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Program

WEDNESDAY, 9 September

11:00 – 12:00 Registration and light lunch

OSZ 1: Opening

12:00 – 12:15 Welcome to the Goethe University, Otto Stern Center
Enrico Schleiff, Vice President, Goethe University

12:15 – 12:30 Opening
Thomas Braun (Acting President, GSCN)

12:30 – 13:15 **Keynote lecture I**
K1 – Epigenetic reactivation of adult epicardium underpins endogenous heart repair
Paul Riley, University of Oxford, U.K. (Chair: *Thomas Braun*)

13:15 – 14:00 **Keynote lecture II**
K2 – Modeling human lung development and disease using pluripotent stem cells
Hans-Willem Snoeck, Columbia University, New York, U.S.A. (Chair: *Ulrich Martin*)

14:00 – 14:30 Coffee break/Industry exhibition

Concurrent scientific working group session I

OSZ 3: Stem cells in regenerative therapies I (Chairs: *Michael Cross/Ulrich Martin*)

14:30 – 14:45 Overview
Michael Cross, University of Leipzig

14:45 – 15:00 T01 – Atrial & ventricular stem cells from same heart show different functional competencies for cardiac repair but are superior to endothelial progenitors
Parul Dixit, University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand

15:00 – 15:15 T02 – Cardiomyogenesis of human pluripotent stem cells is associated with transformation of metabolism and expression of specific PDLIM5 splice variants
Sarah A. Konze, Hannover Medical School

15:15 – 15:30 T03 – Gene modification in stem cells targeting megakaryopoiesis
Lisette Johanna Latorre Rey, Paul Ehrlich Institute, Langen

15:30 – 15:45 T04 – A novel cell surface marker for the enrichment of transplantable dopaminergic precursor cells from differentiated human pluripotent stem cells
Andreas Bosio, Miltenyi Biotec GmbH, Bergisch Gladbach

15:45 – 16:00 Working group discussion “Stem cells in regenerative therapies”

OSZ 4: Pluripotency and embryonic stem cells (Chairs: *Hans Schöler/Mathias Treier*)

14:30 – 14:45 Overview
Hans Schöler, Max Planck Institute for Molecular Biomedicine, Münster

14:45 – 15:00 T05 – Foxd3 promotes the exit from naïve pluripotency and prevents germline specification through enhancer decommissioning
Alvaro Rada-Iglesias, CMMC, University of Cologne

- 15:00 – 15:15 T06 – Ground state conditions induce rapid reorganization of core pluripotency factor binding before global epigenetic reprogramming
Christina Galonska, Harvard University, Cambridge, U.S.A.
- 15:15 – 15:30 T07 – TDP-43 safeguards pluripotency by regulation of alternative polyadenylation
Miha Modic, Helmholtz Center Munich and MRC LMB Cambridge, U.K.
- 15:30 – 15:45 T08 – LncRNA Panct1 maintains mouse embryonic stem cell identity by recruiting TOBF1 to OCT-SOX sequences in early G1
Debojyoti Chakraborty, Dresden University of Technology
- 15:45 – 16:00 T09 – Decoding the heterogeneity of pluripotent stem cells at the single cell level
Simon Hastreiter, ETH Zürich BSSE, Basel, Switzerland

OSZ 6: Computational stem cell biology (Chairs: *Georg Füllen/Ingo Röder*)

- 14:30 – 14:45 Overview
Georg Füllen, IBIMA, University of Rostock
- 14:45 – 15:00 T10 – Morpheus: computational modeling for stem cell biologists
Walter de Back, Dresden University of Technology
- 15:00 – 15:15 T11 – Inference of spatiotemporal effects on cellular state transitions from time-lapse microscopy
Michael Strasser, Helmholtz Center Munich
- 15:15 – 15:30 T12 – Prospective identification of hematopoietic lineage choice
Carsten Marr, Helmholtz Center Munich
- 15:30 – 15:45 T13 – On the quantification of hematopoietic tissue remodeling in aging and disease: simulations, measures and predictions
Christoph Baldow, Dresden University of Technology
- 15:45 – 16:00 Working group discussion “Computational stem cell biology”
- 16:00 – 16:30 [Coffee break/Industry exhibition](#)
- 16:30 – 18:30 **Poster session I: P001 – P074** supported by Thermo Fisher Scientific – LSG
P001 – P024: Hematopoietic stem cells
P025 – P038: Stem cells in regenerative therapies
P039 – P048: Stem cells in regenerative therapies II: Mesenchymal stem/stroma cells
P049 – P074: Stem cells in disease modeling and drug development
Even numbers: please present you poster from 16:30 – 17:30
Odd numbers: 17:30 – 18:30
- 18:30 – 21:00 Get-together for all participants
Dinner buffet in the foyer and outside of the Otto Stern Center

