

Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019

**Welcome address:** Astrid Westendorf, speaker of the RTG 1949  
Anne-Charlotte Antoni & Jens Lichte, student representatives

***Progress reports PhD students***

*Chair: Ramona Grothmann, Lamin B. Cham*

**11:00** Short introduction of Yulia Flores, Ralf Grutza, Heba Islam, and Florian Scheffel.

**11:05** Ralf Grutza: *NKG2Cpos NK cells associated with CMV infection inhibit expansion of activated virus-specific CD8 T cells*

**11:25** Anfei Huang: *Progranulin prevents regulatory NK cell cytotoxicity against anti-viral T cells*

**11:45** Nhi Ngo Thi Phuong: *Contribution of the IL-33/ST2 signaling pathway against intestinal inflammation and cancer*

**12:05** Internal meeting (students only)

**12:30 – 14:00** LUNCH BREAK

*Chair: Jens Lichte, Ralf Grutza*

**14:00** Cornelia Barnowski: *The role of innate immune triggers for the induction of poxviral CD8 T cell responses*

**14:20** Lamin Cham: *Anti-CD47 antibody is a promising immunotherapeutic target for viral infections*

**14:40** Vittoria Palmieri: *Interleukin-33 impairs host immune responses to Citrobacter rodentium infection*

**15:00 – 15:30** COFFEE BREAK

**15:30 – 18:30** TEAM CHALLENGE CROSSGOLF (*for students only*)

**16:30** Internal PI Meeting

**19:00** DINNER

Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019

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Chair: Hanna Abberger, Anfei Huang

- 9:15** Jens Lichte: *Functional and structural characterization of mGBP9: A mediator of cell autonomous immunity*
- 9:35** Mareike Eilbrecht: *Identification and characterization of novel cytomegalovirus-encoded antagonists targeting interferon- $\gamma$  responses*
- 9:55** Rouven-Luca Kaiserling: *IFN $\alpha$  subtypes modulate retrovirus-specific CD4<sup>+</sup> T cell responses*

**10:15 – 10:30** COFFEE BREAK

Chair: Nhi Ngo Thi Phuong, Vittoria Palmieri

- 10:30** Ramona Grothmann: *NK cell regulation in chronic viral infections: immune evasion mechanisms of HCMV and HBV*
- 10:50** Anne-Charlotte Antoni: *Characterization of bystander activated CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells in the bone marrow during polymicrobial sepsis*
- 11:10** Qian Li: *Toll-like receptor-7 activation enhances CD8<sup>+</sup>T cell effector functions by promoting cellular glycolysis*

**GUEST LECTURES**

Chair: Jernej Pušnik

- 11:30** Andrea Zelmer, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine  
*Models for accelerating the development of new tuberculosis vaccines - lessons from basic and clinical research*

**12:30 – 14:00** LUNCH BREAK

Chair: Christopher Menne

- 14:00** Lutz Walter, Primate Genetic Laboratory, German Primate Center  
*NK cell receptors, MHC class I ligands and viruses: an intimate triad in evolution*

Chair: Mareike Eilbrecht

- 15:00** Mathias Müller, Institute of Animal Breeding and Genetics, University of Vet. Medicine Vienna  
*TYK2 signals around cancers*

**16:00 – 16:20** COFFEE BREAK

Chair: Anne-Charlotte Antoni

**16:20** Thomas Jacobs, Mol. Biology & Immunology, Bernhard Nocht Institute for Tropical Medicine  
*Tr1cells in Malaria: Beneficial or detrimental?*

**17:30 – 19:00** MEET-THE-EXPERT (students and guest speakers)

**19:00** BARBEQUE

**Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

***Progress reports PhD students***

Chair: Rouven-Luca Kaiserling, Qian Li

**9:30** Christina Wenzek: *CD47 is a negative regulator of protective immune responses during influenza virus infection*

**9:50** Christopher Menne: *Analysis of invariant Natural Killer T Cells in Hepatitis C Virus infection*

**10:10** Yulia Flores: *Identification and characterization of DDB1/CRLs-interacting proteins encoded by MLN4924-sensitive viruses*

**10:20** Florian Scheffel: *Activation of human virus-specific CD8+ T cell response using a nanoparticle-based vaccine*

**10:30 – 10:45** COFFEE BREAK

Chair: Christina Wenzek, Cornelia Barnowski

**10:45** Hanna Abberger: *Characterisation of Neuropilin-1-expressing T cells and their role during experimental cerebral malaria*

**11:05** Jernej Pušnik: *Expansion of stem-cell-like CD4+ memory T cells during acute HIV-1 infection is linked to rapid disease progression.*

**11:25** **Closing speech:** Astrid Westendorf

LUNCH and DEPARTURE