



# Connecting Minds: Research on post-viral syndromes

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March 03, 2026, 13:00-19:00

**Registration (On-site & Online)** - Please register via:

<https://www.postviral.at/events/detail/wissenschaftliches-symposium-zu-pais>

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The National Reference Center for post-viral Syndromes at the Medical University of Vienna aims to provide up to date knowledge about post-viral syndromes to health care providers and to facilitate research efforts in the field.

## 13:00 - 14:30 Network symposium of the National Reference Center for post-viral Syndromes, Medical University of Vienna

Exchange regarding research activities and clinical work related to post-acute viral diseases and syndromes at the Medical University of Vienna. Besides presenting the work of the National Reference Center, we aim to identify possible synergies in this network session.

13:00 - 13:10 **Opening:** BMASGK: SC Dr. Katharina Reich, MedUni Wien/CPH: Univ.-Prof. Dr. med. Judit Simon, MedUni Wien/CePII: Univ.-Prof. Dr. Ursula Wiedermann-Schmidt

13:10 - 13:20 **Work of the National reference center for post-viral syndromes:** Univ.- Prof. PD Dr. Kathryn Hoffmann, MPH, Assoc. Prof. PD DDr. Eva Untersmayr-Elsenhuber

13:20 - 13:30 **Comprehensive Center for Inflammation and Immunity: Synergies and collaboration possibilities:** Univ.-Prof. Dr. Elisabeth Förster-Waldl

13:30 - 14:20 **Short presentations** by clinical and research groups working on post-viral syndromes at MedUni Wien (5min presentation, short discussion):

13:30 Clinical and research group Prof. Dr. Manfred Hecking: **Dr. med. univ. Dilara Gülmez**

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13:44 Research group **Assoc. Prof. PD Dr. Philipp Hohensinner**

13:51 Research group **Assoc. Prof. PD Dr. rer. nat. David Leitsch**

13:58 Research group Dr.techn. Davide Ret, MSc/ Assoc. Prof. PD DDr. Eva Untersmayr-Elsenhuber: **Daniel Garcia de Otazo Hernandez**

14:05 Research group Assoc. Prof. PD DDr. Eva Untersmayr-Elsenhuber: **Johanna Rohrhofer, MSc**

14:12 Research group Assoc. Prof. PD DDr. Eva Untersmayr-Elsenhuber: **Karina Piatek, PhD**

14:20 - 14:30 **CeMM: Synergies and collaboration possibilities:** Prof. Dr. Maria Rescigno



14:30 - 15:00 Coffee break

15:00 - 16:15 Focused research calls to improve research on post-viral syndromes in Vienna and beyond

Insights from thematic research calls on ME/CFS by the WWTF as an inspiration for future funding initiatives.

15:00 - 15:10 WWTF ME/CFS 2026 calls: Fellowships and Consolidation grants: Dr. Benjamin Missbach, WWTF, Vienna

15:10 - 15:30 ap Prof. PD Dr. med. univ. Lukas Haider

15:30 - 15:50 Assoc. Prof. PD Mag. Dr. Martin Krssak

15:50 - 16:10 Dr.techn. Davide Ret, MSc

16:15 - 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 - 18:00 International scientific symposium on pain in post-infectious syndromes

16:30 - 17:15 Host-microbiome interactions in the context of chronic pain: Univ.-Prof. Dr. Manuela Schmidt, University of Vienna, Austria

17:15 - 18:00 Autoantibody signatures of pain in post-infectious diseases and unexplained syndromes: Dr. David Andersson, Kings College London, UK

18:00 - 18:30 Podiumsdiskussion: Für die Patient:innen (in deutscher Sprache)  
"Forschung wirkt jetzt: Was hat die PAIS-Forschung in Österreich bereits für die Patient:innen verändert?"

Moderation: Mag. Alexandra Leon, MYB Mind your Business Alexandra Leon e.U.

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