Translational Neuroscience

AUTUMN SCHOOL 24th – 25th Nov 2023

Venue: Rudolf Virchow Centre for Integrative & Translational Bioimaging, Josef-Schneider-Straße 2, 97080 Würzburg

Friday, 24th November

Sleet

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Epigenetics in Psychiatry

8:00 Registration for Conference

9:00 Welcome talk by Prof. Carmen Villmann Speaker of the Elite Graduate Program Translational Neuroscience

Session 1 - Epigenetics in Psychiatry

9:15 **"Spatial transcriptomics: From in-situ gene expression to transcriptional connectivity of the brain" Prof. Dr. Thorsten Klengel** Director of Translational Molecular Genomics Laboratory, in McLean Hospital, Boston

10:10 Coffee Break

10:20 **"Epigenetics in Psychiatry: Towards an Individualized Therapy for Mental Disorders" Prof. Dr. Vanessa Nieratschker** Head of the Molecular Psychiatry Group, University Hospital and Medical School, Tübingen

Session 2 – Stress

- 11:05 **"Mice selected for extremes in stress reactivity: Modelling clinically relevant endophenotypes of major depression" Prof. Dr. Chadi Touma** *Head of the Department Behavioural Biology, University of Osnabrück*
- 12:00 Lunch
- 13:00 Poster Session
- 14:00 "Neural Basis of Resilience to Social Stress"
 Dr. Sarah Ayash
 Postdoc at the Leibniz Institute for Resilience Research, University Medical Center Mainz
- 14:55 "Stress and Social Interactions: Insights from Psychoneuroendocrinology" Dr. Bastian Schiller Postdoc and Head of ERC Starting Grant Group "The Psychobiology of Social Interactions", Institute of Psychology, University of Freiburg
- 15:40 Coffee Break
- 15:55 **"Microtubules and associated proteins in synaptic plasticity and neurodegenerative disease" Prof. Dr. Matthias Kneussel** *Director of (ZMNH), Center for Molecular Neurobiology, Hamburg*
- 16:50 Discussion "Industry meets academia" Guests:
 Dr. Silke Seeber, Site Head Boehringer Ingelheim Veterinary Medicine Michael Enders, Alumnus MSc "Translational Neuroscience"

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Session 3 – Sleep

9:30 **"Sleep, insomnia and depression" Prof. Dr. Dieter Riemann** Head of Department for Clinical Psychology and Psychophysiology Department of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy, Universitätsklinikum Freiburg

10:25 "Sleep and Neurodegeneration: Translational studies of a bidirectional relationship with therapeutic potential" Dr. Daniela Noain

Head of the Sleep and Neurodegeneration Animal Laboratory Neurological Clinic, University Hospital Zurich

- 11:10 Coffee Break
- 11:25 **"The significance of sleep for memory, mental health and immune functions" (online) Dr. Susanne Diekelmann** *Psychological management of the sleep clinic, University Clinic for Psychiatry and Psychotherapy, Tübingen*
- 12:10 Lunch
- 13:10 Poster Session
- 14:10 **"Sleep behavior as an EEG-based biomarker to predict post-anesthetic delirium" Assoc. Prof. Thomas Fenzl** Head of neurobiology of sleep and anesthesia group, School of medicine, Technical University Munich

Session 4 - Alzheimer's Disease

- 14:55 **"Early pathology in Alzheimer's Disease" Prof. Dr. Jochen Herms** Professor in the Center for Neuropathology and Prion Research, DZNE, Munich
- 15:50 Coffee Break
- 16:05 "Olfactory mucosa as a window to the brain: pathological features linked to Alzheimer's disease and influence of air pollutants"
 Prof. Dr. Katja Kanninen
 Professor of Cellular Neurobiology at University of Eastern, Finland

16:50 **"Mechanisms of tau spreading in Alzheimer's disease" Dr. Nicolai Franzmeier** Junior Research Group Leader, Institute for Stroke and Dementia Research in University Ludwig Maximilian, Munich

17:35 Closing Remarks