

# OncoProTools Annual Meeting 2025

University of Antwerp



## 11-12 SEPTEMBER 2025

**City Campus of the University of Antwerp**

Klooster van de Grauwzusters, University of Antwerp

Lange Sint-Annastraat 7, 2000 Antwerp, Belgium

**Contact:** [info.oncoprotools@uantwerpen.be](mailto:info.oncoprotools@uantwerpen.be)



Funded by  
the European Union



University  
of Antwerp

# AGENDA 11 SEPTEMBER



## *Auditorium of the Klooster van de Grauwzusters (Floor 1)*

08:45 Opening

### **WELCOME WORDS**

**09.00 – 09.10** | Pieter Van der Veken, University of Antwerp, **Coordinator**

### **DOCTORAL CANDIDATES' PROJECT PROGRESS (WP1)**

**09.10 – 10.10** | DC3 Simona Matiussi (20 min + Q&A)  
DC4 Hugo Boutier (20 min + Q&A)

10.10 – 10.40 Coffee Break

### **DOCTORAL CANDIDATES' PROJECT PROGRESS (WP2)**

**10.40 – 12.10** | DC1 Nikita Shikut (20 min + Q&A)  
DC2 Magda Thanopoulou (20 min + Q&A)  
DC5 Thales do Valle Moreira (20 min + Q&A)  
DC8 Oliviero Cini (20 min + Q&A)

12.10 – 13.10 Lunch Break

### **DOCTORAL CANDIDATES' PROJECT PROGRESS (WP3)**

**13.10 – 14.40** | DC6 Alberto Bigogno (20 min + Q&A)  
DC9 Héctor Caballero-González (20 min + Q&A)  
DC10 Adrianna Bilińska (20 min + Q&A)

14.40 – 15.00 Coffee Break

### **PITCH PRESENTATIONS “ENTREPRENEURSHIP CHALLENGE”**

**15.00 – 17.00** | The DCs will give their pitch presentation  
Order: starting with DC10 Adrianna and ending with DC01 Nikita  
Award for “The Best Pitch” by the external jury

19:00 Consortium Dinner: University Club, City Campus  
Address: Prinsstraat 13, 2000 Antwerp

# AGENDA 12 SEPTEMBER



## *Auditorium of the Klooster van de Grauwzusters (Floor 1)*

08:45 Opening

### **WP BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

**09.00 - 10.30 | WP1: Safer and more effective CAR T therapy - Room S.S.002**

Chaired by Dr. Anja Feldmann (HZDR)

**WP2: Novel ligands for other TME proteases - Room S.S.004**

Chaired by Prof. Tania Schirmeister (JGU Mainz) and Prof. Maria Santos (FFUL)

**WP3: Towards personalized protease targeting - Auditorium, floor -1**

Chaired by Dr. Laura Rocchi (CELLPLY) and Dr. Juan José Sanz (CNB-CSIC)

10.30 - 11.00 Coffee Break

### **WRAP-UP SESSION (AUDITORIUM, FLOOR -1)**

**11:00 - 11:30 | WP1: Safer and more effective CAR T therapy (up to 10 min)**

WP2: Novel ligands for other TME proteases (up to 10 min)

WP3: Towards personalized protease targeting (up to 10 min)

### **11.30 SUPERVISORY BOARD (SB) MEETING**

### **SB MEETING (AUDITORIUM, FLOOR -1)**

**11:30 - 12.30 | Training program & operational aspects & participation in 8TWC in Cape Town**

Prof. Pieter Van Der Veken (Coordinator, UAntwerp)

Prof. Matthias Herth (WP4 leader, Training)

Dr. Maya Berg (research manager, UAntwerp)

Paz Yanez-Murillo (project manager, UAntwerp)

12.30 - 13.30 Closing Lunch

### **SB MEETING (AUDITORIUM, FLOOR -1)**

**13.30 - 15.30 | Meeting preparation MSCA-DN 2025 Proposal**

Charied by: Prof. Pieter Van der Veken and Dr. Maya Berg

Internal meeting with partners involved in the new MSCA proposal



## CITY CAMPUS, UNIVERSITY OF ANTWERP

The annual Meeting 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, reflection, and social contact.



The Klooster van de Grauwzusters (Convent of the Grey Sisters) has a rich history. Long ago, nuns cared for victims of the plague within the convent's gloomy, grey walls, designed by Frans Baeckelmans and built in 1887. When the last 'Grey Sister' left the convent in 1999, the Flemish Government sought a new purpose for this building.

The condition was that the new occupants should continue the building's great tradition of providing services to society. It was the ideal place for the University of Antwerp, which was looking for premises in the city centre at that time.

## MEETING ROOM

The meeting will take place in the Auditorium of the Klooster van de Grauwzusters, located on floor -1.



# 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/>



# 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](#)

WE WISH YOU A PLEASANT  
STAY IN ANTWERP!

