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## German-Endocrine-Brain-Immune-Network#

# NEWSLETTER#

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Dear colleagues,

With this new **GEBIN Newsletter No. 3** we would like to distribute information about the **GEBIN** and related activities. 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@uk-essen.de](mailto:manfred.schedlowski@uk-essen.de)) or Harald Engler ([harald.engler@ifv.gess.ethz.ch](mailto:harald.engler@ifv.gess.ethz.ch)).

With many thanks for your support and best regards

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For the GEBIN Steering Committee

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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. 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.



### Meetings of the GEBIN – some remarks

GEBIN is a non-profit network without strict regulations. Thus, we have meetings independent of a Scientific Society, and an exact time point for the meeting of the GEBIN is not a rule. Usually, we have national meetings every other year as shown in the following table.

1999 Essen
2001 Regensburg
2003 München
2004 Titisee – together with the PsychoNeuroImmunology Research Society (PNIRS)
2005 Bayreuth – together with the Deutsche Zoologische Gesellschaft (DZG)
2007 Freiburg – together with the Arbeitsgemeinschaft Dermatologische Forschung (ADF)

For October 2008, we initially planned to have a joint meeting together with the Section Neuroendocrinology of the German Society of Endocrinology. This meeting was canceled because the time point would have been too close to a big joint meeting planned for April 2009 with the GEBIN, the Society of Neuroimmunopharmacology (SNIP) and the PsychoNeuroImmunology Research Society (PNIRS) to be held in Berlin. Unfortunately, SNIP and PNIRS found this meeting too expensive for American participants and wished to postpone it until better days. Forbearance is not acquittance! These are the problems of meeting organizers. Who does not know them?

Nevertheless, we are proud to announce that the next GEBIN Meeting will be held in Frankfurt together with the ‘Germinal Center Conference 2009’ (see next section).

### Meeting of the GEBIN 2009

The next meeting of the GEBIN will be held from June 11-13, 2009 in Frankfurt at the Kempinsky Hotel Gravenbruch. The meeting is organized together with the Germinal Center Conference 2009, which starts on June 7 and lasts until June 11, 2009. The Germinal Center Conference is a prestigious international immunology meeting with a special focus on germinal centers and respective immune mechanisms. The organizers of the Germinal Center Conference contacted GEBIN because of their strong interest in interdisciplinary research. The meeting homepage will be available by the second half of the year 2008.



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Conference details can be found on the GEBIN homepage ► [www.gebin.org](http://www.gebin.org)



## Other Meetings and Conferences#

- ★ Meeting of the Ethologische Gesellschaft e.V.  
February 20 - 22, 2008, Regensburg (Germany) | [www.ethol-ges.org](http://www.ethol-ges.org)
- ★ 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Arbeitsgemeinschaft Dermatologische Forschung (ADF)  
February 28 - March 1, 2008, Erlangen (Germany) | [www.adf-online.de](http://www.adf-online.de)
- ★ 103<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Anatomische Gesellschaft  
March 14 - 17, 2008, Innsbruck (Austria) | [www.anatomische-gesellschaft.de](http://www.anatomische-gesellschaft.de)
- ★ 7<sup>th</sup> International Congress of the International Society for Neuroimmunomodulation (ISNIM)  
April 24 - 27, 2008, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) | [www.isnim.org](http://www.isnim.org)
- ★ 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Psychoneuroimmunology Research Society (PNIRS)  
May 28 - 31, 2008, Madison, WI (USA) | [www.pnirs2008.org](http://www.pnirs2008.org)
- ★ 17<sup>th</sup> Biennial Meeting of the International Society for Developmental Neuroscience  
June 1 - 4, 2008, Asilomar, CA (USA) | [www.isdn-conference.elsevier.com](http://www.isdn-conference.elsevier.com)
- ★ International Symposium on Neurobiology and Neuroendocrinology of Aging  
July 20 - 25, 2008, Bregenz (Austria) | [www.neurobiology-and-neuroendocrinology-of-aging.org](http://www.neurobiology-and-neuroendocrinology-of-aging.org)
- ★ 29<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Psychology  
July 20 - 25, 2008, Berlin (Germany) | [www.icp2008.org](http://www.icp2008.org)
- ★ 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the German Society for Immunology (DGfI)  
September 3 - 6, 2008, Vienna (Austria) | [www.immunologie.de](http://www.immunologie.de)
- ★ 81<sup>th</sup> Congress of the German Society for Neurology (DGN)  
September 10 - 13, 2008, Hamburg (Germany) | [www.dgn2008.de](http://www.dgn2008.de)
- ★ 101<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the German Zoological Society (DZG)  
September 19 - 22, 2008, Jena (Germany) | [www.dzg-ev.de](http://www.dzg-ev.de)
- ★ 17<sup>th</sup> Congress of the German Society for Medical Psychology (DGMP)  
September 24 - 27, 2008, Jena (Germany) | [www.dgmp-online.de](http://www.dgmp-online.de)
- ★ 72<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American College of Rheumatology with Study Group Symposium on Neuroendocrine Immune Mechanisms in Rheumatic Diseases  
October 23 - 29, 2008, San Francisco, CA (USA) | [www.rheumatology.org](http://www.rheumatology.org)
- ★ 9<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Neuroimmunology  
October 26 - 30, 2008, Fort Worth, TX (USA) | [www.isni2008.org](http://www.isni2008.org)



