drug development.

“Preclinical research can better bridge the gap between laboratory findings and clinical outcomes.”

## Dr. Roger Le Grand

Roger is executive director of IDMIT and head of immuno-virology at CEA.
His research focuses on infectious diseases such as COVID-19, using non-human primate models to study how viruses interact with the immune system.

In his work, Roger explores disease mechanisms and transmission to drive the development of vaccines and help prevent future outbreaks.

## Dr. Erwan Bezard

Erwan is an INSERM research director and leading neuroscientist in Parkinson’s disease and related disorders. His work focuses on disease mechanisms, progression, and the development of innovative therapeutic strategies, including the use of non-human primate models.

With over 370 publications and ranked among the top 1% most cited researchers, Erwan is internationally recognized as a leading expert in his field.


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