

About Münster

A university city and key cultural centre, Münster is located in the heart of the Münsterland region in North-Rhine Westphalia. In close proximity to the Netherlands and Germany's Ruhr Area, Münster combines the cultural and infrastructural advantages of a modern science and service community with the beautiful countryside of the Münsterland region with its many moated castles and internationally renowned bicycle paths.

In Münster you find everything you can wish for during an exciting short stay: A city with plenty of history as well as shopping opportunities and green spaces for cycling, inline skating or golfing. And not least, a unique supply of activities to enjoy art and culture alongside other pleasures.

We wish you a wonderful time in our city which has been awarded the title of „World's Most Liveable City“ (LivCom Award 2004, category: 250,000 to 700,000 inhabitants).

Getting There & Away

Getting to the academy Franz-Hitze-House is quick and convenient. **CAR:** Autobahn A 1 or A 43: Turn off at the junction *Kreuz Münster-Süd* (A1/A 43) and continue into town via *Weseler Straße* to *Koldering* (left hand) or turn off at the Autobahn junction *Münster-Nord* (A1) and continue via *Steinfurter Straße* to *Orleans-Ring* (right hand). Car parks are available via access road *Niels-Stensen-Straße* and at *Kardinal-von-Galen-Ring 55* (opposite to Franz-Hitze-House). After 6 p.m. and at the weekends you can also use the car park of the *Caritasverband* (access via *Vesaliusweg*). **TRAIN:** Several bus routes connect the main station of Münster (*Münster/Westf. Hbf.*) with the Franz-Hitze-House: Bus no. 4 (towards *Alte Sternwarte*), exit at bus stop *Franz-Hitze-Haus* (approx. 11 min); bus no. 14 (towards *Zoo*), exit at bus stop *Franz-Hitze-Haus* (approx. 15 min) or busses no. 11, 12 or 22 (all towards *Gievenbeck*), exit at bus stop *Jungeblodtplatz* (approx. 12 min), from there it is a 5 minute walk to the academy Franz Hitze House. **TAXI:** A trip to the academy Franz Hitze House costs approx. 9 €. **AIR:** Münster/Osnabrück International Airport located on the outskirts of the city is only about 25 minutes away by bus or taxi from the main station of Münster. An excellent alternative, Dortmund Airport is just a short 40-minute drive from Münster.

How to Register

Registration for the Innate Immunity Symposium 2008 can be made by mail or fax and is now open. You will need a Registration and Housing Form (www.sii2008.de). Instructions for filling out and submitting the form are on the form.

Registration Fees

Registration fee is EUR 50 per person and includes the following: access to all scientific sessions, social events, entrance to the exhibition area and catering.

Cancellation Policy

Written cancellations and requests for a refund of the registration fee must be received on or before 26th May 2008. Requests will not be honored after this date.

Housing

Housing reservations (Franz-Hitze-House, EUR 40 per person and night) can be made by mail or fax through our Congress secretariat. We accept reservations through 26th March 2008. After 26th March 2008, registrants must make their own housing arrangements.

Congress Language

The official language of the symposium will be English.

Certificate of Attendance

Attendance certificates will be distributed. Symposium attendance will be certified by the medical association of Westfalen-Lippe (18 credit points).

Badges

You will receive a personalized badge when collecting your registration documents. During the symposium, this badge must be clearly visible at all the times and grants access to the scientific sessions and the commercial exhibition.

Support Opportunities

We welcome support from pharmaceutical industry corporations and other organizations that are interested in helping to defray the costs of presenting this important international symposium on innate immunity. Should you wish to explore funding any of these events, please contact our Congress secretariat.

Exhibitors

If you are interested in exhibiting at the Innate Immunity Symposium 2008 please contact our Congress Secretariat.



International Symposium Innate Immunity

26-28 May 2008
Münster, Germany

Innate immunity in the pathogenesis of autoimmune diseases in children

University Hospital of Münster
Department of Pediatrics
Director: Prof. Dr. Erik Harms



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Welcome

Dear Colleagues

The forthcoming international Symposium on innate Immunity is intended to translate recent advances in basic sciences into clinical management of auto-immune diseases and to explore potential future strategies for treatment. This translational effort will refer to and encompass the orchestrated action of factors and processes eventually leading to the manifest disease: these include genetic and immunologic factors, diagnostic approaches and pathogenetic implications. Please review this Program Announcement to learn more about this groundbreaking approach.

Our vision is to have a symposium that will build bridges between basic scientists and clinicians as well as provide a discussion platform for both internationally renowned senior investigators and young researchers dedicated to unravelling the intricacies of the pathogenesis of autoimmune diseases in children.

It is our personal wish and hope that the symposium participants will thoroughly enjoy the scientific and social program as well as the atmosphere of an old university town.

Welcome to Münster, we look forward to seeing you there in May 2008.

Sincerely,

Johannes Roth
Dirk Foell
Helmut Wittkowski
Jan Däbritz

Preliminary Program

Key players in innate immunity and their mechanisms

Gene expression profiling of the endothelial response to inflammatory stimuli

D. Viemann, Münster

Fcγ-receptors in inflammatory arthritis

P. van Lent, Nijmegen

Danger sensors act as a master switch between tolerance and sensitization

O. Gaide, Geneva

Negative Regulation of IL-1beta by NF-kappaB

F. Greten, Munich

Diagnostic approaches and pathogenetic implications

Mechanisms of IL-1 beta secretion in anti-IL-1 responding diseases

M. Gattorno, Genoa

Molecular mechanisms of Juvenile Dermatomyositis

L. Wedderburn, London

Molecular basis of DAMP molecules

Heat Shock Proteins: The interface between innate and adaptive immunity

B. J. Prakken, Utrecht

Novel endogenous ligands of TLR-4

T. Vogl, Münster

HMGB1 at the crossroads between inflammation, immunity and tissue regeneration

M. E. Bianchi, Milano

S100-proteins: Clinical markers of phagocyte activity

D. Foell, Münster

Translation from bench to bedside

Autologous SCT in systemic onset JIA

N. Wulffraat, Utrecht

IL-6: a pathogenic mediator and a therapeutic target

F. de Benedetti, Rome

IL-1RA therapy in patients with systemic onset JIA

R. Goldbach-Mansky, Bethesda

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