

25 Years of Structured Doctoral Programs at MHH

November 7th to 9th, 2025

HBRS Programs:

MD / PhD Program Molecular Medicine
PhD Program Infection Biology / DEWIN
PhD Program Regenerative Sciences
PhD Program Auditory Sciences
PhD Program Epidemiology
IRTG 1273
GRK 1441
TECAS

Associated:

Master Programs Biomedicine and Biochemistry
Young Academy
StrucMed, KlinStrucMed and DigiStrucMed

Friday, November 7th

Arrival of Alumni and external guests

From 6:00 p.m.

Get together / Alumni reception in the “Wohnzimmer” (building J2, ground floor)

(food/ beverages provided; meet fellow Alumni, current students and faculty; exchange memories and have fun)

Saturday, November 8th

From 8.15 a.m. Registration *(coffee provided)*

9:15 a.m. – 12:45 a.m. Welcome, Greetings, Key notes in general topics of interest
Lecture Hall F

9.15 a.m. Welcome by Reinhold Förster, Speaker of HBRS

9.30 a.m. Greetings:

Denise Hilfiker-Kleiner, President of MHH

Anette Melk, Dean of Academic Career Development, MHH

10.00 a.m. Hans-Gustav Ljunggren (Member of HBRS International Advisory Board, Karolinska Institute, Stockholm)

“Science under pandemic conditions: Evaluation SARS-CoV-2 vaccines in immunocompromised individuals“

Coffee

11.15 a.m. Julia Skokowa (MolMed, Translational Oncology, Tübingen)

“Understanding Bone Marrow Failure Syndromes Predisposing to Leukemia: A Path from Basic Science to Clinical Translation”

11.45 a.m. Nico Lachmann (RegSci, Pediatric Pneumology, Allergology and Neonatology, MHH)

“Regenerative Science PhD program: From Gene Therapy to Macrophages and Clinical Translation”

12.15 a.m. Sylvia Dreyer (Infection Biology, Friedrich-Loeffler-Institute Riems)

“Linking infectious disease research with capacity development to strengthen the One Health approach in the Global South”

12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch

1:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Scientific talks and career events

Lectures Halls G, H, M, N, and corridors

Mini scientific symposia / key notes (future in the respective field), scientific poster presentations of Alumni and PhD students

Career talks / poster and career café *(round tables, discussion in small groups)*

Lecture Hall F - Closing: New and Exciting at MHH

I. Scientific track

Lectures, scientific posters of PhD students / Alumni in front of halls

Lecture Hall G: Scientific Talks

Chair: Sarina Ravens

1.30 p.m. Ulfert Rand (Infection Biology, Group leader at DSMZ, Braunschweig)
"Virus Dynamics"

1.50 p.m. Kaiyi Zhang (Infection Biology, Medical Microbiology, RWTH Aachen)
"Exploring the role of dual players in neonatal intestinal infections"

2.10 p.m. Marcin Lyszkiewicz (Infection Biology, Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine, University Medical Center Ulm)
"Of men and mice - lessons from inborn errors of immunity and mouse models"

Coffee

3.00 p.m. Wiebke Ginter (Infection Biology, DFG, Bonn)
"Funding Opportunities for Scientists and Science Management at the DFG"

3.20 p.m. Gustavo Salguero Lopez (MolMed, research leader, Inst. Distr. de Biotecnologia, Bogota, Columbia)
"Bridging the Gap: Bringing Cutting-Edge Advanced Therapies to Latin America"

Lecture Hall H: Scientific Talks

Chair: Georg Behrens

1.30 p.m. Dirk Heckl (MolMed, professor, Experimental Pediatric Hematology and Oncology, Frankfurt)

1.50 p.m. Reena Singh (MolMed, Assistant professor, Institute for Stem Cell and Regenerative Medicine, Bengaluru, India)
"Developmental Biology, Stem Cells and Regenerative Medicine for Cardiovascular and Metabolic Diseases"

2.10 p.m. Adrian Schwarzer (MolMed, professor for Translational and Experimental Oncology, Greifswald)
"Becoming a Clinician-Scientist in Hematology: from blood, mice and patients"

Coffee

3.00 p.m. Wim Walter (MolMed, Professor for Physiology and Physics, Prorektor, HMU Potsdam)
"Step by step – intracellular transport by single and multiple motors"

3.20 p.m. Eric Hesse (MolMed, Professor, Institute of Musculoskeletal Medicine, LMU Munich)
"Bone remodeling in health and disease"

4.00-6.00 p.m. Poster walks, Career advice: scientific career (round tables)

Table 1: Wiebke Ginter, DFG: individual coaching (slots a 10 minutes)

