

## PRESS RELEASE

### **5th Jung Symposium: New Perspectives for Cancer Therapies, Neurodegenerative Diseases, and Infections**

Under the motto “Excellence in Human Medicine 2025,” the Jung Foundation invites participants to experience groundbreaking research with direct benefits for patients on May 16, 2025, via livestream



The banner features the Jung Foundation logo in the top right corner. The main text is centered and reads: **5<sup>TH</sup> JUNG SYMPOSIUM** followed by **„EXCELLENCE IN HUMAN MEDICINE 2025“**. Below this, the date **MAY 16, 2025** is displayed. A yellow horizontal bar contains the text **Register now!**. At the bottom, the URL **[jung-stiftung.de/en/symposium-2025/](https://jung-stiftung.de/en/symposium-2025/)** is provided.

*Hamburg, 11.03.2025. How can neurodegenerative diseases be targeted effectively? Which new active substances could shape the next generation of cancer medications? And how can the immune system be activated to effectively destroy tumours? These pressing medical questions will be the focus of the **5th Jung Symposium “Excellence in Human Medicine 2025”**, taking place on May 16 in Hamburg and available online via livestream. The event is organized by the Hamburg-based, independent Jung Foundation for Science and Research, which has been honouring top-level research with substantial awards since 1967. At this year’s*

*symposium, structural biologist Professor Elena Conti, PhD, microbiologist Professor Dr Jörn Piel, cancer researcher Dr med. Benjamin Ruf, and immuno-oncologist and Professor Emeritus of the Université Paris Cité, Professor Wolf-Herman Fridman, MD, PhD, will present pioneering findings that open new avenues in the treatment of serious diseases. Following their presentations, these leading researchers will be available to answer questions from the audience. The symposium will be held on **May 16 from 1pm to 4pm (CET) in Hamburg and can also be followed remotely via livestream**. Anyone interested is asked to register in advance at <https://jung-stiftung.de/en/symposium-2025/> where the current program is also available. The symposium will be conducted in English, and participation is free of charge.*

### **Program of the 5th Jung Symposium “Excellence in Human Medicine 2025”**

1:00pm: **Professor Dr Blanche Schwappach-Pignataro**, Jung-Stiftung and University Medical Centre Hamburg-Eppendorf, *Welcome and Opening*

1:05pm: **Dr med. Benjamin Ruf (34)**, Research Group Leader at the Malignome, Metabolome, and Microbiome Research Center at the Faculty of Medicine at the Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen, physician in training at the Department of Internal Medicine I at University Hospital of Tübingen and member of Germany's only oncology cluster of excellence, the “iFIT”, *“Personalized Immunotherapy: Developing the Best Cancer Treatment for Every Patient”*

1:40pm: **Professor Wolf-Herman Fridman, MD, PhD, (79)**, Professor Emeritus of Immunology at the Cordeliers Research Centre of the Université Paris Cité, *“From Immune Response to Cure: How Immunotherapy is Transforming the Lives of Cancer Patients”*

2:20pm: Coffee Break

2:40pm: **Professor Elena Conti, PhD (58)**, Director at the Max Planck Institute of Biochemistry in Martinsried near Munich, *“The RNA Exosome Complex: Molecular Mechanisms of RNA Degradation in Health and Disease”*

3:20pm: **Professor Dr Jörn Piel (58)**, microbiologist and head of the Bacterial Natural Products research group at the Institute of Microbiology at ETH Zurich, *“Nature’s Hidden Pharmacy: Unlocking New Drugs for Cancer and Antibiotic Research”*

***Providing a platform for inspiring scientists and groundbreaking research***

With this event, the Jung Foundation, an independent organization, is once again providing a platform for excellent research and interdisciplinary exchange-crossing both professional and national boundaries for the fifth time. It offers medical professionals, researchers, students, and interested members of the public the opportunity to experience outstanding research through engaging live presentations. To this end, the foundation annually invites its award recipients to present their groundbreaking findings. From these presentations, the foundation hopes to foster a dialogue between theory and practice, inspiring new ideas, impulses, and innovations.

Those who wish to follow the symposium via livestream are asked to register online at <https://jung-stiftung.de/en/symposium-2025/>. A few days before the “Excellence in Human Medicine 2025” Jung Symposium, registrants will receive an access link by email. In-person attendance is also possible; advance registration is requested.

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### **About the Jung Foundation for Science and Research**

The Jung Foundation for Science and Research, based in Hamburg, Germany, is an independent organization that annually provides up to three awards in recognition of fundamental and advanced research projects of significant clinical relevance. Since 1967, the foundation has invested more than 15 million euros in supporting researchers whose projects build a bridge between research and the bedside. Under the motto of 'Excellence in human medicine', the foundation makes a significant contribution to the development of new treatment methods. The Jung Prize for Medicine, the Jung Gold Medal for Medicine and the Jung Career Advancement Award for Medical Research are among the most highly endowed medical prizes in Europe. With the additional awarding of fellowships and German scholarships, the foundation provides a total funding of up to 650,000 euros annually.

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