

**Symposium: Stem Cell-Based Disease Modelling and Drug Screening - Preliminary Programme**

**Lundsgaard Auditorium, Panum (Blegdamsvej 3, 2200 Copenhagen)**

**THURSDAY, April 23, 2026**

**REGISTRATION & POSTER SET-UP (08:30-09:00)**

**MORNING | Session 1**

**OPENING KEYNOTE - Christine Mummery**, Professor of Developmental Biology, NNF Center for Stem Cell Medicine - reNEW and Leiden University Medical Center, The Netherlands

*hiPSC derived cardiovascular cells for safety pharmacology and drug screening in disease*

**INVITED SPEAKER - Lauriane Cabon**, Group Lead - Applied Organoid Technologies, Roche Institute of Human Biology, Switzerland

*Next-Generation Drug Discovery: Harnessing the Power of Advanced Multicellular Systems*

**COFFEE & EXHIBITORS**

**MORNING | Session 2**

**INVITED SPEAKER - Ludovic Vallier**, Einstein Professor for Stem Cells in Regenerative Therapies, Berlin Institute of Health @Charité and Max Planck Institute for Molecular Genetics, Germany

*Modelling hepatocytes injury using liver organoids*

**SHORT TALK(S) SELECTED FROM ABSTRACTS - to be announced**

**LUNCH**

**AFTERNOON | Session 3**

**INVITED SPEAKER - Peter Reinhardt**, Principal Research Scientist II / Team Lead, Advanced Cell Technologies and Screening, Neuroscience Discovery Research, AbbVie, Germany

*BMP, MEK and WNT inhibition: a novel dSMAD-independent paradigm for rapid generation of hiPSC-derived neurons amenable to regional patterning*

**SHORT TALK(S) SELECTED FROM ABSTRACTS - to be announced**

**COFFEE & EXHIBITORS**

**AFTERNOON | Session 4**

**INVITED SPEAKER - Henning Kempf**, Head of Department, GEM CELL Hub, Novo Nordisk, Denmark

*title - to be announced*

**SHORT TALK(S) SELECTED FROM ABSTRACTS - to be announced**

**INVITED SPEAKER - Kevin Watt**, Team Leader, Heart Regeneration Laboratory, NNF Center for Stem Cell Medicine - reNEW, Murdoch Children's Research Institute, Melbourne, Australia

*Drug discovery using human stem cell models of the heart*

**POSTER SESSION (17:00-19:00)**

**DINNER**

**FRIDAY, April 24, 2026**

**ARRIVAL & REGISTRATION**

**MORNING | Session 5**

**INVITED SPEAKER - Malene Ambjørn**, Director, Functional & Cellular Pharmacology, Neuroscience, Lundbeck, Denmark

*Harnessing Stem Cell Models to Advance Drug Development at Lundbeck*

**SHORT TALK(S) SELECTED FROM ABSTRACTS - to be announced**

**COFFEE & EXHIBITORS**

**MORNING | Session 6**

**INVITED SPEAKER - Olivier Pourquié**, Frank Burr Mallory Professor of Pathology at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Professor at Harvard Medical School, USA

*title - to be announced*

**CLOSING KEYNOTE - Lorenz Studer**, Founding Director, SKI Center for Stem Cell Biology and Enid A. Haupt Chair in Developmental Biology, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, USA

**LUNCH**

**POSTER TAKE-DOWN & DEPARTURE (13:30-14:00)**