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### BBMRI.at & BBMRI-ERIC News



- **New quality standards for cfDNA and pathogen detection** – Developed with BBMRI.at contribution (Mar 2026)
- **New reporting standard for high-containment pathogen field** – Publication by BBMRI.at partner (Mar 2026)
- **Austrian Cohort Initiative (ATCI)** – strengthening cohort research across Austria (Feb 2026)
- **World Cancer Day 2026: BBMRI.at partners support cancer research through biobanking** (Feb 2026)
- **BBMRI.at Annual Meeting 2026** – Key achievements with SEAB & ACP (Jan 2026)
- **BBMRI.at supported research featured on ORF TV** – MedUni Vienna presents new blood test for early MS diagnosis (Jan 2026)



- **The Augsburg central biobank (ACBB) achieves the BBMRI-ERIC quality label** (Mar 2026)
- **The Leipzig medical biobank (LMB) achieves the BBMRI quality label** (Mar 2026)
- **The Andalusian public health system (SSPA) biobank achieves ISO 20387 accreditation** (Feb 2026)
- **Central biobank Charité (ZEBANC) achieves the BBMRI-ERIC quality label** (Feb 2026)
- **The central biobank Erlangen (CEBE) at Universitätsklinikum Erlangen achieves the BBMRI quality label** (Feb 2026)

### Global Biobanking News



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- **Abu Dhabi Biobank partners with AstraZeneca to advance precision medicine and translational research** – Abu Dhabi Media Office (Jan 2026)

A groundbreaking partnership between Abu Dhabi Biobank and AstraZeneca aims to drive precision medicine and translate genomic insights into real-world healthcare impact.



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- **Family dog may boost mental health in teens via microbiome** – The Scientist (Dec 2025)

A new study reveals that adolescents who live with dogs have better psychological health and distinct microbiome signatures, suggesting a surprising microbiota-driven link between pets and well-being.



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- **Shanghai ranking: Vetmeduni Vienna among the top 10** – Vetmeduni.ac.at (Nov 2025)

In the current "Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2025" - or "Shanghai Ranking" for short - the University of Veterinary Medicine, Vienna once again achieved a top position in the field of "Life Sciences".



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- **Post-mortem donations to biobank spark international collaboration** – Mark Hughes Foundation (Nov 2025)

Having a post-mortem collection from patient-donors is a very unique asset in the Mark Hughes Foundation Biobank. They now have an international collaboration.



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- **ESA Exploration Biobank in Portugal receives first human samples** – European Spaceflight (Oct 2025)

ESA's new Exploration Biobank has received its first 1,422 human samples in Lisbon, marking a major step toward building Europe's central repository for spaceflight research.

### Upcoming Events



- **Long Night of Research** – Biobank tour and hands on workshops | Graz/Linz, AT | 24 April 2026
- **5th Austrian 3Rdays 2026** | Vienna, AT | 28 April 2026
- **Europe Biobank Week 2026** | Prague, CZ | 19-22 May 2026
- **European conference on rare diseases and orphan products (ECRD)** | Prague, CZ | 03 June 2026

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