Invited Speakers

New Horizons in Vision and Hearing Research
March 5th – 7th, 2018
Elfriede-Aulhorn-Street 5-7, 72076 Tuebingen, Germany
New Horizons in Vision and Hearing Research 2018

The international symposium "New Horizons in Vision and Hearing Research" is intended to provide an intensive, interdisciplinary and internationally oriented scientific exchange on current developments in neurosensory research. The invited experts will present targeted therapeutic approaches and demonstrate their implementation on the way from bench to bedside.

In total 150 participants are planned to attend this interdisciplinary symposium. Approximately 30% of the internationally renowned external speakers come from outside Europe (USA, Australia and Canada), 50% from Europe (France, the United Kingdom, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Belgium) and 20% from Germany.

Special emphasis will be on the participation of doctoral students and postdoctoral staff from the Center for Neurosensory Systems and various Graduate Schools, many of which will contribute to the flashlight presentations and the evening poster session on March 5th, 2018. In the exchange with international leaders of the field, we hope for a rewarding scientific experience of our graduates, postdocs and young group leaders. In addition, we hope to make an important, scientifically high-ranking contribution for the interdisciplinary neurosensory research area, both nationally and internationally.

Prof. Dr. rer. nat. Peter Hegemann
Prof. Dr. rer. nat. Marlies Knipper
Prof. Dr. med. Dr. h.c. mult. Eberhart Zrenner
### Monday March 5th, 2018

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<td>12:00-13:00</td>
<td>Registration and Welcome Coffee</td>
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<td>13:00-13:15</td>
<td>Eberhart Zrenner &amp; Marlies Knipper &quot;Welcome and Introduction&quot;</td>
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<td>Hubert Loewenheim &amp; Marius Ueffing &quot;The Centre for Neurosensory Systems&quot;</td>
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### Session I - Therapy and Functional Restitution of the Eye

**Chair: E. Zrenner – Co-Chair: P. Sieving**  
**LECTURES:** 20 minutes talk followed by 10 minutes of intensive discussion;  
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<td>Botond Roska, CH &quot;Targeting retinal cell types for therapy&quot;</td>
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<td>Robin Ali, UK &quot;Gene therapy for retinal dystrophies&quot;</td>
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<td>14:30-15:00</td>
<td>Deniz Dalkara, FR &quot;Non-invasive gene delivery to foveal cones for gene therapy and vision restoration&quot;</td>
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<td>15:00-15:30</td>
<td>Kerstin Nagel-Wolfrum, DE &quot;Ignore the nonsense: Translational read-through for the treatment of retinal ciliopathies&quot;</td>
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<td>15:50-16:00</td>
<td>Flashlight: F. Paquet-Durand: “Training a new generation of scientists in translational medicine”</td>
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### Session II - Therapy and Functional Restitution of the Ear

**Chair:** H. Löwenheim  – **Co-Chair:** R. Shepherd

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<td>Christine Petit, FR</td>
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<td>17:00-17:30</td>
<td>Gary Housley, AU</td>
<td>&quot;Neurotrophin gene electrotransfer enhances cochlear implant performance&quot;</td>
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<td>17:30-18:00</td>
<td>Pascal Senn, CH</td>
<td>“Nanotechnolgically modified cochlear implants with gapless interface to auditory neurons”</td>
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<td>18:00-18:30</td>
<td>Richard Smith, USA</td>
<td>&quot;Understanding the Genetic Complexities of Hearing Loss as a Foundation for RNAi-Based Gene Therapy&quot;</td>
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<td>Flashlight: B. Vona</td>
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<td>18:40-18:50</td>
<td>Flashlight: S. Schnichels</td>
<td>“DNA - more than just a code needing therapy”</td>
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<td>Hector Fellow Peter Hegemann, Berlin, DE</td>
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<td>From 19:30-</td>
<td><strong>Buffet-Dinner @ Kerstan Atrium</strong></td>
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<td>From 20:00-</td>
<td><strong>Poster Session with Swinging Music</strong></td>
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<td>With the well-known pianist Edel Noel</td>
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## Tuesday March 6th, 2018

### Session III - Genetics of the Ear and Eye

*Chair:* B. Wissinger – *Co-Chair:* H. Dollfus

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<td>Gwenaelle Geleoc, USA</td>
<td>&quot;Gene Therapy for Usher Syndrome&quot;</td>
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<td>09:00-09:30</td>
<td>Bart Leroy, BE</td>
<td>“The Fascinating World of Bestrophinopathies”</td>
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<td>Jennifer Lentz, USA (participation confirmed)</td>
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<td>10:30-11:00</td>
<td>Frans Cremers, NL</td>
<td>&quot;Revealing the ‘dark matter’ in ABCA4-associated Stargardt disease&quot;</td>
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<td>11:00-11:30</td>
<td>Helene Dollfus, FR</td>
<td>&quot;Lessons from ultra-rare syndromic retinopathies&quot;</td>
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<td>11:30-12:00</td>
<td>Flashlight: Susanne Kohl</td>
<td>“Identifying the genetic causes of Achromatopsia”</td>
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### Session IV - Technical Developments in the Eye and Ear

