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# 14<sup>th</sup> Galenus International Workshop

# RNA Therapeutics:

# Taking Stock and Glimpse into the Future

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## May 18-19, 2026

Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II  
Centro Congressi, Via Partenope, 36, Napoli (IT)



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## About the Workshop

*Hosted by the Department of Pharmacy at the University of Naples Federico II in collaboration with the Galenus Foundation, the 14th Galenus International Workshop, “RNA Therapeutics: Taking Stock and a Glimpse into the Future,” is an international conference devoted to the latest breakthroughs, challenges, and emerging opportunities in RNA-based therapeutic innovation.*

*Continuing the tradition of the international workshops organized across Europe by the Foundation, this two-day meeting will bring together leading experts from academia and industry to present cutting-edge research in the field of RNA therapeutics, foster interdisciplinary dialogue, and help shape the evolving landscape of RNA-based medicines.*

*Held in the historic setting of Naples, the workshop combines scientific discussion with meaningful networking opportunities in a wonderful environment that encourages collaboration and exchange.*

*Join us in Naples to take stock of today’s advances and to glimpse the future of RNA therapeutics!*

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### PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

#### Day 1 – May 18, 2026

8:30–9:30 Registration

9:30–10:00 Institutional Welcome

10:00–11:00 **Opening Lecture - Prof. Rosario Rizzuto** (Università di Padova, IT)  
*"The Italian Center on RNA therapeutics: a coordinated effort"*

11:00–11:30 Coffee break

#### Session 1 – RNA Mechanisms and Therapeutic Targets

11:30–12:00 **Invited Lecture - Prof. Rory Johnson** (University College Dublin, IE)  
*"RIBOncology: Targeting Regulatory RNAs in Cancer"*

12:00–12:15 Podium Presentation 1 (selected from abstracts, 10 min + 5 min Q&A)

12:15–12:30 Podium Presentation 2 (selected from abstracts, 10 min + 5 min Q&A)

12:30–12:45 Podium Presentation 3 (selected from abstracts, 10 min + 5 min Q&A)

12:45–13:00 Flash Presentations (2 selected from abstracts, 6 min + 2 min Q&A)

13:00–14:30 Lunch & Poster Session

#### Session 2 – Delivery Challenges of RNA Therapeutics

14:30–15:00 **Plenary Lecture - Prof. Raymond Schiffelers** (UMC Utrecht, NL)  
*"RNA-Enabled DNA Therapy: Targeted Lipid Nanoparticles for In Vivo CAR-T"*

15:00–15:15 Podium Presentation 4 (selected from abstracts, 10 min + 5 min Q&A)

15:15–15:30 Podium Presentation 5 (selected from abstracts, 10 min + 5 min Q&A)

15:30–16:00 Coffee break

16:00–16:15 Podium Presentation 6 (selected from abstracts, 10 min + 5 min Q&A)

16:15–16:30 Podium Presentation 7 (selected from abstracts, 10 min + 5 min Q&A)

16:30–17:00 Flash Presentations (4 selected from abstracts, 6 min + 2 min Q&A)

17:00–18:30 Poster Session

**19:30 - Social Dinner - TBD**



### Day 2 – May 19, 2026

9:15–9:30 Welcome

#### Session 3 – Therapeutic Applications Beyond the Liver

9:30–10:00 **Invited Lecture - Prof. Olivia M. Merkel** (LMU Munich, DE)  
*“From Molecular Dynamics to Materials: AI-Guided Pulmonary RNA Delivery”*

10:00–10:15 Podium Presentation 8 (selected from abstracts, 10 min + 5 min Q&A)

10:15–10:30 Podium Presentation 9 (selected from abstracts, 10 min + 5 min Q&A)

10:30–11:00 **Invited Lecture - Prof. Paolo Decuzzi** (IIT, IT & Stanford University, USA)  
*Title TBD*

11:00–11:30 Coffee break

#### Session 4 – Manufacturing Challenges

11:30–12:00 **Invited Lecture - Prof. Giovanni Tosi** (Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia, IT)  
*“Shaping Nanomedicines: How to Move Faster and Better?”*

12:00–12:15 Podium Presentation 10 (selected from abstracts, 10 min + 5 min Q&A)

12:15–12:30 Podium Presentation 11 (selected from abstracts, 10 min + 5 min Q&A)

12:30–12:45 Podium Presentation 12 (selected from abstracts, 10 min + 5 min Q&A)

12:45–13:00 Flash Presentations (2 selected from abstracts, 6 min + 2 min Q&A)

13:00–14:30 Lunch & Poster Session

#### Session 5 – Advanced Models for RNA Therapeutics Validation

14:30–15:00 **Invited Lecture – Prof. Sarah Hedtrich** (UBC, Vancouver, CA)  
*“Local gene therapies to reduce genetic diseases of the skin and lungs”*

15:00–15:15 Podium Presentation 13 (selected from abstracts, 10 min + 5 min Q&A)

15:15–15:30 Podium Presentation 14 (selected from abstracts, 10 min + 5 min Q&A)

15:30–16:00 Flash Presentations (2 selected from abstracts, 6 min + 2 min Q&A)

**16:00–17:00 Awards & Closing Remarks**



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#### CONFERENCE VENUE

The conference will be held in the main room (Aula Magna) of the Centro Congressi Partenope, part of the Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II, located at Via Partenope, 36 in Naples, Italy.

The conference hall is located almost directly across from the famous Castel dell'Ovo and along the beautiful main promenade in the heart of Naples.



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#### ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Abstract submission opens February 1st, 2026.

Follow the instruction at <https://www.galenusmeeting2026.com/abstract>

#### REGISTRATION FEES

Including lunches, coffee breaks and social dinner

	Price (euros)	Deadline
Student* Early Bird Registration	€ 130.00	14 March 2026
Student* Registration	€ 150.00	TBD
Regular Early Bird Registration	€ 150.00	14 March 2026
Regular Registration	€ 170.00	TBD
Representative from Industry	€ 170.00	NA

\*Undergraduate/Msc/PhD students

#### IMPORTANT DATES

- **February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026** – Registration and abstract submission open
  - **March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026** – Abstract submission deadline
  - **March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026** – Early registration deadline

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**When:**

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**Where:**

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