

Grasshopper & Máxima Butterfly Training School 2026 – Provisional Programme

New Treatment Options for Pediatric Cancers

2–4 November 2026 | Princess Máxima Center | Utrecht, The Netherlands

Monday | 2 November 2026

Location: Auditorium (6th Floor), Princess Máxima Center

Talks are open to all Princess Máxima Center research team members and supervisors.

Time	Programme
08:30–08:50	Registration with coffee & tea Poster set-up in foyer on poster boards
08:50–09:00	Welcome – Marcel Kool & Jan Molenaar

Grasshopper & Butterfly Flash Talks *Chair: Mianying Ding*

09:00–09:45	Translation Pharma to Academic – Hubert Caron , Former Group Medical Director at Roche – Genentech (30min + 10 min Q&A)
09:45–10:00	Title TBD – Leonor Teles , Butterfly PhD student, van Noesel group (12min + 3 min Q&A)
10:00–10:15	Title TBD – Emma Bokobza , Grasshopper, PhD student, Rios group (12min + 3 min Q&A)
10:15–10:25	Title TBD – Nora Looze , Grasshopper, PhD student, van Noesel & Molenaar group (12min + 3 min Q&A)

10:25–10:40 Coffee Break

Immunotherapy & Small Molecules Session *Chair: Céline Debou*

10:40–11:10	New small molecules – Prof. Dr. Jan Molenaar , Group leader Princess Máxima Center (25min + 5 min Q&A)
11:10–11:25	Title TBD – Fenja Fahrig , Butterfly PhD student, Molenaar group (12min + 3 min Q&A)
11:25–11:40	Title TBD – Beatrice Piotto , Butterfly PhD student, Molenaar & Wienke group (12min + 3 min Q&A)
11:40–12:40	Group Photo & Lunch

Monday Afternoon Session *Chair: Franziska Oberhammer*

Time	Programme
12:40–13:30	Keynote Lecture – Prof. Tanja de Gruijl , Translational Tumor Immunology, Head Immunotherapy lab & Immune monitoring unit, Amsterdam UMC. Local targeting of tumor-draining lymph nodes for cancer immunotherapy (40min + 10 min Q&A)
Group Leader – Butterfly PhD Duo Session 1	
13:30–14:10	Title TBD – Caroline Lindemans , MD, PhD, BMT specialist and pediatric immunologist, UMC Utrecht & Butterfly co-supervisor (30min + 10 min Q&A)
14:10–14:30	Title TBD – Hannah Kunstek , Butterfly PhD student, Nierkens group (15min + 5 min Q&A)
14:30–15:30	Poster Session & Networking
Research Presentation <i>Chair: TBD</i>	
15:30–15:45	Title TBD – Menno de Vries , Research IT Coordinator, Princess Maxima Center & Grasshopper (10mins + 5 mins Q&A)
Group Leader – Butterfly PhD Duo Session 2	
15:45–16:25	AI based drug development (provisional title) – Prof. Patrick Kemmeren (30 mins + 10 Q&A)
16:25–16:40	Title TBD – Roula Farag – recorded presentation, Butterfly PhD student, Kemmeren group (10 min & 5 Q+A) .
16:40–16:50	Closing Remarks
16:50–17:50	Networking Drinks

Tuesday | 3 November 2026

Location: Kleine Zaal (6th Floor), Princess Máxima Center

Reserved for Butterfly students and Grasshopper Staff Exchange participants.

Night Science Interactive Workshop

Discover the creative side of scientific research during this interactive workshop. Learn practical techniques to generate innovative ideas, approach scientific challenges from new perspectives, and strengthen interdisciplinary collaboration. Through engaging discussions and hands-on exercises, you will develop tools that complement traditional scientific thinking. Join us for an inspiring session designed to spark curiosity, creativity, and new discoveries.

Time	Programme
08:30–08:50	Registration & Coffee
08:50–09:00	Welcome – Jan Molenaar
09:00–11:00	<i>Introduction to the Night Science Workshop – Oliver Bogler</i> <i>The dichotomy of the scientific process</i> <i>Openness guides discovery</i> <i>It takes two to think</i>
	Break – 5 min
11:00–12:30	<i>The import/Export Tool</i> <i>A hypothesis is a liability</i> <i>AI Hallucinations</i>
12:30–13:00	Lunch
13:00–15:00	<i>Puzzle Switching</i> <i>Discoveries & Jokes</i> <i>Discovery & Awe</i>
	Break – 5 min
15:05–17:00	<i>Puzzle Switching (cont.)</i> <i>Discoveries & Jokes (cont.)</i> <i>Discovery & Awe (cont.)</i>
17:00–17:10	Closing Remarks
17:30	Departure to Utrecht City Centre
18:00 onwards	Networking Dinner – Bar Patine

Networking Dinner

Bar Patine, Oudegracht 101–103 3511 AE Utrecht

Wednesday | 4 November 2026

Location: Auditorium (6th Floor), Princess Máxima Center

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Time	Programme
09:00–09:20	Registration & Coffee
09:20–09:30	Welcome – Marcel Kool <i>Chair: Avi Pandey</i>
09:30–10:00	Scientific Integrity (provisional title) – Prof Jan Hoeijmakers , Erasmus University MC, Princess Maxima Center (20 min talk + 10min Q&A)
10:00–11:05	Imposter Syndrome & Managing Self-Identity - Pieter Govers , Educator in learning and development, AP Hogeschool, Antwerp.
11:05–11:20	Coffee Break

Patient Advocacy Session *Chair: Jessica Beamish*

11:20–12:20	Title TBD – Leona Knox , Head of research, Solving Kids Cancer, UK (40 min talk) Q&A Session (20 mins) with: Leotine Heisen , Founder Villa Joep, patient advocacy group and foundation & Liselot Hoornweg , Coordinator Research participation at Vereniging KinderKanker Nederland (VKKN), Patient advocacy group.
12:20–12:25	Closing Remarks – Jan Molenaar & Marcel Kool
12:20–13:00	Grasshopper Lunch - Atrium 2nd floor
12:20–12:50	Butterfly Programme Update – Martina O’Flaherty
13:00–14:00	Tour of the Princess Máxima Center for Grasshoppers

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