**Chair: T. Gummer – Co-Chair: M. Seeliger**

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<td>Birger Kollmeier, Oldenburg, DE</td>
<td>&quot;Precision audiology: Model-based auditory diagnostics and prediction of hearing aid benefit&quot;</td>
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<td>12:30-13:00</td>
<td>Serge Picaud, FR</td>
<td>“Visual restoration by an infrared photovoltaic implant and by optogenetic therapy: validation in non-human primates”</td>
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<td>14:00-14:30</td>
<td>Thomas Lenarz, DE</td>
<td>&quot;Bionic Hearing: Restoration of hearing through technology towards neurobiology&quot;</td>
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<td>14:30-15:00</td>
<td>Stefan Launer, Phonak AG, CH</td>
<td>&quot;Hearing rehabilitation in the age of connectivity&quot;</td>
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<td>15:00-16:00</td>
<td>Robert Shepherd, AU</td>
<td>&quot;Taking bionic devices from an idea to the clinic&quot;</td>
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<td>16:00-16:10</td>
<td>Flashlight: Katarina Stingl</td>
<td>“Restoration of Vision with RETINA IMPLANT Alpha AMS”</td>
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<td>Flashlight: Ernst Dahlhoff</td>
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### Session V - Circuits in Eye and Ear

**Chair:** T. Euler – **Co-Chair:** J. Sahel

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<td>Bjoern Herrmann, CA</td>
<td>“Perceptual and Neural Organization of Sound Environments</td>
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<td>17:10-17:40</td>
<td>Enrica Strettoi, IT</td>
<td>“Pharmacological tools to slow down photoreceptor degeneration”</td>
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<td>17:40-18:10</td>
<td>Jason D. Warren, UK</td>
<td>“Hearing and dementia: the auditory dynamics of disintegrating brain networks?”</td>
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<td>18:10-18:40</td>
<td>Karin Dedek, DE</td>
<td>“The functional role of horizontal cells in the mouse retina”</td>
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<td>18:50-19:00</td>
<td>Flashlight: S. Wahl, ZEISS VISION LAB</td>
<td>“Novel technologies: Aids for the visually impaired?”</td>
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<td><strong>Ingeborg Hochmair, AT</strong></td>
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<td><em>Dinner @ MUSEUM</em></td>
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**Wednesday March 7th, 2018**

**Session VI Pathophysiology of Hearing and Seeing**

Chair: M. Ueffing – Co-Chair: M. Knipper

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<td>Daniel Polley, USA</td>
<td>“Restoring central auditory processing after hearing loss”</td>
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<td>09:00-09:30</td>
<td>Michael Brand, DE</td>
<td>“Regeneration of the adult zebrafish retina”</td>
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<td>09:30-10:00</td>
<td>Paul Sieving, USA</td>
<td>“Gene therapy for x-linked retinoschisis”</td>
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<td>Pim van Dijk, NL</td>
<td>“Brain networks and tinnitus: results from functional MRI”</td>
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<td>11:00-11:30</td>
<td>Ellen Reisinger, DE</td>
<td>&quot;A viral gene replacement strategy to rescue hearing in inherited forms of deafness&quot;</td>
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<td>11:30-11:40</td>
<td>Flashlight: R. Muehlfriedel</td>
<td>“Pathophysiological aspects of retinal dystrophies”</td>
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<td>Flashlight: K. Boldt</td>
<td>“Combining gene editing and protein complex analysis to dissect the function of ciliary proteins”</td>
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<td>Flashlight: L. Ruettiger</td>
<td>“Ga-proteins: beyond roles for stereocilia”</td>
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# Session VII - Bottlenecks of Research in AMD

**Chair:** K.U. Bartz-Schmidt – **Co-Chair:** R. Ali

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<td>José Sahel, FR/USA</td>
<td>&quot;Cone directed strategies in retinal degenerations&quot;</td>
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<td>13:30-14:00</td>
<td>Caroline Klaver, NL</td>
<td>“Genetic epidemiology of AMD”</td>
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<td>14:00-14:30</td>
<td>Hendrik Scholl, CH</td>
<td>“Preparing for clinical trials to target Progression of Stargardt Macular Dystrophy: What have we learned from the ProgStar study?”</td>
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<td>14:30-15:00</td>
<td>Sascha Fauser, CH</td>
<td>„New treatments for age-related macular degeneration”</td>
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<td>15:00-15:30</td>
<td>Final Remarks (Zrenner &amp; Knipper)</td>
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<td>15:30-15:45</td>
<td>Changeover ceremony of the leadership in the Centre for Neurosensory Systems</td>
<td>From E. Zrenner and M. Knipper to H. Loewenheim and M. Ueffing effective 31 March 2018</td>
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<td>15:45-16:15</td>
<td>Optional Coffee Break &amp; Bye-Bye</td>
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<td>Farewell</td>
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