

OncoProTools Summer School 2025

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SCHEDULE



ROOM SC.205	ROOM S.KS.203		ROOM S.KS.204	
WED 10	MON 15	TUE 16	WED 17	THU 18
09:00 - 12:00 WORKSHOP JOB SEEKING TECHNIQUES Robin Lefebvre Grow-to-Excel	09:00 - 12:00 PROTEASE- TARGETED PET/SPECT/CT Eleni Gourni Inselspital FAPIS / PRETARGETED THERANOSTICS Matthias Herth UPCH	09:30 - 12:30 WORKSHOP PATIENTS ADVOCACY AND COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES Juan Ventura Chiara Zampolli Cancer Patients Europe (CPE) Team	09:00 - 12:00 DISCUSSION AROUND THE COMMUNICATION STRATEGY Led by the OncoProTools Social Media Team	09:00 - 12:00 COURSE ON IPR: BASICS & ADVANCED Steven Vermeir UAntwerp
Lunch Time				
13:00 - 17:00 WORKSHOP JOB SEEKING TECHNIQUES Robin Lefebvre Grow-to-Excel	13:00 - 15:00 TARGETED RADIONUCLIDE THERAPY' Filipe Elvas UAntwerp 15:30 - 16:30 SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES IN RESEARCH	13:30 - 15:00 RESEARCH INTEGRITY Marianne De Voecht UAntwerp	13:30 - 17:00 GROUP WORK "WIKIPEDIA" 3 "Wiki-lemmas" WP1: UniCAR T WP2: Protease Targeting WP3: Multiplex Tumor Phenotyping	13:00 - 15:00 EU FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR POSTDOCS Maya Berg Paz Yanez Tuhina Khan UAntwerp
Visit to Seef Brewery				

DAY 1

Wednesday, 10 September



(09:00 - 17:00) JOB SEEKING TECHNIQUES

Dr. Robin Lefebvre

Coach and trainer, with expertise in both industry and academia
PhD in Molecular Genetics by the Flemish Institute for Biotechnology.

ABOUT ROBIN AND GROW-TO-EXCEL

Robin Lefebvre is a leadership coach and trainer with a background in both academia and industry, including leadership roles at Procter & Gamble. He founded Grow-To-Excel with the vision of helping people pursue meaningful, long-term goals and grow into their full potential.

Rooted in trust, passion, and collaboration, Grow-To-Excel empowers individuals – leaders, researchers, teachers, and more – to inspire others, build strong teams, and create lasting impact.



TRAINING OBJECTIVES AND CONTENT

This one-day workshop will help the Doctoral Candidates reflect on personal branding and prepare for career transitions, particularly between academia and industry. The key topics that will be discussed are:

- Identifying career paths and potential trajectories
- Understanding recruitment processes in different sectors
- Writing an effective CV – industry vs. academia
- Crafting impactful cover letters
- Discussing job interviews (no role-play is foreseen)
- Optional discussion on networking and LinkedIn if time allows

DAY 2

Monday, 15 September



(09:00 - 10:30) PROTEASE-TARGETED PET/SPECT/CT

Dr. Eleni Gourni, Inselspital, University Hospital Bern
Head of Radiopharmacy Lab / Preclinical Oncology
Inselspital, University Hospital Bern | University Clinic for Nuclear Medicine



(10:30 - 12:00) FAPIS / PRETARGETED THERANOSTICS

Prof. Matthias Manfred Herth, University of Copenhagen
Professor for Radiopharmaceutical Chemistry, University of Copenhagen | Co-Founder & CSO at TetraKit Technologies



(13:30 - 15:00) TARGETED RADIONUCLIDE THERAPY

Prof. Filipe Elvas, University of Antwerp
Tenure Track Assistant Professor of Radiopharmacy
Molecular Imaging Center Antwerp, University of Antwerp

(15:30 - 16:30) (ONLINE) SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES IN LIFE SCIENCE RESEARCH, BY GREEN LABS NL

Speaker: Joep Sprangers, PhD

Sustainable Lab Coordinator at UMC Utrecht & Green Labs NL

Green Labs NL works on just and sustainable scientific practices into the science and laboratory community via local and (inter)national projects and knowledge building. Its mission is to equip current/future professionals with the knowledge, skills, and reflective capabilities needed to minimise the negative social and environmental impacts of scientific research and laboratory work through educational innovations.