THURSDAY, 10 September

Concurrent scientific working group session II

OSZ 3: Stem cells in disease modeling and drug development (Chairs: *Karl-Ludwig Laugwitz/Oliver Brüstle*)

- 09:00 – 09:15 Overview
Karl-Ludwig Laugwitz, Technische Universität München
- 09:15 – 09:30 T14 – Infection, innate immune signaling and cancer in the stomach – stem cell-derived organoids as a new model
Sina Bartfeld, Hubrecht Institute, Utrecht, Netherlands
- 09:30 – 09:45 T15 – Modeling reactive gliosis in mESC-derived retina organoids
Manuela Völkner, DZNE Dresden
- 09:45 – 10:00 T16 – Patient iPSC-derived NPCs as a model for mtDNA mutations reveal HCS/HTS-suitable phenotypes
Raul Bukowiecki, Max Delbrück Center, Berlin
- 10:00 – 10:15 T17 – Intracellular calcium-release and autophagy modulation trigger ataxin-3 positive nuclear inclusions in Machado-Joseph disease-specific neurons
Johannes Jungverdorben, Institute of Reconstructive Neurobiology, Bonn
- 10:15 – 10:30 Working group discussion “Stem cells in disease modeling and drug development”

OSZ 4: Stem cells in disease: cancer stem cells (Chairs: *Thomas Brabletz/Andreas Trumpp*)

- 09:00 – 09:15 Overview
Thomas Brabletz, FAU Erlangen
- 09:15 – 09:30 T18 – Epigenetic age-predictions in cancer: aging signatures are associated with malignant transformation and clinical prognosis
Wolfgang Wagner, RWTH Aachen Medical School
- 09:30 – 09:45 T19 – Triple-negative inflammatory breast cancer: syndecan-1 is a biomarker and regulator of cancer stem cell phenotype via IL-6/STAT-3 and Notch-3
Sherif A. Ibrahim, Faculty of Science, Cairo University, Egypt
- 09:45 – 10:00 T20 – Targeting tumor-initiating stem cells in colorectal carcinoma
Ilaria Lunger, Goethe University Hospital and LOEWE Center Frankfurt
- 10:00 – 10:15 T21 – Unraveling the subclonal architecture of adult B-ALL at a single cell level
Bartosch Wojcik, Goethe University Hospital and LOEWE Center Frankfurt
- 10:15 – 10:30 Working group discussion “Stem cells in disease: cancer stem cells”

OSZ 6: Stem cells in development (Chairs: *Jan Lohmann/Thomas Braun*)

- 09:00 – 09:15 Overview
Jan Lohmann, Centre for Organismal Studies (COS) Heidelberg
- 09:15 – 09:30 T22 – Understanding the curious case of trophoblast differentiation
Micha Drukker, Helmholtz Center Munich
- 09:30 – 09:45 T23 – The Ca²⁺-regulated phosphatase calcineurin controls proportional growth of zebrafish regenerating fins
Christopher Antos, DFG-Center for Regenerative Therapies / TU Dresden

- 09:45 – 10:00 T24 – Antagonistic roles of miR-181a and orphan nuclear receptor GCNF in regulating human neural stem cell maintenance
Laura Stappert, Institute of Reconstructive Neurobiology, Bonn
- 10:00 – 10:15 T25 – Direct Nkx2-5 transcriptional repression of Isl1 controls cardiomyocyte subtype identity
Jessica Haas, Klinikum r.d.I. der TUM, Munich
- 10:15 – 10:30 T26 – Hypoxia induced epigenetic mechanism underlying Isl1+ cardiac progenitor cell homeostasis control
Xuejun Yuan, Max Planck Institute for Heart and Lung Research, Bad Nauheim
- 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break/Industry exhibition

Industry session: “Technologies from GSCN industry partners”

OSZ 3: Main supporter (chair: *Albrecht Müller*)

