



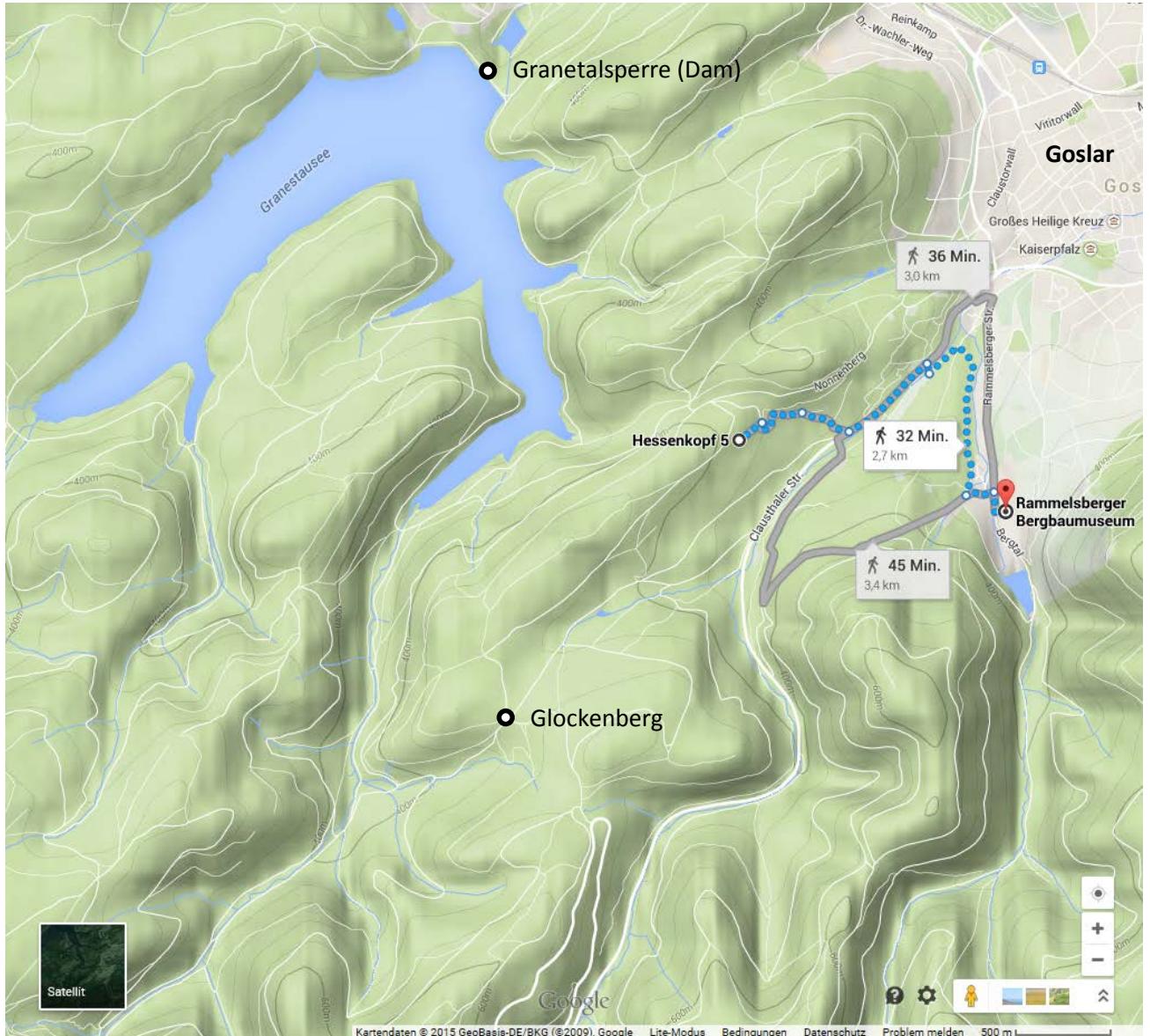
Protonation Dynamics  
in Protein Function

**Annual Retreat of the  
Collaborative Research Center – SFB 1078**  
*Protonation Dynamics in Protein Function*

**March 23 - 26, 2015**

Hotel & Tagungszentrum Hessenkopf, Goslar, Harz Mountains

***Program***



## Travel Information

### Departure from Berlin by Train

- 09:23 ICE 597 – Departure from Berlin Ostbahnhof – Platform 7  
**09:34 ICE 597 – Departure from Berlin Hbf – Platform 13 – Coach 1 (Seats 22 – 57, 71 – 116)**  
09:48 ICE 597 – Departure from Berlin-Spandau – Platform 4
- 10:56 ICE 597 – Arrival at Braunschweig Hbf – Platform 6  
**11:24 erx 83741 – Departure from Braunschweig Hbf – Platform 2**
- 12:12 erx 83741 – Arrival at Goslar Bahnhof – Transfer to the Hotel Hessenkopf by Bus

