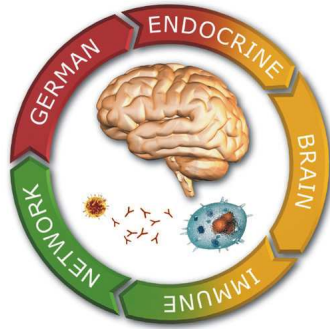


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German-Endocrine-Brain-Immune-Network

NEWSLETTER

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Dear colleagues,

The **German-Endocrine-Brain-Immune-Network (GEBIN)** is a network that combines activities in the different German scientific societies with a special interest in behaviour-neuro-endocrine-immune interactions. Scientists interested in the **GEBIN** typically concentrate on interdisciplinary research foci. The different German scientific societies have so-called study groups which bridge the own discipline and other research subjects. The spokesmen of these study groups form the **Steering Committee of the GEBIN**.

The **GEBIN** is a non-profit network without strict formal rules. It is open for interested scientists dedicated to interdisciplinary thinking and research. The **GEBIN** was founded in 1997 in Munich during the Volkswagen-Symposium "Neuroimmunologie, Verhalten und Befinden". The promotion of scientific interactions and the coordination of exchange of information between the different groups is one of the main aims of the network.

With the **GEBIN Newsletter** we would like to distribute information about the **GEBIN** and related activities on a regular basis (every 3 to 4 months). The information will focus, but is not restricted, on meetings and conferences, funding opportunities or open positions.

If you have information which might be of interest to the members of the **GEBIN**, please send an e-mail to either Manfred Schedlowski (manfred.schedlowski@ifv.gess.ethz.ch) or Harald Engler (harald.engler@ifv.gess.ethz.ch).

With many thanks for your support and best regards

Rainer Straub & Manfred Schedlowski
For the GEBIN Steering Committee



Member Societies

The following scientific societies are currently represented in the GEBIN:

- Anatomische Gesellschaft | www.uni-luebeck.de/nc/anatges
- Arbeitsgemeinschaft Dermatologische Forschung (ADF) | www.adf-online.de
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Biologische Psychiatrie (DGBP) | www.dtsch-ges-biol-psychiat.de
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Endokrinologie (DGE) | www.endokrinologie.net
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Immunologie (DGfI) | www.immunologie.de
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Medizinische Psychologie (DGMP) | www.dgmp-online.de
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Neurologie (DGN) | www.dgn.org
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Psychologie (DGPs) | www.dgps.de
- Deutsche Zoologische Gesellschaft (DZG) | www.dzg-ev.de
- Ethologische Gesellschaft | www.ethoges.uni-halle.de

Affiliate Partners

The Steering Committee of the GEBIN approved by unanimous resolution that the GEBIN becomes affiliate partner of the International Society of Neuroimmunomodulation (ISNIM). The GEBIN will retain its independent status and will be free to affiliate with other scientific organizations in the future. The spokesperson of the GEBIN will join the meetings of the Executive Committee of the ISNIM and the President of the ISNIM will be invited to the meetings of the Steering Committee of the GEBIN.

- ▶ Information about the ISNIM: www.isnim.org

GEBIN Satellite Symposium 2007

GEBIN is organizing a Satellite Symposium prior to the Meeting of the Psychoneuroimmunology Research Society (PNIRS). The symposium will be held on May 30, 2007 at the Palais des Congres, Arcachon, France. It will offer an exciting scientific program with invited speakers as well as two poster sessions. Members of the GEBIN are encouraged to present their institutes and research groups during these poster sessions. The aim is to give an overview of the research activities and the techniques used in the different GEBIN laboratories (one poster per group).



- ▶ More information will be soon available under www.gebin.org



GEBIN Educational Course 2007

In 2007, GEBIN again offers an educational short course for students (seniors and PhD students). The course is organized by Prof. Dr. Adriana del Rey (Institute of Physiology and Pathophysiology, Philipps University Marburg) and will focus on the basic elements of behaviour-neuro-endocrino-immunology. It will be open to all students without additional costs. Thanks to the support of Teva and Biogen, we will be able to offer some financial help (travel/accommodation expenses or the registration fee for the GEBIN meeting) to students who request it.

