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**FRIDAY,
JUNE 26, 2026**

08:00 a.m. – 05:15 p.m.

**Van Swieten Saal
Medical University, Vienna**



**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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Susanne Greber-Platzer
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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
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– *Volkan Talazoglu*, Vice-Rector
of the Medical University of Vienna
(MUV)

– *Maximilian Richter*, Federal
Ministry for Women, Science and
Research

Moderation

Dorothea Möslinger,
Maximilian Zeyda and *Vassiliki
Konstantopoulou* (Vienna)

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 Groseelj (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 Tangeraas (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

Open Panel Discussion:

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

– *Sylvia Stoeckler-Ipsiroglu*

– *Urh Groseelj*

– *Maarja Soomann*

– *Trine Tangeraas*

– *François Boemer*

– *David Bick*

– *Stephan Kemp*

– *Peter Voitl* (Representative of
the Austrian Society for Pediatrics and
Adolescent Medicine, ÖGKJ – Vienna)

05.00 – 05.15 pm

Closing Remarks & End

GENERAL INFORMATION



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