

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

6:00 p.m.

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

Saturday, November 8th

Registration: from 8.15 a.m.

Anniversary Key Note Lectures

Lecture Hall F

9:15 a.m. – 12:45 a.m.

Welcome, Greetings, Key notes in general topics of interest

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)

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, B, C, 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*);

Science slam

I. Scientific track

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

Lecture Hall G: Scientific Talks

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

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)
“t.b.a.”

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)
“t.b.a.”

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),

6.15 p.m. Science Slam (5 min presentation of PhD students), Lecture hall F

7.30 p.m. Dinner at „Monte Collo”, Karl-Wiechert-Allee 1, (at own expense)

II. Career beyond Academia track

Lecture Hall B: Career Talks

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)

“t.b.a.”

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)

“t.b.a.”

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 (ReSci, International Future Leadership program, Bayer)

“tba”

Lecture Hall C: Career Talks

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

“t.b.a.”

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)

“t.b.a.”

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, industry booths

In hall C: Dhivya Haridass "From academia to motherhood to building an independent medical writing business". Followed by discussion how to combine family and a career.

6.15 p.m. Science Slam (5 min presentations by PhD students), Lecture Hall F

7.30 p.m. Dinner at „Monte Collo“, Karl-Wiechert-Allee 1 (at own expense)

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.