

# Tentative Program Outline NVGCT Conference 2026

## Thursday June 25th 2026:

- 9.00 - 9.30 Registration and coffee
- 9.30 - 11.00 Welcome & Session I: Stem cells/gene editing
- 11.00 - 11.30 Coffee break
- 11.30 - 12:00 Exhibitor Pitches
- 12:00 - 12:15 Presentation by 2025 ZonMw Early Career Challenge winners
- 12:15 - 13.00 Marloes ten Kate – Workshop Storytelling
- 13.00 - 14.00 Lunch
- 13.30 - 14.30 ZonMw Early Career Challenge – Speed-dating (PIs & young investigators)
- 14.30 - 15.15 Keynote Zoltan Ivics (University of Leipzig, Germany): Going non-viral: genetic engineering of therapeutic cells with transposon technologies
- 15.15 - 15.45 Coffee break
- 15.45 - 17.00 Session II: RARE-NL
- 17.00 - 17.30 General Assembly NVGCT
- 17.30 - 18.30 Posters session / Informal Networking & Drinks
- 19.00 Dinner
- 20.30 NVGCT Pubquiz

## Friday June 26th 2026:

- 9.00 - 9.05 Announcement Speed Date Finalists
- 9.05 - 9.45 Keynote Gabriele Lignani (UCL, UK) - Reprogramming Brain Circuits: Towards On-Demand Gene Therapy for Neurological Disorders
- 9.45 - 10:45 Session III: Neuro/metabolic
- 10.45 - 11.00 Coffee break
- 11.00 - 11.30 Greiner Award
- 11.30 - 12.00 ZonMw Early Career Challenge – Pitches three finalists
- 12.00 - 13:00 Lunch
- 13:00 - 14.00 Session IV: Regulatory/manufacturing
- 14:00 - 14:25 Stefan Gaillard (Journal of Trial and Error) – Failure as Fuel for Scientific Progress
- 14:25 - 14:45 Coffee break
- 14.45 - 15.45 Session V: Gene therapy for oncology
- 15.45 - 16.30 Rob Hoeben (LUMC) - NVGCT Outstanding Achievement Award Lecture – Genetic modification and spontaneous mutation as complementary approaches for generating genetic diversity in oncolytic viruses
- 16.30 - 17.00 Announcement ZonMw SpeedDate Award winners & Closure