- 11:00 – 11:05 Introduction
- 11:05 – 11:35 C1 – Robust expansion of human pluripotent stem cells: integration of bioprocess design with transcriptomic and metabolomic characterization
Margarida Serra, Instituto de Tecnologia Química e Biológica (ITQB), Universidade Nova de Lisboa (UNL), Oeiras, Portugal, representing Eppendorf AG
- 11:35 – 12:05 C2 – A human iPSC cell platform to study pancreatic disease
Alexander Kleger, University Hospital Ulm, representing PeproTech GmbH
- 12:05 – 12:35 C3 – Advances in pluripotent stem cell culture and differentiation
David Kuninger, Thermo Fisher Scientific – LSG

OSZ 4: Supporter (chair: *Hartmut Geiger*)

- 11:00 – 11:05 Introduction
- 11:05 – 11:35 C4 – Consistency of pluripotent stem cell culture systems and differentiation protocols for generation of functional human stem cell derived hepatocytes
Mia Emgård, Takara Clontech
- 11:35 – 12:05 C5 – Reprogramming of somatic cells to induced pluripotent stem cells using a novel synthetic self-replicating RNA vector in a feeder-free system
Alexandra Blak, STEMCELL Technologies SARL
- 12:05 – 12:35 C6 – High throughput electrospinning to generate scaffolds containing cells for regenerative medicine applications
Thomas Hayes, Biolnacia S.L./I&L Biosystems GmbH

OSZ 6: Supporter (chair: *Ana Martin-Villalba*)

- 11:00 – 11:05 Introduction
- 11:05 – 11:35 C7 – An optimal serum-free, xeno-free culture system for the isolation, expansion and differentiation of clinical grade human mesenchymal stem cells
Orit Ecker-Cohen, Biological Industries / Biofrox GmbH
- 11:35 – 12:05 C8 – Explore what makes every stem cell unique from inside out
Mark Lynch, Fluidigm Europe B.V.

12:05 – 12:35 C9 – GrowDex® hydrogel for 3D cell cultures
Lauri Paasonen, UPM-Kymmene Corporation

12:35 – 14:00 Lunch buffet/Industry exhibition/Poster viewing supported by STEMCELL Technologies SARL

Seminar room 3 (1st floor)

12:50 – 13:50 Showcase: Outreach + Patient Information (Chairs: *Ira Herrmann/Tobias Cantz*)

OSZ 1: Presidential Symposium

14:00 – 14:30 PS1 – Evolving stem cell-based strategies for targeting neurological disorders
Oliver Brüstle, Institute of Reconstructive Neurobiology, Bonn

14:30 – 15:00 **Young Investigator Award**
PS2 – *In vitro* cell culture models to decipher brain development and neuronal integration
Julia Ladewig, Institute of Reconstructive Neurobiology, Bonn

15:00 – 15:30 **Female Scientist Award**
PS3 – From neurogenesis to neural repair
Magdalena Götz, Helmholtz Center Munich

15:30 – 16:00 **Publication of the Year 2015 Award (07/14 – 06/15)**
PS4 – Primate-specific endogenous retrovirus-driven transcription defines naive-like stem cells
Jichang Wang (w. *Zsuzsanna Izsvak*), Max Delbrück Center, Berlin

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break/Industry exhibition

16:30 – 18:30 **Poster session II: P074 – P147** supported by Fluidigm Europe B.V.

P075 – P093: Pluripotency and embryonic stem cells

P094 – P107: Programming and reprogramming

P108 – P113: Somatic stem cells

P114 – P130: Stem cells in development

P131 – P143: Stem cells in disease: Cancer stem cells

P144 – P147: Computational stem cell biology

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Odd numbers: 17:30 – 18:30

18:30 – 19:30 **Membership meeting**

19:30 – 20:00 Bus transfer

20:00 – 01:00 GSCN Networking evening for all participants

with dinner buffet and DJ at the Banquet Hall I, Casino, Campus Westend

FRIDAY, 11 September

Concurrent scientific working group session III

OSZ 3: Hematopoietic stem cells (Chairs: *Timm Schröder/Claudia Waskow*)

