

# ÖTK-FUTURE TALK

Program 28.5.2026



09:30 Registration and welcome coffee

09:45 Opening

- Moderator: **Gerald Groß**  
(former ORF-ZiB-journalist)
- ÖTK President: **Mag. Kurt Frühwirth**

Video greeting

- **Dr. Nikolaus Kriz**, Executive Director  
of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)



10:00 Keynote

- **Prof. Dr. Peter G. Kirchschräger**, Professor of  
Theological Ethics and Head of the Institute  
for Social Ethics, University of Lucerne  
*"Ethics of Artificial Intelligence and Digital  
Transformation. Alongside professional and  
veterinary ethics, are we facing another major  
professional challenge?"*



10:30 Keynote

- **Dr. Rüdiger Maas**, psychologist, bestselling  
author, founder and board member of  
the Institute for Generational Research,  
Augsburg, Germany  
*"How does the next generation of veterinarians  
think – and why is it so different from what we  
expect?"*



11:00 Panel Discussion with

- **Prof. Dr. Peter G. Kirchschräger**
- **Dr. Rüdiger Maas**
- **Manuel Rasner**, Chair of HVU\*
- **Laura Wimmer**, First Deputy Chair of HVU\*
- **Mag. Maria Winkler**, Veterinary practice  
Schenkenfelden



12:15 – 13:15

Lunch break



13:15 Keynote

- **DI Dr. René Heinzl**, "datAI Insights",  
Business Development Manager for  
technology consulting, digitalisation and  
artificial intelligence  
*"Presentation of AI-based future outlook for  
veterinary care in Austria"*



13:30 Lecture

- **Prof. Dr. Jeroen Dewulf**, Professor of  
Veterinary Epidemiology, Faculty of  
Veterinary Medicine, Ghent University  
*"Biocheck keeping animals healthy"*  
Language: English



14:00 Lecture

- **Dr. Siegfried Moder**, President of BpT and FVE  
*"Biological threats – are we sufficiently  
prepared?"*



14:30 Statement on biosecurity  
(Federal Ministry perspective)

- **Dr. Ulrich Herzog**, Chief Veterinary Officer  
and Head of Department, BMSGPK



14:45 Panel Discussion on Biosecurity with

- **Prof. Dr. Jeroen Dewulf**
- **Dr. Siegfried Moder**
- **Dr. Ulrich Herzog**



15:30 Closing remarks and informal conclusion

15:45 Wine tasting with the Thom Wachter Winery  
from Southern Burgenland



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