



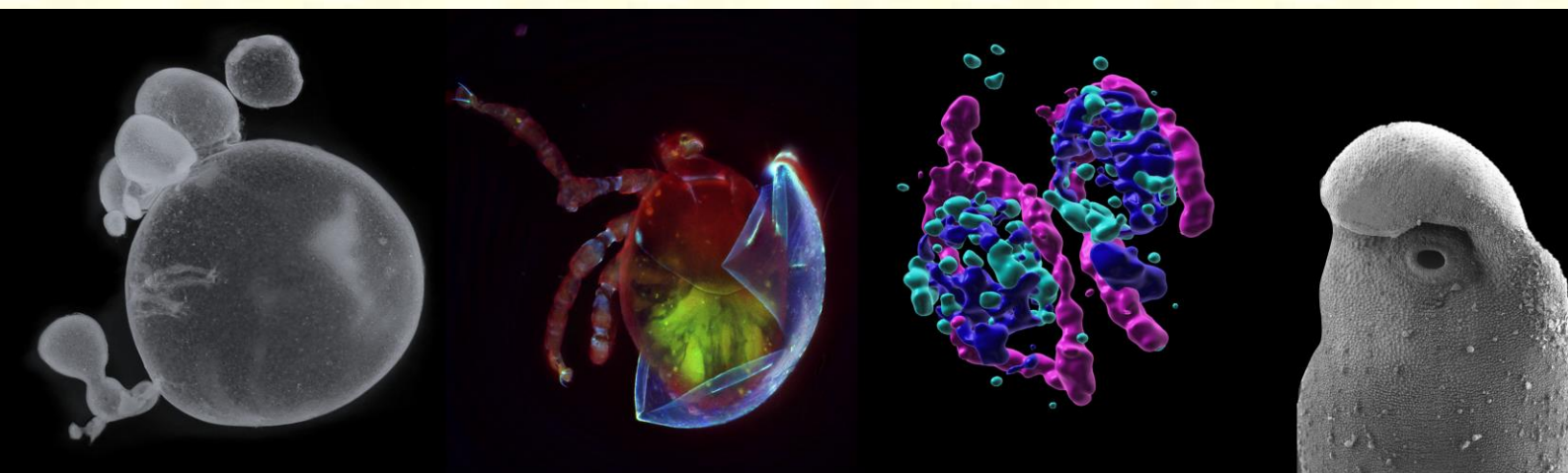
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**Joint meeting of the
26th Drug Design & Development Seminar (DDDS) 2026
of the German Society for Parasitology (DGP)
&
The European Cost Action – CA21111 – “OneHealthdrugs”**

“Human and Animal Parasitic Diseases – Bridging the Innovation Gap“

**March 17th – 20th, 2026
Giessen, Germany**



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Meeting Minutes

The 26th Drug Design & Development Seminar (DDDS) of the German Society for Parasitology (DGP) was held as a joint meeting with the European Cost Action CA21111 “OneHealthdrugs”. The meeting started on Tuesday afternoon, March 17th, with a welcome reception and concluded on Friday, March 20th, with closing remarks by Prof. Paul M. Selzer. During the farewell session, Prof. Selzer announced PD Dr. Simone Häberlein as the new co-lead of the DDDS. This was followed by the presentation of five early-career awards, moderated by PD Dr. Häberlein in her new role as co-chair.

The meeting was officially opened on Wednesday morning by welcome notes from:

- Prof. Christoph Grevelding, University of Giessen.
- Prof. Stefan Arnold, Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Giessen.
- Prof. Maria Paola Costi, Chair of the Cost Action, University of Modena.
- Prof. Paul M. Selzer, Chair of the DDDS, University of Tübingen.

This year’s meeting brought together 90 participants and featured 8 keynote lectures delivered by internationally recognized experts. These talks provided deep insights into current advances in parasitology and antiparasitic drug discovery and development. In addition to the keynote sessions, the program included 29 scientific presentations and 17 posters, covering a broad range of topics related to diseases caused or transmitted by ectoparasites, helminths, protozoa, and viruses. The diversity of contributions reflected the dynamic and interdisciplinary nature of the field.

The Scientific Board expressed its sincere appreciation to the COST Action for its substantial contributions to the joint meeting, to the industry sponsors whose generous support made the event possible, and to the local organizing team for their exceptional dedication and professionalism. The Board also extended heartfelt thanks to all speakers, presenters, and participants for their enthusiasm, engagement, and scientific excellence, which collectively ensured the success of the meeting.

A memorable highlight of the social program was the conference dinner on Thursday evening. The event was accompanied by an outstanding live performance from Prof. Grevelding and his band “Dribbdeblues”, complemented by a surprise appearance from Dr. Ronald Kaminsky, who delighted attendees with a banjo performance. This lively evening provided an excellent opportunity for networking and informal scientific exchange.

In recognition of outstanding contributions from emerging researchers, the DDDS awarded two book prizes/vouchers for exceptional oral presentations and three poster prizes for high-quality poster contributions. These awards underscored the meeting’s commitment to supporting early-career scientists and fostering meaningful dialogue between junior and senior researchers.

Looking ahead, participants are encouraged to save the date for the bi-annual meeting of the German Society for Parasitology, which will take place from March 9th – 12th, 2027, in Munich, Germany. As in previous years, the DDDS will be featured as a workshop within this event. The next independent DDDS is scheduled for March 2028, with the location to be announced later this year.