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## German-Endocrine-Brain-Immune-Network

# NEWSLETTER

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### Meeting of the GEBIN 2009

The next meeting of the GEBIN will be held from July 8-11, 2009 at the IG Farben Building of the Johann Wolfgang Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main. The meeting will be organized as a joint meeting with the Germinal Center Conference, a prestigious international immunology meeting with special focus on germinal centers and respective immune mechanisms. The following invited speakers have already confirmed their participation: Cobi J. Heijnen (Utrecht), Christine Schütt (Greifswald), Eduardo Arzt (Buenos Aires), Hemmo Drexhage (Rotterdam), Ralf A. Linker (Bochum), Rainer H. Straub (Regensburg). As in previous years, GEBIN will offer an Educational Short Course to undergraduate/graduate students which will be organized by Adriana del Rey (Marburg).



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For detailed information about the conference go to: ► [www.gcc16.org](http://www.gcc16.org)

## Meeting of the GEBIN 2010

The GEBIN Meeting 2010 will take place from April 28-30 at the UNESCO World Heritage Site 'Zeche Zollverein' in Essen and will be organized by Sigrid Elsenbruch and Harald Engler, Institute of Medical Psychology and Behavioral Immunobiology, University Hospital Essen.

The former industrial complex 'Zeche Zollverein' is considered an architectural and technical masterpiece and earned reputation as the most beautiful coal mine in the world.

Detailed information about the venue: ► [www.zollverein.de](http://www.zollverein.de)



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## Rainer Straub - President-Elect of the PNIRS

Rainer H. Straub, Coordinator of the GEBIN, has been elected President of the Psychoneuroimmunology Research Society (PNIRS). His presidency will start in May 2009. With Rainer Straub and Hugo Besedovsky, President of the International Society for NeuroImmunoModulation (ISNIM), the presidents of the two most prestigious societies in our field are belonging to the Steering Committee of the GEBIN.

## Other Meetings and Conferences

- ★ 4<sup>th</sup> Topical Meeting of the Ethologische Gesellschaft "Behavior and Evolution"  
February 12 - 14, 2009, Göttingen (Germany) | [www.ethol-ges.org](http://www.ethol-ges.org)
- ★ 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Arbeitsgemeinschaft Dermatologische Forschung (ADF)  
March 5 - 7, 2009, Heidelberg (Germany) | [www.adf-online.de](http://www.adf-online.de)
- ★ 60<sup>th</sup> Working Conference of the German College for Psychosomatic Medicine (DKPM) and 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the German Society for Psychosomatic Medicine and Medical Psychotherapy (DGPM)  
March 18 - 21, 2009, Mainz (Germany) | [www.klinik.uni-mainz.de/dkpm-dgpm2009/overview](http://www.klinik.uni-mainz.de/dkpm-dgpm2009/overview)
- ★ 104<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Anatomische Gesellschaft  
March 27 - 30, 2009, Antwerpen (Belgium) | [www.anatomische-gesellschaft.de](http://www.anatomische-gesellschaft.de)
- ★ 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Neuroendocrine Immunology in Rheumatic Diseases  
May 8 - 10, 2009, Santa Margherita Ligure, Genua (Italy) | [www.4thneird.com](http://www.4thneird.com)
- ★ 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Psychoneuroimmunology Research Society (PNIRS)  
June 3 - 6, 2009, Breckenridge, CO (USA) | [www.pnirs.org](http://www.pnirs.org)
- ★ 35. Arbeitstagung Psychophysiologie und Methodik (APM2009)  
June 11 - 13, 2009, Leipzig (Germany) | [www.uni-leipzig.de/~apm2009/](http://www.uni-leipzig.de/~apm2009/)
- ★ 17<sup>th</sup> Congress of the German Society for Medical Psychology (DGMP)  
September 4 - 5, 2009, Göttingen (Germany) | [www.dgmp-online.de](http://www.dgmp-online.de)
- ★ 2<sup>nd</sup> European Congress of Immunology  
September 13 - 16, 2009, Berlin (Germany) | [www.eci-berlin2009.com](http://www.eci-berlin2009.com)

