

DACH-NMD Kick-off Meeting

Network for Neuromuscular Research in Austria, Germany, and Switzerland

Friday, 27 November 2026 · 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (CET) · Online

Dear colleagues,

We are delighted to invite you to the inaugural kick-off meeting of **DACH-NMD**, a new network dedicated to neuromuscular research across Austria, Germany, and Switzerland.

Neuromuscular disorders comprise a heterogeneous group of rare and common diseases affecting peripheral nerves, the neuromuscular junction, and skeletal muscle. Rapid advances in genetics, molecular biology, immunology, imaging, and therapeutic development have created unprecedented opportunities for translational progress. Yet research activities across the DACH region remain partly fragmented between basic science, experimental medicine, and clinical pediatric and adult neurology.

DACH-NMD aims to establish a structured platform that connects investigators across disciplines and institutions, and across all age groups, to accelerate the discovery, translation, and implementation of innovative therapies for neuromuscular diseases. This kick-off meeting brings together basic scientists, translational researchers, and clinician-scientists to launch the network and shape its shared agenda.

Who should attend

This meeting is aimed especially at **early- to mid-career scientists and physicians** working on neuromuscular disorders across the lifespan. Established investigators and clinicians interested in collaborative research are equally welcome. The working language of the meeting is **English**.

Goals of the kick-off

- Introduce the mission, objectives, and planned activities of DACH-NMD
- Connect investigators across basic, translational, and clinical neuromuscular medicine
- Identify priorities for collaborative projects and multicenter translational studies
- Create networking and mentoring opportunities for early-career researchers
- Lay the groundwork for coordinated national and international funding applications

Call for abstracts

We warmly invite young scientists and physicians to present their work and working group. To contribute, please submit an abstract consisting of:

- A title
- Affiliations and presenting author
- Please indicate whether your work is primarily basic, translational, or clinical
- A structured or unstructured abstract of up to 200 words
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Abstract submission deadline: 1 September 2026.

Send the abstract to: dachnmd@gmail.com

Selected abstracts will be invited for short presentations during the meeting.

Key dates at a glance

- Abstract submission deadline: 1 September 2026
- Kick-off meeting (online): Friday, 27 November 2026, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (CET)

Registration & submission

Please register and submit your abstract by replying to this invitation. Connection details for the online meeting will be circulated to all registered participants ahead of the event.

We look forward to building this network together and to welcoming you in November.

With kind regards,

The DACH-NMD Organizing Committee

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