### Venue

**Hotel & Tagungszentrum Hessenkopf**  
Hessenkopf 5 | D-38644 Goslar | [www.hessenkopf-goslar.de](http://www.hessenkopf-goslar.de)

### Taxi

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### Excursions

**Underground Mining at Rammelsberg**, a World Cultural Heritage  
Bergtal 19 | D-38640 Goslar | [www.rammelsberg.de/index.php?s=51&m=82&l=en](http://www.rammelsberg.de/index.php?s=51&m=82&l=en)

Tuesday, 24.3. 15:00 – 16:15 The Roeder Gallery – Guided tour on foot – In ENGLISH  
Tuesday, 24.3. 14:45 – 15:45 The mine train – Guided tour by train – In GERMAN  
Wednesday, 25.3. 15:00 – 16:15 The Roeder Gallery – Guided tour on foot – In ENGLISH

Price per Tour | Adults 10.50 EUR | Students 8.50 EUR | *Please sign up on Monday !!!*

### Hiking Destinations

Historical City Center of Goslar (ca. 3 km away)  
Granetalsperre und Stautee (Grane Dam and Lake, ca. 4 km away)  
Glockenberg (ca. 2 km) – Bocksberg (ca. 6 km) – Hahnenklee-Bockswiese (ca. 7 km away)

### Individual Travel / Return

For those of you planning to stay for another day or for the weekend: There is a 'scenic route' (slow; German: Express) train travelling to Goslar on weekends and back to Berlin on Fridays/weekends. It costs at most 15 EUR per journey (payable on the train; any two people can be a family):  
<http://www.hex-online.de/uploads/hee/documents/86/fahrplan-harz-berlin-express-ab-dem-14-12-2014.pdf>

## Monday, 23.3.2015

13:00 Lunch

### 14:00 Welcome by Holger Dau

#### 14:15 – 15:45 SFB Science Slam I

Chair: Holger Dau

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|-------|--|----------|
| 14:15 | <b>Hendrik Mohrmann</b> , A1   | (10 min) |
|       | <i>Tracking protonation dynamics in non-repetitive reactions of Cytochrome C oxidase by use of flow-flash IR spectroscopy</i>    |          |
| 14:30 | <b>Fabian Kruse</b> , A1   | (10 min) |
|       | <i>Setup of a pump-probe resonance Raman experiment to probe the charge transfer and oxygen reaction of cytochrome c oxidase</i> |          |
| 14:45 | <b>Mahdi Bagherpoor Helabad</b> , C5   | (10 min) |
|       | <i>Communication between D-and K channel in Cytochrome C oxidase</i>   |          |
| 15:00 | <b>Celin Richter</b> , A3  | (10 min) |
|       | <i>SNARF - photophysical behaviour of a new probe for pump proteins</i>  |          |
| 15:15 | <b>Alexander Wolf &amp; Constantin Schneider</b> , A2  | (10 min) |
|       | <i>Cytochrome c oxidase and phytochrome</i>  |          |
| 15:30 | <b>Emanuele Rossini &amp; Jovan Dragelj</b> , C2   | (10 min) |
|       | <i>Energetics of proton transport in CcO and of PSII Mn-cluster model systems</i>  |          |

15:45 Coffee break

#### 16:15 – 18:15 SFB Science Slam II & Poster Talks I

Chair: Peter Hegemann

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| 16:15 | <b>Philipp Simon &amp; Matthias Schönborn</b> , A4   | (10 min)     |
|       | <i>Tracking reactions in Photosystem II</i>  |              |
| 16:30 | <b>Mohamed Ibrahim</b> , A5  | (10 min)     |
|       | <i>An XFEL time-resolved structural investigation of the oxygen evolving complex in Photosystem II</i>       |              |
| 16:45 | <b>Suliman Adam</b> , C4   | (10 min)     |
|       | <i>Coupling between protein, water, and protonation dynamics in channelrhodopsin-2 and photosystem II</i>    |              |
| 17:00 | <b>Tom Resler</b> , B3   | (10 min)     |
|       | <i>Identification of proton and hydrogen bond dynamics in channelrhodopsin</i>                               |              |
| 17:15 | <b>Nils Krause</b> , B4  | (10 min)     |
|       | <i>First structural insights in the opening of Channelrhodopsin-2</i>  |              |
| 17:30 | <b>Joel Kaufmann</b> , B5  | (10 min)     |
|       | <i>UV/visible and FTIR investigation on the photocycle of the red-shifted Channelrhodopsin variant ReaCh</i> |              |
| 17:45 | <b>Poster Talks</b>  | (3 min each) |
|       | # 2 – 10   |              |