Time: March 4, 14:00 - 19:00 and March 5, 09:00 - 13:00

Limit: 25-30 students (first come, first served).

For registration, send an e-mail to Adriana del Rey (delrey@mailier.uni-marburg.de).

Program Educational Short Course

Sunday, March 4

- 14:00 Check-in
- 14:30-14:45 Introduction
- 14:45-15:25 Updating the immune system
Alexander Dalpke, Dept. of Hygiene and Medical Microbiology, University of Heidelberg
- 15:25-16:05 Peripheral and central nervous systems: relevant regions for neuroimmune interactions
Martin Schäfer, Dept. of Molecular Neuroscience, Inst. of Anatomy and Cell Biology, Marburg
- 16:05-16:30 Break
- 16:30-17:10 Stress and behavior for non-psychologists
Petra Arck, Dept. of Biomedical Science, Charité, Berlin
- 17:10-17:50 Basic Psychiatry
Thomas Pollmächer, Center of Mental Health, Ingolstadt
- 17:50-18:20 Break
- 18:20-19:00 Long loop immune-neuro-endocrine interactions
Adriana del Rey, Dept. of Immunophysiology, Inst. of Physiology and Pathophysiology, Marburg
- 20:00 Coming-together evening with students and teachers

Monday, March 5

- 9:00-9:40 Peripheral immune-neuro-endocrine interactions
Rainer Straub, Dept. of Internal Medicine I, University Hospital, Regensburg
- 9:40-10:20 Central immune-neuro-endocrine interactions
Hugo Besedovsky, Dept. of Immunophysiology, Inst. of Physiology and Pathophysiology, Marburg
- 10:20-10:45 Break
- 10:45-11:25 Psychiatry and immune-neuro-endocrine interactions
Markus Schwarz, Hospital for Psychiatry and Psychotherapy, Munich
- 11:25-12:05 Behaviour and immune-neuro-endocrine interactions
Volker Stefanski, Leibniz Institute for Zoo- and Wildlife Research, Berlin
- 12:05-12:45 Conditioning and immune-neuro-endocrine interactions
Manfred Schedlowski, Psychology and Behavioral Immunobiology, ETH Zurich, Zurich
- 12:45-13:00 General discussion and students evaluation



Meetings and Conferences

- ★ 11th Congress of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Verhaltensmedizin und Verhaltensmodifikation (DGVM)
March 1-3, 2007, Munich (Germany) | www.dgvm2007.klinikum.uni-muenchen.de
- ★ 6th Meeting of the GEBIN together with the Arbeitsgemeinschaft Dermatologische Forschung (ADF)
March 5-7, 2007, Freiburg (Germany) | www.gebin.org
- ★ 51th Symposium of the German Society of Endocrinology (DGE)
March 7-10, 2007, Salzburg (Austria) | www.salzburg2007.org
- ★ GEBIN Satellite Symposium together with the Psychoneuroimmunology Research Society (PNIRS)
May 30, 2007, Arcachon (France) | www.gebin.org
- ★ 14th Annual Meeting of the Psychoneuroimmunology Research Society (PNIRS)
May 30 - June 2, 2007, Arcachon (France) | www.pnirs2007.org
- ★ 37th Annual Meeting of the German Society for Immunology (DGfI)
September 5-10, 2007, Heidelberg (Germany) | www.dgfi.org

Open Positions

Master/Diploma Positions

The Chair of Psychology and Behavioral Immunobiology, ETH Zurich (Prof. Dr. Manfred Schedlowski) has currently open master/diploma positions. Highly motivated biology/psychology students with special interest in neuro-immune interactions are encouraged to contact Dr. Harald Engler (harald.engler@ifv.gess.ethz.ch). Detailed information about the projects is available under www.ifvs.ethz.ch.

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