## Positions

### Essen

A post-doctoral position is available at the Institute of Medical Psychology and Behavioral Immunobiology, Medical Faculty, University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany to investigate the efferent and afferent communication pathways between the CNS and the peripheral immune system in rodents and humans. The candidate should have a strong background in neurobiology, molecular biology and/or immunology. Good communication skills, high motivation and the ability to work independently are highly desired. The candidate will have considerable freedom to develop related research and is expected to participate in research grant preparation, manuscript writing and presentation of research results at professional conferences.

The temporary employment will be for a period of three years with a possible prolongation of a second three year period. The monthly gross salary will be according to the Medical Faculty salary scales.

To apply, send a full CV, a brief outline of current research, and the names and contact information of three references to 'manfred.schedlowski@uk-essen.de'

Further information is available under ► [www.uk-essen.de/medizinische-psychologie](http://www.uk-essen.de/medizinische-psychologie)

### Lübeck

Das Institut für Neuroendokrinologie der Universität zu Lübeck (Direktor: Prof. Dr. J. Born) sucht zum nächstmöglichen Zeitpunkt eine/einen Wissenschaftliche/n Mitarbeiter/in (Doktorand/in). Unsere Arbeitsgruppe erforscht die Zusammenhänge zwischen Schlaf, circadianem Rhythmus, Endokrinium und Immunsystem mit der Hypothese, dass Schlaf die immunologische Gedächtnisbildung unterstützt. An gesunden Probanden konnten wir u.a. zeigen, dass Schlaf die Rhythmik der Lymphozyten und die Typ 1/Typ 2-Zytokinbalance moduliert und die Antikörperantwort nach einer Impfung verstärkt (Born et al. J Immunol 1997, Lange et al. Arch Intern Med 2006, Lange et al. Psychosom Med 2003). Vorausgesetzt wird ein mit guten Ergebnissen abgeschlossenes Hochschulstudium der Biologie, Psychologie oder angrenzender Fachgebiete, praktische Vorkenntnisse in Immundiagnostik, wie z.B. Durchflusszytometrie und Spass an interdisziplinärer Forschung. Die Eingruppierung erfolgt nach Entgeltgruppe E 13 des Tarifvertrages für den öffentlichen Dienst der Länder (TV-L). Die Arbeitszeit beträgt die Hälfte einer/eines Vollbeschäftigten. Die Stelle ist zunächst auf zwei Jahre befristet.

Weitere Informationen können Sie per e-mail ([lange@kfg.uni-luebeck.de](mailto:lange@kfg.uni-luebeck.de)), unter der Rufnummer (0451) 500-4603 oder unter [www.kfg.uni-luebeck.de](http://www.kfg.uni-luebeck.de) erhalten. Schriftliche Bewerbungen mit den üblichen Unterlagen (Lebenslauf, Zeugnisse, Angabe über Projekte und praktische Tätigkeiten) werden erbeten an: Dr. Tanja Lange, Institut für Neuroendokrinologie, Haus 23a, Universität zu Lübeck, Ratzeburger Allee 160, 23538 Lübeck



### 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)

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