- 09:00 – 09:15 Overview
Timm Schröder, ETH Zürich BSSE, Basel, Switzerland
- 09:15 – 09:30 T27 – CCND1/CDK4-mediated cell cycle progression provides a competitive advantage for human hematopoietic stem and progenitor cells *in vivo*
Nicole Mende, Dresden University of Technology
- 09:30 – 09:45 T28 – The H3K4 histone methyltransferase Setd1b is required for haematopoietic stem cell homeostasis in mice
Kerstin Schmidt, Biotechnology Center TU Dresden
- 09:45 – 10:00 T29 – Molecular and functional heterogeneity of dormant HSCs
Nina Cabezas-Wallscheid, German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ) Heidelberg
- 10:00 – 10:15 T30 – High efficiency gene correction in hematopoietic cells by template-free CRISPR/Cas9 genome editing
Frank Schnütgen, University Hospital Frankfurt
- 10:15 – 10:30 Working group discussion “Basic, translational and applied hematopoiesis”

OSZ 4: Somatic stem cells (Chairs: *Ana Martin-Villalba/Michael Rieger*)

- 09:00 – 09:15 Overview
Ana Martin-Villalba, German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ) Heidelberg
- 09:15 – 09:30 T31 – Visualization of the short-range Wnt gradient in the intestinal stem cell niche
Henner Farin, Georg-Speyer-Haus, Frankfurt
- 09:30 – 09:45 T32 – Clonal heterogeneity within the exocrine pancreas
Damian Wollny, German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ) Heidelberg
- 09:45 – 10:00 T33 – Single cell analysis of cellular mechanisms regulating adult neural stem cell fate
Onur Basak, Hubrecht Institute, Utrecht, Netherlands
- 10:00 – 10:15 T34 – *In vivo* Ribotag analysis reveals translational control during neural stem cell differentiation
Avni Baser, German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ) Heidelberg
- 10:15 – 10:30 Working group discussion “Somatic stem cells and development”

OSZ 5: Stem cells in reg. therapies II: Mesenchymal stem/stroma cells (Chairs: *Dirk Strunk/Karen Bieback*)

- 09:00 – 09:15 Overview
Dirk Strunk, Paracelsus Medical University, Salzburg, Austria
- 09:15 – 09:30 T35 – The transcription factor GATA2 controls mesenchymal stem cell fate
Alexander Tolkachov, Center for Cardiovascular Research, Charité, Berlin
- 09:30 – 09:45 T36 – Attenuation of alloimmunity to human endothelial colony forming cells (ECFC) by interaction with mesenchymal stem/progenitor cells (MSPC)
Naima Souidi, Berlin-Brandenburg Center for Regenerative Medicine and Institute of Medical Immunology, Charité, Berlin
- 09:45 – 10:00 T37 – Murine bone marrow derived mesenchymal stem cells as a putative therapy approach for influenza-virus induced pneumonia
Lina Jankauskaite, Universities of Giessen and Marburg Lung Center (UGMLC), Giessen

- 10:00 – 10:15 T38 – Regenerative potential of human pluripotent stem cell-derived MSCs in a Gunn rat liver injury model
Lucas-Sebastian Spitzhorn, University Hospital of Düsseldorf
- 10:15 – 10:30 Working group discussion “Stem cells in regenerative therapies” – future progress with MSCs

OSZ 6: Programing and reprograming (Chairs: *Micha Drukker/Frank Edenhofer*)

- 09:00 – 09:15 Overview
Micha Drukker, Helmholtz Center Munich
- 09:15 – 09:30 T39 – An inducible overexpression system for rapid and highly efficient induction of mature cell types from human pluripotent stem cells
Matthias Pawlowski, Cambridge Stem Cell Institute, U.K.
- 09:30 – 09:45 T40 – Reprogramming triggers endogenous LINE-1, Alu and SVA retrotransposition in human induced pluripotent stem cells affecting host gene expression
Gerald Schumann, Paul Ehrlich Institute, Langen
- 09:45 – 10:00 T41 – Efficient patterning of human pluripotent stem cells towards distinct mesendodermal subtypes simply by modulation of the bulk cell density
Henning Kempf, Hannover Medical School
- 10:00 – 10:15 T42 – Direct *in vivo* glia-to-neuron conversion in the postnatal mouse cerebral cortex
Sophie Péron, Institute of Physiological Chemistry, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz
- 10:15 – 10:30 Working group discussion “Pluripotency and reprograming”
- 10:30 – 11:00 [Coffee break/Industry exhibition](#)

Concurrent strategic working group session

OSZ 3: Stem cell technologies (Chairs: *Frank Emmrich/Andreas Bosio*)