II. Career beyond Academia track

Lecture Hall M: Career Talks

Chair: Beate Sodeik

1.30 p.m. Rajendra Khanal (Infection Biology, LNP Formulation Scientist at Merck, Darmstadt)

"Bridging the Gap: My Journey from Academia to Industry as a Scientist"

1.50 p.m. Charu Gupta (MolMed, Technical Information Scientist, The Jackson Laboratory, Sacramento, USA) [online!](#)

"From Bench to Bedside to Broadcast"

2.10 p.m. Henoch Hong (MolMed, Principal Scientist, Merck Healthcare KGaA, Darmstadt)

"Being a scientist in industry - a subjective perspective of what it is like"

Coffee

3.00 p.m. Florian Klauschies (Infection Biology, Animal Health, Boehringer-Ingelheim (BI), Switzerland)

"The role of the FvP in Switzerland"

3.20 p.m. Claudia Karacsonyi (MolMed, Clinical Development Consultant, Lilly, Madrid)

"Bringing medicines to patients - The amazing world of the clinical trials"

3.40 p.m. Santoshi Devadas (RegSci, International Future Leadership program, Bayer)

"Growing as a Scientist - and Beyond: A Career Journey after the PhD"

Lecture Hall N: Career Talks

Chair: Ulrich Martin

1.30 p.m. Susanne Lerch (Infection Biology, Deputy Head of Section Clinical Trials, Paul-Ehrlich-Institut, Langen)

"Exploring Careers in Clinical Trials: Insights from Two Viewpoints - Industry and Regulatory Authority"

1.50 p.m. Miguel Palacios (Infection Biology, Research Scientist, Boehringer Ingelheim, Vienna)

"Research in industry: Lab Scientist at Boehringer Ingelheim"

2.10 p.m. Ariana Foinquinos (MolMed, Principal Scientist Cardiovascular, Novo Nordisk, Copenhagen)

"My path from discovery to delivery"

Coffee

3.00 p.m. Andres Vasquez (RegSci, BP Upstream Sales Specialist, Cytiva)

"Building a Career in the Commercial Field of the Biotech Industry"

3.20 p.m. Julia Lieske (Infection Biology, Crystals First GmbH)

“Mad about crystals - Understanding your drug molecule is only one structure away”

3.40 p.m. Hari Balaji (MolMed, IIT, Chennai, India)

“Research career from an Academic professor to starting my own clinical biotech company”

4.00-6.00 p.m. Career round tables inside & in front of the halls, poster, industry booths

Table 1: Discussion how to combine family and a career (Dorrit Borchert)

Table 2: Career in Industry and founding a start-up (Sebastian Goy)

Table 3: How to navigate academia as an introvert? (Franziska Greulich)

Table 4: Medical Writing/Communication (Priyanka Narang)

From 6.10 p.m. “New and Exciting at MHH” and Closing, Lecture Hall F

6.10 p.m. Reinhold Förster

Excellence Cluster “Resolving Infection Susceptibility” (RESIST)

6.25 p.m. Athanasia Warnecke

Excellence Cluster in Hearing Research (Hearing4all)

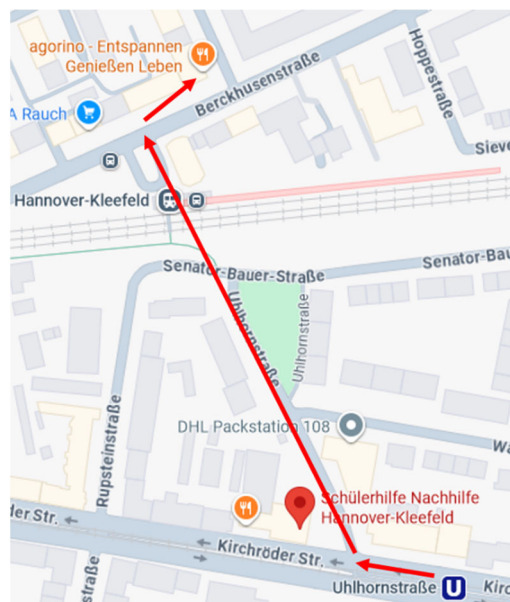
6.40 p.m. Markus Cornberg

Center of Individualized Medicine (CiIM)

6.55 p.m. Reinhold Förster: Closing Remarks

7.30 p.m. Dinner at „Agorino”, Berckhusenstraße 31, 30625 Hannover
(at own expense)

e.g. take tram No 4 to “Uhlhornstraße”, 6 min walk along Uhlhornstraße and under the train track



Sunday, November 9th

Enjoy Hannover on your own or in groups.

A few suggestions (we are happy to assist):

- Sightseeing tour with "Stattreisen"
- Visit Hannover Zoo
- Lunch in a nice restaurant or café
- Visit a museum: Landesmuseum, Sprengel museum or Wilhelm Busch museum
Etc.