

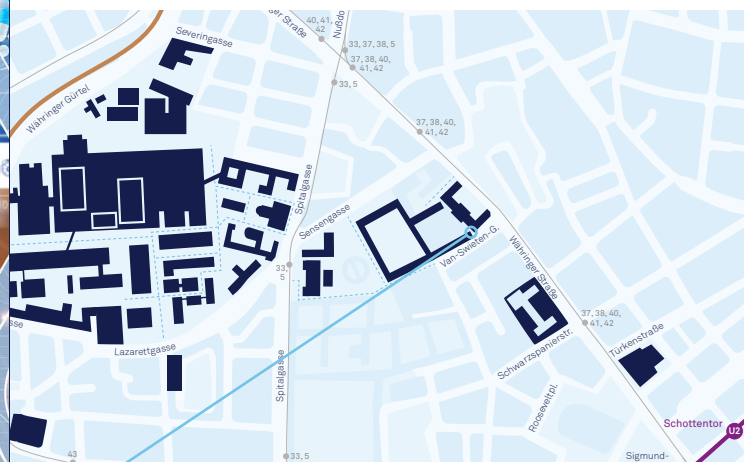


Alumni Club Symposium 2025 The Future of Academic Medicine

1st December 2025, 4.30 – 6.15 pm
2nd December 2025, 9.00 am – 6.00 pm

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Speakers

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Cambridge Biomedical Research Centre, University of
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Jeremy Farrar
World Health Organization (WHO)

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Michael Geklé
Julius-Bernstein-Institute for Physiology,
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Péter Hegyi
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Michael J. Strong
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Daniela Thommen
Netherlands Cancer Institute

Michael Trauner
Department of Medicine III, MedUni Vienna

Irene Virgolini
Nuclear Medicine Department, MedUni Innsbruck

Academic medicine stands at a critical crossroads – shaped by evolving clinical demands, funding constraints, and the shifting expectations of a new generation of healthcare professionals.

The Alumni Club Symposium 2025 invites physicians, clinician-scientists, health policy leaders, and medical educators to engage in a focused dialogue on shaping the future of academic medicine in a rapidly changing world.

Over two days, distinguished speakers and participants will explore key questions around research integration, medical education, clinical innovation, and institutional visions for the 21st century. A special focus will be placed on engaging Generation Z in medicine and strengthening the clinician–researcher career pathway. Join us in Vienna for thought-provoking lectures, interactive discussions, and valuable networking opportunities with peers committed to advancing excellence in academic medicine.

1st December 2025

5.00 – 5.15 pm
Opening and Welcome
Welcome by the Rector of the MedUni of Vienna
Welcome by the organizers, Harald Sitte,
Wolfgang Schütz

5.15 – 6.15 pm
Opening Keynote
Determining the position of academic medicine today
Sadaf Farooqi

2nd December 2025

9.00 – 9.10 am
Welcome

9.10 – 10.00 am
Challenges for the Clinical Practice (in combination with research)
Daniela Thommen, Michael Trauner, Shahrokh Shariat

10.00 – 10.30 am
Physician researcher pathway – does it pay off?
Irene Lang, Irene Virgolini

10.30 – 11.20 am
Clinical research funding from Public Institutions
Michael J. Strong, Christoph Binder

11.20 – 11.45 am
Coffee break

11.45 – 12.10 am
Clinical research funding from Industry – Is there academic support?
Jeremy Farrar

12.10 – 1.15 pm
Lunch break

1.15 – 1.40 pm
Educating the Next Generation of Physician-Scientists: Translational Competence for the 21st Century
Péter Hegyi

1.40 – 2.25 pm
Developing enthusiasm for Clinician–Researcher Pathway early on – the role of teaching medicine
Intro on broader perspective
Martin Fischer

The view from local next-generation researchers
Marie Lang, Vincent Millischer, Isabella Salzer

2.25 – 2.50 pm
Understanding “Generation Z”
Melanie Lenger

2.50 – 3.15 pm
Best-practice programmes
Topics: on structural problems
Michael Geklé

3.15 – 3.40 pm
Coffee break

3.40 – 4.15 pm
Overarching visions: “Universitas” in the 21st Century and beyond
Britta Siegmund

4.15 – 5.30 pm
Final discussion round on “Synergies between research, clinical practice and teaching”, global and local visions
Sadaf Farooqi, Michael Geklé, Markus Müller, Britta Siegmund

5.30 pm
Closing remarks and farewell

6.00 pm
End of Symposium