- 11:00 – 11:30 S1 – Technologies in genetic engineering of stem cells
Ulrich Martin, Hannover Medical School
- 11:30 – 12:00 S2 – Genetic engineering of human pluripotent stem cells using TALENs nucleases
Sebastian Diecke, Max Delbrück Center, Berlin
- 12:00 – 12:30 S3 – Mammalian genome engineering in the era of CRISPR/Cas
Ralf Kühn, Max Delbrück Center, Berlin

OSZ 4: Career development (Chairs: *Insa Schröder/Hartmut Geiger*)

- 11:00 – 11:15 Introduction
Insa Schröder, GSI Helmholtzzentrum für Schwerionenforschung GmbH, Darmstadt
- 11:15 – 12:00 S4 – How to apply in research and industry
Hanna Proner, academics/Die Zeit, Hamburg
- 12:00 – 12:30 Panel discussion

OSZ 6: Clinical trials and regulatory affairs (Chairs: *Andreas Kurtz/Halvard Böning*)

- 11:00 – 11:05 Introduction
Andreas Kurtz, Berlin-Brandenburg Center for Regenerative Medicine, Charité, Berlin
- 11:05 – 11:25 S5 – Regulatory aspects and classifications of stem cell based medicinal products
Egbert Flory, Paul Ehrlich Institute, Langen

- 11:25 – 11:45 S6 – Accelerating the clinical development of cell based therapies
Natalie Mount, Cell Therapy Catapult, London, U.K.
- 11:45 – 12:00 S7 – The ADIPOA-1/-2 trial – Adipose tissue derived stromal cells for osteoarthritis therapy
Oliver Pullig, Fraunhofer IGB, Würzburg branch
- 12:00 – 12:15 S8 - Cell Therapy for bone defects: *in vitro*, *in vivo*, and first clinical results
Ingo Marzi, Goethe University Hospital, Frankfurt
- 12:30 – 14:00 **Lunch buffet/Industry exhibition/Poster viewing** supported by UPM-Kymmene Corporation
- 12:45 – 13:45 Meet the expert tables: Stem cell technologies supported by Schering Stiftung
Please register at the registration (limited to 10 participants each)
Seminar room 3: CRISPR/Cas Technology (*Ralf Kühn*)
Seminar room 4: TALENs Technology (*Sebastian Diecke*)
- 12:45 – 13:45 Drop-in booth on regulatory affairs and clinical trials with *Egbert Flory*,
Natalie Mount, u.a. (Registration)

OSZ 1: Joined Session with LOEWE Center for Cell and Gene Therapy Frankfurt (CGT)

- 14:00 – 14:45 **Keynote lecture III**
K3 – Pluripotency in the artificial cell space
Andras Nagy, Lunenfeld-Tanenbaum Research Institute, Toronto, Canada
(Chair: *Harald von Melchner*)
- 14:45 – 15:30 **Keynote lecture IV**
K4 – Modeling and treating neural disease using human pluripotent stem cells
Lorenz Studer, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York (Chair: *Lenhard Rudolph*)
- 15:30 – 16:00 **Coffee break/Industry exhibition**

CGT Session (Chair: *Lenhard Rudolph*)

- 16:00 – 16:20 CGT1 – Regulation of second heart field progenitor cells: discovering key molecular players
Gergana Dobрева, Max Planck Institute for Heart and Lung Research, Bad Nauheim
- 16:20 – 16:40 CGT2 – Functional systems analysis of the adult muscle stem cell identifies crucial regulators of muscle regeneration
Johnny Kim, Max Planck Institute for Heart and Lung Research, Bad Nauheim
- 16:40 – 17:00 CGT3 – Hematopoietic stem cell fate decision control at single cell resolution
Michael Rieger, Goethe University Hospital and LOEWE Center Frankfurt
- 17:00 – 17:20 CGT4 – The Sleeping Beauty transposon system for genetic engineering in stem cells
Zoltán Ivics, Paul Ehrlich Institute, Langen

Closing ceremony

- 17:30 – 17:45 Poster award ceremony and announcement of industry quiz winners (*Daniel Besser*; GSCN)
- 17:45 – 18:00 Outlook and closing remarks
Incoming president: *Ulrich Martin*

End of GSCN conference

Announcement (please inform the registration desk for transfer)

- 19:00 – 21:00 GSCN public event: Moderne Zelltherapien – mit Stammzellen gegen Herzinfarkt und Blutkrebs (in German, page 9)