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# BIOME

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UNIVERSITY OF DUISBURG-ESSEN

**ANNUAL RETREAT 2012**

CELLULAR & MOLECULAR IMMUNOLOGY  
AND TUMOUR & SIGNALLING

**12-13 November 2012**

Akademie Klausenhof, Klausenhofstraße 100, 46499

**Hamminkeln, Germany**

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## ANNUAL RETREAT 2012: BIOME CORES IMMUNOLOGY AND TUMOUR

Monday 12 November 2012

08.00 Bus Transfer from Universitätsklinikum Essen to Hamminkeln  
Meeting Point: Robert-Koch-Haus, Virchowstr. 179

10.00-10.15 *Welcoming Address*  
Prof. Dr. Sven Brandau  
Vice-Chairman, Graduate School of Biomedical Science, University of Duisburg-Essen

### FIRST SESSION

Chaired by Britta Unruhe and Nico Ullrich

10.15-11.00 Prof. Dr. Sebastian Wesselborg: **Identification of a novel apoptosis signalling pathway for the elimination of anticancer drug resistant tumour cells**  
Institute for Molecular Medicine, University of Düsseldorf

11.00-11.30 B R E A K

Graduate Presentations

11.30-11.45 Stefanie Rost: **Abundance of a *NOTCH1* mutated clone affects clinical outcome of patients with chronic lymphocytic leukemia**

11.45-12.00 Kathrin Fielitz: **The JARID1C histone demethylase is upregulated in aggressive neuroblastomas independent of MYCN amplification**

12.00-12.15 Jolanthe Baingo: **The influence of senescence on the immunogenicity of malignant melanoma cells**

12.15-12.30 Lina Spaan: **Transfection of melanoma cells by viral RNA mimetics enhances their T-cell sensitivity**

12.30-14.00 L U N C H

### SECOND SESSION

Chaired by Stefan Radtke and Ilseyar Akhmetzyanova

14.00-14.45 Prof. Dr. Matthias Gunzer: **Intravital 2-photon microscopy to investigate immune cell function**  
Institute for Experimental Immunology and Imaging, University of Duisburg-Essen

Graduate Presentations

14.45-15.00 Eloho Etemire: **Functional role for defective PI3K signaling and differing co-stimulatory activity of APCs in T-cell plasticity**

15.00-15.15 Munisch Wadwa: **Induction of intestinal tolerance by antigen-targeting of DEC-205 on gut dendritic cells**

15.15-15.30 Britta Kraczyk: **Regulatory T cells in humans: improvement of T cell suppression by highly purified Treg and Teff cells**

15.30-15.45 Anita Hollenbeck: **Mice with thymic epithelial Vhl deletion are lacking a functional thymus**

(End of Second Session)

15.45-16.15 B R E A K (in cafeteria)

16.15-17.45 Graduate Poster Walk with Keynote Speakers and Scientific Coordinators (1<sup>st</sup> Session)

17.45 B U F F E T W I T H D R I N K S A N D S N A C K S

17.45-19.15 Graduate Poster Walk with Keynote Speakers and Scientific Coordinators (2<sup>nd</sup> Session)

19.30 D I N N E R

21.00 C O N V I V I A L M E E T - T H E - E X P E R T R O U N D

Division into structured groups for relaxed discussion with keynote speakers in cellar pub

Later: Billiards, bowling and table soccer

**Tuesday 13 November 2012**

**THIRD SESSION**

Chaired by Stefanie Rost and Kathrin Händschke

09.30-10.15 Prof. Dr. Christoph Plass: **Epigenetic alterations of miRNAs in chronic lymphocytic leukemia**  
German Cancer Research Center, Heidelberg

Graduate Presentations

10.15-10.30 Stefan Radtke: **Establishment of an extended *in vitro* assay to analyse the developmental potential of the most primitive human hematopoietic cells at a clonal level**

10.30-10.45 Lena Kunst: **Assessing the role of the protease Taspase1 for the molecular function of Myosin1f**

10.45-11.00 Melanie Zuk: **Reprogramming cells of the nonhuman primate common marmoset towards pluripotency**

11.00-11.15 Federica Cappuccini: **Immunomodulation during DNA damage-induced pneumopathy**

11.15-11.45 B R E A K

## FOURTH SESSION

Chaired by Christine Thöns and Tim Wehrs

### Graduate Presentations

- 11.45-12.00 Susanne Ziegler: **Presence of primary human hepatocytes inhibits expansion of virus-specific CD8+ T cells *in vitro***
- 12.00-12.15 Katrin Moses: **Expansion and function of granulocytic cells during development and progression of head and neck cancer**
- 12.15-12.30 Ilseyar Akhmetzyanova: **Tumor-specific CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells develop cytotoxic activity and eliminate virus-induced tumor cells in the absence of regulatory T cells**

