

# Cancer Vaccines Summit to be chaired by Dr Joseph Melenhorst from the University of Pennsylvania

*Cancer Vaccines 2014; Quantify Strategies to Enhance Cancer Vaccine Research and Development, 15th - 16 September, London UK*

LONDON, LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM, August 6, 2014 /EINPresswire.com/ -- In the run up to SMi's 3rd annual event on Cancer Vaccines, industry KOL Dr Jos Melenhorst from the University of Pennsylvania, was asked a few questions about the [conference](#) taking place on 15th and 16th September and about the Cancer Vaccines industry.

Jos Melenhorst will be chairing the conference and will also be providing key insights into the "perfect partnership" with Novartis. The university director from the Product Development & Correlative Sciences Laboratory will speak on combination therapy, T cells and infusion of cells following chemotherapy.



The Product Development & Correlative Sciences Laboratory improves cellular immune therapy efficacy tracking the expansion, persistence, homing, and the quality of chimeric antigen receptor-expressing T (CART) cells, response of the tumor to therapy, and biomarkers of response. In addition Joseph Melenhorst's team assess the quality attributes of the starting material and end product of cell manufacturing again for markers that predict clinical efficacy. This information feeds back into cell manufacturing.

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drive the improvement of cancer vaccines as key updates.

“The most interesting sessions in this conference? Tough call to make since all sessions are incredibly exciting, but if I would have to make a choice it would be improving the success in vaccine research & development.”

When asked what he thought the biggest challenges are in the industry today, he said:

“Moving the proof-of-concept vaccines into a pre-emptive vaccination strategy. Vaccinating a patient who has a high tumor burden may be not the best timing of this approach. The future for cancer vaccines? Pre-emptive vaccination, adjuvants for response amplification/potentialiation and combination therapies.”

The full interview is available to read in the event download tab at [www.cancer-vaccinesevent.com](http://www.cancer-vaccinesevent.com)

Confirmed attendees include: Amal Therapeutics, Amgen, Boehringer Ingelheim RCV GmbH & Co KG, Breast International Group, Cancer Research UK, Cancer Vaccines Ltd, Crucell Vaccine Institute, Curevac GmbH, DanDrit Biotech, EGIS Pharmaceuticals, GSK, Hybrid Systems, Immatix Biotechnologies, Immudex, Immunicum, KACST, MediGene, Scancell, St George Hospital, Theravectys, University Of Pennsylvania, University Of Southampton, University Of Tuebingen, Vaccinogen, Valneva, XEME Biopharma plus many more..

For further details on Cancer Vaccines 2014, visit [www.cancer-vaccinesevent.com](http://www.cancer-vaccinesevent.com)

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