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**FRIDAY,
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08:00 a.m. – 05:15 p.m.

Van Swieten Saal
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**60 Years of Austrian
Newborn Screening Program:**

**Celebrating the past and
present and looking forward
into the future**

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Newborn Screening**

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WELCOME!

Dear colleagues!

Dear friends of Austrian Newborn Screening!

It all began in 1963 with the screening for phenylketonuria in the USA and Western Europe. 1966 Professor Otto Thalhammer recognised the importance of newborn screening as one of the most important preventive measures in medicine and pioneered its establishment in Austria. From then on, almost 5 million newborns in Austria were screened free of charge for the families to protect them from the consequences of congenital diseases and other conditions.

It is the mission of everyone involved in newborn screening to enable a better quality of life for each affected child.

Come and learn more about the Austrian Newborn Screening, celebrate with us and take a look at the future!

We look forward to your visit and appreciate your interest!

Warm regards,

Susanne Greber-Platzer, Volkan Talazoglu, Maximilian Zeyda and Vassiliki Konstantopoulou

PROGRAM

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2026

08.00 – 09.00 am

Registration and Come Together

09.00 – 09.30 am

Opening

- Susanne Greber-Platzer, Head of the Dep. for Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine, the Clinical Division for Ped. Pulmonology, Allergology and Endocrinology, Austrian Newborn Screening Program, Medical University Vienna (MUV)
- Volkan Talazoglu, Vice-Rector of the Medical University Vienna (MUV)
- Maximilian Richter, Federal Ministry for Women, Science and Research

09.30 – 10.15 am

Opening Lecture: The Austrian Newborn Screening: Historical Review and Future Potentials

*Sylvia Stoeckler-Ipsiroglu
(Vancouver, Canada)*

10.15 – 10.45 am

The Spectrum of Approaches to Neonatal Screening in Europe: Progress and Unmet Needs.

Urh Groselj (Ljubljana, Slovenia)

10.45 – 11.30 am Break

11.30 am – 12.00 pm

Newborn Screening for Congenital Immunodeficiencies in Europe

*Maarja Soomann
(Zurich, Switzerland)*

12.00 – 12.30 pm

Lessons of Vitamin B12 Deficiency Screening in Norway–To Screen or Not To Screen?

Trine Tangeraaas (Oslo, Norway)

12.30 – 01.30 pm Lunch Break

01.30 – 02.00 pm

Population-based First-Tier Genomic Newborn Screening: Results of the BabyDetect Trial

François Boemer (Liege, Belgium)

02.00 – 02.30 pm

Screening 100,000 Newborns Using Whole Genome Sequencing: Early results of the Generation Study

David Bick (London, England)

02.30 – 03.00 pm

The VUS Crisis in Population Screening: Why Biochemistry Remains Essential Lessons from ALD Newborn Screening

Stephan Kemp (Amsterdam, The Netherlands)

03.00 – 04.00 pm Break

04.00 – 05.00 pm

Panel Discussion:

The Future of Newborn Screening – Expectations, Needs, Constraints, Impacts

05.00 – 05.15 pm

Closing Remarks & End

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