12.30-13.30 LUNCH

13.30-14.15 Dr. Gerty Schreibelt: **Dendritic cell-based immunotherapy of cancer**  
Nijmegen Centre for Molecular Life Sciences, Radboud University Nijmegen

### Forum of Ideas

14.15-15.00 BREAK (in cafeteria)

Graduate – Coordinator Resonance and Brainstorming Session

This is everybody's chance to share impulses, exchange views and discuss issues in the graduate school

### Head-Clearing Excursion

15.15-16.15 EXHIBITION OF CONTEMPORARY ART

Derik-Baegert-Gesellschaft e.V., Schloss Ringenberg, Schloss Strasse 8, Hamminkeln 46499

Guided tour of the Derik Baegert Society's current scholarship holders' exhibition of contemporary German/Dutch art and the studios of artists in residence at Ringenberg Castle, Hamminkeln

Scholarship Holders: **Felix Burger, Frauke Dannert, Eva Olthof, Jessica Twitchell, Jonathan van Doornum and Sebastian Walther**

16.15-17.15 RECEPTION

Lounge J, Schloss Ringenberg, Schloss Strasse 8, Hamminkeln 46499

*Award Ceremony*

Best Graduate Poster and Presentation Prize Awards

*Closing Address*

Prof. Dr. Elke Winterhager

Scientific Coordinator of Tumour and Signalling

17.15-18.30 Bus transfer back to Essen

## GRADUATE POSTER PRESENTATIONS WITH KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Monday Evening, 12 November 2012

Three-minute, individual oral poster presentations per participant per session to be heard by a selection panel for the poster prize

### FIRST POSTER WALK

Gabriele Büchel: **Impact of neuroblastoma TrkB target Galectin-1 on immune effector cells**

Chiranjeevi Chebrolu: **Cold storage and heat shock induced hepatocyte damage *in vitro*: analysis of macrophage stimulatory capacity**

Corinna Göbel: **Identification and molecular characterization of resistance mechanisms against cellular immune effectors to optimize cancer immunotherapies**

Kathrin Händschke: **Hematopoiesis-specific deletion of the *von Hippel Lindau* gene alters B-lymphopoiesis *in vivo***

Judith Hönes: **Role of Gfi1 level in leukemia**

Stephanie Kaiser: **TFAP2c dependent trophoblast lineage differentiation during placental development**

Hadi Karimzadeh: **Immune evasion of hepatitis delta from CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell immune response**

Johanna Klein: **Differential effects of synthetic toll-like-receptor (TLR) 3 versus TLR7 ligands on the induction of cell death in head and neck squamous cell carcinoma**

Susanne Mertins: **Contribution of vascular wall-resident progenitor cells (VW-EPCs) to tumor vascularization**

Lars Michel: **A variant allele of Growth Factor Independence 1 (Gfi1) predisposes to myelodysplastic syndromes and promotes its progression to acute myeloid leukemia**

Dominik Schöne: **Identification of CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell epitopes in adenovirus capsid proteins and analysis of immunodominance hierarchies of adenovirus versus transgene epitopes in adenoviral vector-based immunization**

### SECOND POSTER WALK

Schweigle, Stefanie: **Molecular analysis of human memory B cell subsets**

Melanie Schwermer: **Targeting Cyclin B1 causes p53 mediated cell death in neuroblastoma cell lines**

Pegah Seddigh: **The human pathogenic fungus *A. fumigatus***

Kristin Stolp: **Reprogramming human somatic cells towards pluripotency and their differentiation to hematopoietic stem and progenitor cells**

Roman Tatura: **Potential induction of regulatory T cells by 5-Aza-2'-deoxycytidine and EGCG from non-regulatory T cells**

Christine Thöns: **HCV seronegative injection drug users are characterized by higher frequencies of KIR2DL3<sup>+</sup> and NKG2A<sup>-</sup> NK cells**

Nico Ullrich: **Functional analysis of CEACAM1 isoforms in malignant melanoma**

Britta Unruhe: **Regulation of the function and localization of surviving by acetylation**

Tim Wehrs: **Prevalence and functionality of virus-specific T cells after enrichment and expansion: A comparison between CMV- and HPV-specific cells for adoptive transfer**

Amos Zeller: **Gfi1b – A key player in the genesis and maintenance of AML and MDS**

Meike Kaulfuß: **Influence of anti-adenovirus immunity on adenovirus-based immunization**

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To our BIOME graduates:

It has been a great pleasure to create this network with you and to accompany your development into well-trained, highly competent young researchers. Keep the good work up!