- ★ 82<sup>th</sup> Congress of the German Society for Neurology (DGN)  
September 23 - 26, 2009, Nürnberg (Germany) | [www.dgn2009.de](http://www.dgn2009.de)
- ★ 20<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Psychosomatic Medicine  
September 23 - 26, 2009, Turin (Italy) | [www.icpm2009.com](http://www.icpm2009.com)
- ★ 102<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the German Zoological Society (DZG)  
September 25 - 28, 2009, Regensburg (Germany) | [www.dzg-ev.de](http://www.dzg-ev.de)
- ★ 73<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American College of Rheumatology  
October 16 - 21, 2009, Philadelphia, PA (USA) | [www.rheumatology.org](http://www.rheumatology.org)
- ★ 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Psychophysiological Research (SPR)  
October 21 - 24, 2009, Berlin (Germany) | [www.sprweb.org](http://www.sprweb.org)

## Positions

### University Hospital of Essen

The Institute of Medical Psychology and Behavioral Immunobiology at the University Hospital of Essen offers **4 PhD Student Positions** starting in January/February 2009.

(1) The first project is part of a Ph.D. fellowship program (Graduiertenkolleg) and is aimed at elucidating the role of endogenous catecholamines in the regulation of immune responses during infection. Applicants for this project should hold a master/diploma degree in life sciences and should have a strong background in immunology and molecular biology.

(2) The second project is focused on behavioral conditioning of immune functions in healthy subjects and in patients with allergic disease. Applicants for this project should hold a master/diploma degree in psychology or biology and should have a strong background in behavioral sciences.

(3) The third project addresses the neural mechanisms underlying chronic pain and placebo analgesia in patients and healthy subjects using functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI). Applicants for this project should have background in psychology and/or neuroscience. Experience in neuro-imaging is preferable but not mandatory.

(4) The fourth project analyses effects of inflammation on neuro-cognitive functions and behaviour in healthy subjects using fMRI. Applicants for this project should have background in psychology and/or neuroscience. Experience in neuro-imaging and/or neuro-immunology is preferable but not mandatory.

Projects are funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG) or the Volkswagen Foundation. The selected candidates will work in an interdisciplinary research environment with excellent infrastructure and access to state of the art equipment. High motivation, team spirit and dedication to interdisciplinary work are expected.

Interested individuals are invited to submit an electronic application, including a detailed CV, a summary of training/research experience, and two references to:

Dr. Harald Engler ► [harald.engler@uk-essen.de](mailto:harald.engler@uk-essen.de) (project 1)

Priv.-Doz. Dr. Sigrid Elsenbruch ► [sigrid.elsenbruch@uk-essen.de](mailto:sigrid.elsenbruch@uk-essen.de) (project 3)

Prof. Dr. Manfred Schedlowski ► [manfred.schedlowski@uk-essen.de](mailto:manfred.schedlowski@uk-essen.de) (projects 2 and 4)

## Member Societies

- Anatomische Gesellschaft | [www.anatomische-gesellschaft.de](http://www.anatomische-gesellschaft.de)
- Arbeitsgemeinschaft Dermatologische Forschung (ADF) | [www.adf-online.de](http://www.adf-online.de)
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Biologische Psychiatrie (DGBP) | [www.dtsch-ges-biol-psychiat.de](http://www.dtsch-ges-biol-psychiat.de)
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Endokrinologie (DGE) | [www.endokrinologie.net](http://www.endokrinologie.net)
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Immunologie (DGfI) | [www.immunologie.de](http://www.immunologie.de)
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Medizinische Psychologie (DGMP) | [www.dgmp-online.de](http://www.dgmp-online.de)
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Neurologie (DGN) | [www.dgn.org](http://www.dgn.org)
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Psychologie (DGPs) | [www.dgps.de](http://www.dgps.de)
- Deutsche Zoologische Gesellschaft (DZG) | [www.dzg-ev.de](http://www.dzg-ev.de)
- Ethologische Gesellschaft | [www.ethol-ges.org](http://www.ethol-ges.org)

## Affiliate Partners

International Society for Neuroimmunomodulation (ISNIM) | [www.isnim.org](http://www.isnim.org)

## Newsletter Information

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