FOCUS OF THE SEMINAR

Scientists have a large footprint because of the CO₂ emissions associated with doing research. In this session, we will discuss several aspects of the greenlabs-movement, which include simple solutions for doing science in a more sustainable way. DCs will learn about sustainable cold storage, invisible animal-derived products in the lab, and the impact of work-related air-travel.



DAY 3

Tuesday, 16 September



(09:30 - 12:30) PATIENT ADVOCACY & COMMUNICATION

By Cancer Patients Europe (CPE)

Juan-Jose Ventura, Research and Patient Engagement Director

Chiara Kuby, Junior Policy Officer

Mariia Dzhus, Research and Patient Engagement Officer

TRAINING GOAL & LEARNING OUTCOMES

In this workshop, the DCs will have the opportunity to explore the various departments within CPE and the wide range of activities aimed at bringing cancer patients' voices into research projects and European institutions. The DCs will gain insights into:

1. How cancer patients can be actively involved in research projects and the value they bring to these initiatives.
2. How cancer patients and their representatives can influence European policies and regulations to improve the lives of people affected by cancer.
3. Methodological and technical approaches to enhance communication and dissemination, enabling effective collection and sharing of information for and with cancer patients.



(13:30 - 15:00) RESEARCH INTEGRITY

Marianne De Voecht, University of Antwerp

Policy advisor at the Research Affairs Unit of Research, Innovation & Valorisation Antwerp, University of Antwerp. Supporting the policy processes on research integrity.

TRAINING CONTENT

Participants will be able to recognize the core principles of research integrity and explain why these principles are essential for credible and trustworthy science. They will learn to identify various forms of research misconduct and questionable research practices, understanding their impact on scientific progress. They will also apply ethical decision-making frameworks to real-world research dilemmas and evaluate possible courses of action.

DAY 4

Wednesday, 17 September



(09:00 - 12:00) ONCOPROTOOLS COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

Led by the Social Media Team

A discussion within the DC Fellow Board to plan the communication strategy for the final year of the OncoProTools project. Particular focus will be placed on preparing outreach materials and coordinating a social media campaign aligned with the network's participation in the 8th Theranostics World Congress (8TWC) in Cape Town in January 2026.



(13:00 - 16:00) GROUP WORK "WIKI-LEMMAS"

TIME TO WORK IN GROUPS

DCs can use the classroom KS.203 until 17:00.

Delivery date: 22 September 2025

Working in groups, preferably by work packages, please follow the guidelines:

1. Identify a Wikipedia page that is relevant to your research.
2. Draft a proposed update, addition, or correction to the content.
3. Ensure your text is well-referenced and as accurate as possible.

Please send the link to the Wikipedia page along with your proposed text to info.oncoprotols@uantwerpen.be

DAY 5

Thursday, 18 September



(09:00 - 12:00) COURSE ON IPR: BASICS & ADVANCED

Dr. Steven Vermeir, University of Antwerp

Intellectual Property (IP) Manager, PhD in Bioengineering Sciences
University of Antwerp

A comprehensive introduction to Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) and their role in research projects. Building on the basics, the advanced part will explore strategic IP management, patent landscapes, and commercialization pathways, providing practical insights to protect, valorize, and navigate IP in both academia and industry.



(13:00 - 15:00) FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHERS: MSCA-PF & OTHERS

Maya Berg, PhD

Senior Research Manager of the Infla-Med Centre of Excellence
University of Antwerp



Paz Yanez-Murillo

Project Manager of EU-Funded Projects
Grants Office of the University of Antwerp



Tuhina Khan, PhD

MSCA-PF Fellow, Medicinal Chemist
UAntwerp Medicinal Chemistry Research Group (UAMC)

This session aims to present a range of funding opportunities to support various postdoctoral career pathways. Particular focus will be given to the MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships Call, as it represents an attractive follow-up to an MSCA PhD trajectory. This part will include a testimonial speech by a current MSCA-PF grantee, also a former MSCA-PhD fellow in the TRACT-ITN Network. Furthermore, additional funding schemes will also be explored.

ASSIGNMENTS



1) PERSONAL CAREER DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Delivery date: Friday, 4 July 2025

Update your Personal Career Development Plan (PCDP), ensure the content is discussed with your supervisor(s) during a face-to-face meeting (not via email), and send a signed digital copy to info.oncoprotools@uantwerpen.be before July 4th.

