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35th Annual Meeting of the Society for Virology (GfV): Science in the Shadow of Global Virus Threats and Technological Breakthroughs

Heidelberg, February 2026. From 17 to 20 March 2026, the Society for Virology (GfV) will host its 35th annual conference at Heidelberg University. This long-standing event brings together leading virology experts from Germany and abroad, making it one of the most important specialist conferences in the German-speaking world.

In light of the constant threat posed by virus-related epidemics and pandemics, as well as significant technological advances, the conference is of particular importance at this time, emphasise the two conference chairs, **Prof. Ralf Bartenschlager** and **Prof. Hans-Georg Kräusslich**.

‘As Europe's largest virology association, the GfV brings together over 1,000 scientists researching a variety of issues related to virology and virus-related diseases. Traditionally, the conference has focused on basic virology research, but this year we are expanding to include synthetic immunology. With this programme, which is enriched by a large number of high-calibre speakers from Germany and abroad, we hope to offer a conference that once again serves as a place for exchange, brainstorming and collaboration – especially for our young scientists. This is a crucial prerequisite for being able to respond to existing and new virological challenges’.

As usual, the four-day conference will feature overview presentations by leading experts, who will discuss the latest developments in various fields of virology, ranging from basic research to clinical virology and including diagnostics and therapy. One of the main topics will be new technologies, such as imaging techniques and synthetic biology, and how they can be applied in virology.

As always, special attention will be paid to young scientists. Numerous thematic workshops and poster sessions, as well as the participation of the ‘Young GfV’, provide ample opportunity for them to present their own research and engage in interdisciplinary exchange. According to the conference chairs, ‘the GfV conference offers young researchers in particular a wide range of opportunities to discuss their findings and exchange ideas in a relaxed and inspiring atmosphere’.

Highlights of the conference include a series of five plenary sessions featuring top-class scientists from around the world, as well as the participation of the Swedish Society for Virology. This highlights the international nature of the event and the importance of forming new scientific partnerships.

Further information, accreditation and the conference programme can be found at:
<https://virology-meeting.de/>

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