**The German Centers for Health Research (DZG) at the Congress of the German Society of Internal Medicine:**

**Research for People’s Health**

**Wiesbaden, May 4, 2019 – A focus of this year's 125th Annual Meeting of the German Society of Internal Medicine (DGIM) on May 4-7 in Wiesbaden will be on the German Centers for Health Research (DZG). In scientific symposia and at the joint stand, the DZG centers will present their current research results.**

Despite major advances in medicine, far too many people still suffer from cancer, diabetes, infectious diseases, cardiovascular and pulmonary diseases, and dementia. The aim of the German Centers for Health Research (DZG) is to bring research results faster into medical practice for the benefit of patients (translational research) in order to improve the prevention and treatment of these widespread diseases. Outstanding scientists from university and non-university research institutions have joined forces to conduct interdisciplinary research.

“The German Centers for Health Research have a high innovative potential, which will also have an impact on the care of the patients through the translational approach – that is, the translation of research results into medical practice. Therefore, we are pleased that the DZG centers are presenting their current research results here at the DGIM,“ said Professor Claus F. Vogelmeier, MD, Chairman of the DGIM 2018/2019 and Congress President of the 125th Congress of the German Society of Internal Medicine, welcoming the participation of the DZG.

At the DGIM, the DZG centers will present current results of their translational research at their joint stand (No. 278 in Halle Nord) and in scientific symposia:

**German Center for Diabetes Research (DZD):
Personalized Prevention of Diabetes – Relevance of Diabetes Subgroups**Sunday, May 5th, 2:15 p.m., Hall 1 – PlenumChairman: Prof. Dr. Martin Hrabé de Angelis (DZD, Helmholtz Zentrum München), Prof. Dr. Michael Roden (DZD, DDZ, Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf)

**German Center for Lung Research (DZL): Personalized Therapies for Lung Diseases - Today and Tomorrow**Monday, May 6th, 10:00 a.m., Hall 1 – Plenum
Chairman: Prof. Dr. med. Werner Seeger (University Hospital Giessen and Marburg), Prof. Dr. med. Tobias Welte (Hannover Medical School)

**German Center for Infection Research (DZIF): Translational Infection Research - Examples from the DZIF**Tuesday, May 7th, 10:00 a.m., Hall 1 – Plenum
Chairman: Prof. Dr. Gerd Fätkenheuer (Cologne University Hospital), Prof. Dr. Winfried V. Kern (Medical Center – University of Freiburg)

**German Consortium for Translational Cancer Research (DKTK): Genomics-based Precision Oncology**Tuesday, May 7th 12:15 p.m., Hall 1 – Plenum
Chairman: Prof. Dr. Stefan Fröhling (NCT National Center for Tumor Diseases Heidelberg), PD Dr. Nikolas von Bubnoff (Medical Center – University of Freiburg)

**German Center for Cardiovascular Research (DZHK): Research for Better Treatment of Cardiovascular Disease**Tuesday, May 7th, 2:15 p.m., Hall 1 – Plenum
Chairman: Prof. Dr. Heribert Schunkert (German Heart Center Munich), Prof. Dr. med. Thomas Eschenhagen (University Hospital Hamburg-Eppendorf)

The DZG centers will also present their latest research findings at the DGIM Congress press conferences on May 6th and 7th (11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.).

**Further Information:**

Congress of the German Society of Internal Medicine 2019: <https://dgim2019.de/>

Program: <https://dgim2019.de/programm/kongressprogramm/>

DZG: <https://www.gesundheitsforschung-bmbf.de/de/deutsche-zentren-6580.php>

[www.dzg-magazin.de](http://www.dzg-magazin.de)

**The German Centers for Health Research (DZG)**
The goal of the German Centers for Health Research is translational research: the accelerated development of medical innovations. Upon the initiative of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research, six centers were founded between 2009 and 2011 to better elucidate the causes of major widespread diseases and to translate research results from the laboratory into practice more quickly.

The centers are dedicated to the following diseases: cancer (DKTK), neurodegenerative diseases (DZNE), infectious diseases (DZIF), diabetes (DZD), lung disease (DZL) and cardiovascular disease (DZHK).A total of 36 medical faculties and university clinics work together with around 90 non-university institutes of the Helmholtz Association, the Leibniz Association, the Max Planck Society, the Fraunhofer Society and federal government research institutions. Further collaborations exist with scientists in Germany and abroad.