2) PROJECT PROGRESS PRESENTATION

Delivery date: 5 September 2025

Prepare your project progress presentation (20 minutes, followed by a 10-minute Q&A session), and send your slides to info.oncoprotools@uantwerpen.be before September 5th.

3) EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Delivery date: 30 September 2025

Please fill out [this anonymous evaluation questionnaire](#) before September 30th. We recommend doing so right after the Summer School, to ensure fresh responses.

4) WIKI-LEMMAS

Delivery date: 22 September 2025

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3. Ensure your text is well-referenced and as accurate as possible.

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5) ENTREPRENEURSHIP CHALLENGE 2025

Delivery date: 10 September 2025

Please prepare a 2.5-minute pitch using only one slide. Be sure to use layman's terms, so that a non-expert audience can clearly understand the core idea and potential impact of your research. Your pitch will be evaluated by a diverse, non-expert audience. The best pitch will receive a symbolic award. Note that the goal of this exercise is to assess your ability to communicate and "sell" your research to a broad audience. Please send your slide to info.oncoprotools@uantwerpen.be by September 10th.

CITY CAMPUS, UNIVERSITY OF ANTWERP

The Summer School 2025 will be held at the City Campus of the University of Antwerp, which is a combination of both historic and modern buildings located in the heart of Antwerp city center. Some of the buildings date from the 16th century. The City Campus also has plenty of modern workspaces, but they are not just for studying: these places are hubs for knowledge exchange, reading and reflection, and social contact.



ROOMS

Wednesday, 10 September:

Building A, Classroom A.205

Address: Prinsstraat 13B – Antwerp



Monday, 15 September

- Thursday, 18 September:

Building s.KS., Classroom KS.203

Address: Kattenstraat 10, 2000 Antwerp



GET TO THE VENUE



From Brussels-Zaventem Airport

Brussels Airport offers a direct train to Antwerp Central Station (~35 minutes). Timetables can be checked on the [NMBS website](#). From there, it is a 15-minute walk to the venue (City Campus of the University of Antwerp). Alternatively, the Airport Express shuttle goes directly to Antwerp city center in around 1 hour, which is followed by a 15-minute walk to reach the venue. [More information](#).

From Brussels South Charleroi Airport

If flying with Ryanair, you can reach Antwerp by train or shuttle. For the train ([NMBS website](#)), take a bus to Charleroi South station first (check the timetable on the [TEC website](#)). The total trip takes around 2 hours and 20 minutes.

From Amsterdam Schiphol Airport

A [Eurostar](#) fast train connects Schiphol Airport to Antwerp Central Station in about 55 minutes.

Arrival by Car

For route planning, use the [Smart Way to Antwerp platform](#). Note that parts of the city center are [low-emission zones](#), and the area around the City Campus has a 20 km/h speed limit with shared road use by pedestrians.

Public Transport in Antwerp

The company [De Lijn](#) operates trams and buses throughout the city. A 10-ride ticket costs 17 EUR and is available at vending machines, supermarkets, and newspaper shops. You can also buy a single ticket in the bus, which costs 3.00 EUR.

More details about the campus

<https://www.uantwerpen.be/en/about-uantwerp/campuses/stadscampus/>



Only on 10/09

From 15/09 to 18/09

Antwerp Central Station

ACCOMMODATION



We provide a non-exhaustive list of accommodations not far from the venue. You are strongly advised to prepare your travel arrangements as soon as possible to avoid overrated fees.

DCs should discuss the accommodation budget limit with their supervisors. These expenses are to be covered by the EU budget of each beneficiary (not by the consortium budget).

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS CITY CENTRE

(10 min walking distance)

Frankrijklei 4/6, 2000 Antwerpen

~117 EUR / night, breakfast included

[Book a room](#)

CITY BOX

(7 min walking distance)

Molenbergstraat 2, 2000 Antwerpen

~105 EUR / night, breakfast excluded

[Book a room](#)

Hotel Indigo Antwerp City Centre by IHG

(15 min walking distance)

Koningin Astridplein 43, Antwerp District, 2018 Antwerp

~115 EUR / night, breakfast included

[Book a room](#)

PARK INN BY RADISSON ANTWERP

(20 min walking distance)

Koningin Astridplein 14, 2018 Antwerpen

~125 EUR / night, breakfast included

[Book a room](#)

THEATER HOTEL ANTWERPEN

(15 min walking distance)

Arenbergstraat 30, 2000 Antwerpen

~125 EUR / night, breakfast included

[Book a room](#)

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