



Rome, Italy 17-19 June 2026

Organised in cooperation with local partner 2026: ERBC

Join the 18th Minipig Research Forum - a unique opportunity for minipig users to meet, discuss and share knowledge and experiences within all areas of minipig use related to biomedical research. Take part in this conference packed with scientific lectures, poster presentations and the opportunity to network with minipig users from all over the world.

SCIENTIFIC TOPICS

- **Next-Generation Göttingen Minipig Models: Genetic Engineering, Humanisation and Disease Relevance**
- **Translational Sciences: Immunology, Cardiometabolic and CNS models in Göttingen Minipigs**
- **Integrated Research Strategies: Hybrid Innovation and Advanced Imaging in Minipig Research**
- **Quality, Reproducibility and Operational Excellence in Minipig Studies**

Within each topic you will experience presentations by prominent speakers sharing the latest data and knowledge within each of their specialist areas. See the full scientific program on page 2.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Attendees can choose between three different breakout sessions. See the topics on page 2.

POSTER VIEWING SESSION

Do you wish to join the popular poster viewing session? Posters are accepted either with technical (e.g., tips and tricks) or scientific content (must contain data). Commercial posters without data and/or technical information will be declined. Read the poster guidelines with format requirements at minipigresearchforum.org. **The deadline for submitting a poster abstract is 15 May 2026.** We also encourage young scientists to present a poster as a good opportunity to display their work and results. As a tradition, the best poster(s) will be elected during the MRF meeting by the MRF Steering Committee.

PRACTICALITIES

Starts at	17 June 2026 (Wednesday) 19:00 hrs CEST
Ends at	19 June 2026 (Friday) 12:00 hrs CEST
Registration fee	Early Bird until 1 April 2026: €495 Later registration fee: €595 Reduced sponsor ticket fee: €450 * * Log in to your MRF account for more information.
Register	To register, log in to your MRF account minipigresearchforum.org and follow the link to the registration page.
Venue	Hilton Rome Eur La Lama Viale Europa 287 00144 Rome, Italy
Accommodation	Accommodation is available at the venue hotel at a special conference rate of €165 (incl. VAT) per night incl. breakfast. Find the special booking link when logged in at minipigresearchforum.org .

A number of rooms have been reserved, so book early for availability at the reduced price.

WEDNESDAY* | 17 JUNE 2026, 19:00 CEST

WELCOME RECEPTION | Set up posters, sign up for break-out session, networking. Meal and drinks provided.

THURSDAY | 18 JUNE 2026

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

Genetically modified minipigs: advancing translational disease modelling

Chris Rogers, Exemplar Genetics, USA

Göttingen Minipigs anno 2026 - A fresh outlook for emerging & experienced users

Andy Makin, Andrew Makin Preclinical Consultancy, Denmark

NHPig: The European Initiative on Minipig & Micropig Models

Kerstin Mair, University of Vienna, Austria

Immunology & Biotherapeutics: Uncovering Opportunities in the Minipig

Tine Dahlbæk Hannibal, H. Lundbeck A/S, Denmark

POSTER SESSION | Innovations in Working with Göttingen Minipigs

BREAK-OUT SESSIONS | Shaping the Next Wave of Göttingen Minipig Innovation

- **Session 1:** Genetically Modified Göttingen Minipigs: Boosting Translatability & Reducing Clinical Risk
- **Session 2:** Innovation starts young: choose lighter pig models
- **Session 3:** From Challenges to Breakthroughs: The Evolving Technical Landscape of Göttingen Minipig Research

Chair: Chris Rogers, Exemplar Genetics, USA

Chair: Laure Penard, Charles River Laboratories, France

Chair: Kari Kaaber, Scantox, Denmark

Feedback, reflections and identified actions from the breakout sessions.

Hybrid Innovation: Elevating Research Through NAM-Göttingen Minipig Integration

Mark Aspinall-O'Dea, Charles River Laboratories, UK

Cardiovascular and renal Göttingen Minipig models - Lessons learned from BAYER

Thomas Mondritzki, Bayer, Germany

FRIDAY | 19 JUNE 2026

Poster award

Rethinking Cardiometabolic HFpEF with AF: A Göttingen Minipig Model

Ange Maguy, University of Bern, Switzerland

Pancreatic Duct-Ligated Minipigs with Ileo-Caecal Fistulation: A Translational Model for Digestive Function Exocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency Research, and Evaluation of Pancreatic Enzyme Replacement Therapies

Cornelia Schwennen, Institut für Tierernährung, Stiftung Tierärztliche Hochschule Hannover, Germany

Advancing regulatory neurotoxicity assessment: evaluation of a Functional Observation Battery and Neurological Examination in Göttingen Minipigs

Emilia Carbone, ERBC, Italy

Translational Imaging in Cardiovascular Disease: From Göttingen Minipigs to Clinical Insight

Mette Flethøj Madsen, Minerva Imaging, Denmark

Enhancing translational success in drug development: The Göttingen Minipig as a preclinical model

Lars Siim Madsen, Ellegaard Göttingen Minipigs, Denmark

Closing of the MRF 2026 - Announcing MRF 2027

Jens Ellegaard, Chairman of the Minipig Research Forum

*ERBC POMEZIA SITE VISIT | 17 JUNE 2026, 14:00 hrs CEST

The entire ERBC team is delighted to welcome participants to a guided tour of our Pomezia facility (Rome) on Wednesday at 14:00 hrs CEST, conveniently located near the MRF venue. This visit represents a unique opportunity to discover a site with more than 40 years of expertise in the minipig model, supporting regulatory and translational research programs. Participants will also have the opportunity to learn more about our next-generation capabilities, including the integration of innovative humanized minipig models.

Further logistical details will follow shortly.

To confirm your attendance, please register by emailing info@erbc-group.com

We look forward to welcoming you to Pomezia.