18:30 Dinner

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**19:30 – 21:00 Poster Session I**

*Poster # 1 – 10*

- 1   **Martin Bommer**, A5  
*Photosystem II rows-of-dimers superstructure: Natures tiny solar panels*
- 2   **Tom Resler**, B3  
*Deuterium Kinetic Isotope Effects of Channelrhodopsin-2*
- 3   **Matthias Schönborn**, A4  
*Salted Spinach*
- 4   **Daniel Stöppler**, B1  
*Structural investigations of ChR and bR using sensitivity enhanced solid-state MAS NMR*
- 5   **Zaneta Nogacz**, B5  
*Spectroscopic investigation of phytochromes with different types of chromophore*
- 6   **Chiara Pasquini**, A4  
*Water oxidation in a Co-based catalyst: H<sub>2</sub>O/D<sub>2</sub>O isotope effect studied by in-situ spectroscopy*
- 7   **Nils Krause**, B5  
*Helix movements upon opening of Channelrhodopsin-2 in a membrane environment*
- 8   **Christiane Grimm**, B2  
*Electrophysiological investigation of the red-shifted ReaChR and it's slow-cycling mutants*
- 9   **Benjamin Krause & Joel Kaufmann**, B1 & B5  
*Spectroscopic investigation of the red-activatable channelrhodopin ReaChR*
- 10   **Mattia Saita**, B3  
*Channelrhodopsin-2 reconstituted: towards the connection between spectroscopy and the study of the protein function*

**21:00 Bar / Kneipentreff “Kniestе” is opening**



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**Historical City Center of Goslar**

## Tuesday, 24.3.2015

9:00 – 10:30	<b>SFB Science Slam III</b>	Chair: Inez Weidinger
9:00	<b>Daniel Stöppler, B1</b> <i>Structural investigations of ChR and bR using sensitivity enhanced solid-state MAS NMR</i>	(10 min)
9:15	<b>Arend Vogt, B2</b> <i>Conversion of light driven proton pumps into light-gated ion channels</i>	(10 min)
9:30	<b>Jan Daldrop, C1</b> <i>Subnanometer-resolved proton mobilities</i>	(10 min)
9:45	<b>Bilal Qureshi, B6</b> <i>Structural and functional investigations on full-length phytochromes</i>	(10 min)
10:00	<b>Francisco Escobar Velazquez, B6</b> <i>Low-Temperature Branching-Reactions in Bathy-Phytochromes</i>	(10 min)
10:15	<b>Aref Takiden, C2</b> <i>MD simulations and QM/MM calculations of Phytochromes</i>	(10 min)
10:30	Coffee break	

11:00 – 12:30	<b>SFB Perspectives I</b>	Chair: Hartmut Oschkinat
11:00	<b>Peter Hegemann, B1 &amp; B2</b> <i>New Perspectives for B1 and B2 – Novel Strange Rhodopsins</i>	(20 min)
11:30	<b>Roland Netz, C1</b> <i>Nanoscale Diffusion and Friction</i>	(20 min)
12:00	<b>Peter Hildebrandt &amp; Patrick Scheerer, B6</b> <i>Perspectives: Structural, spectroscopic and functional investigations on phytochromes</i>	(20 min)
12:30	Lunch	

13:30 – 17:00	Informal Discussion Rounds	13:30 – 17:00	Time for Excursions
	Among project leaders on current issues and perspectives of the SFB 1078		Optional: Guided tour at the mine Rammelsberg ( <i>Please sign up on Monday!</i> )

16:00 – 17:10	Coffee / tea time	
17:10 – 18:30	<b>Invited Lecture &amp; Poster Talks II</b>	Chair: Peter Hildebrandt
17:10	<b>Jon Hughes, Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen</b> <i>How do phytochromes work?</i>	(40 min)
18:00	<b>Poster Talks</b> <i># 11 – 20</i>	(3 min each)
18:30	Dinner	

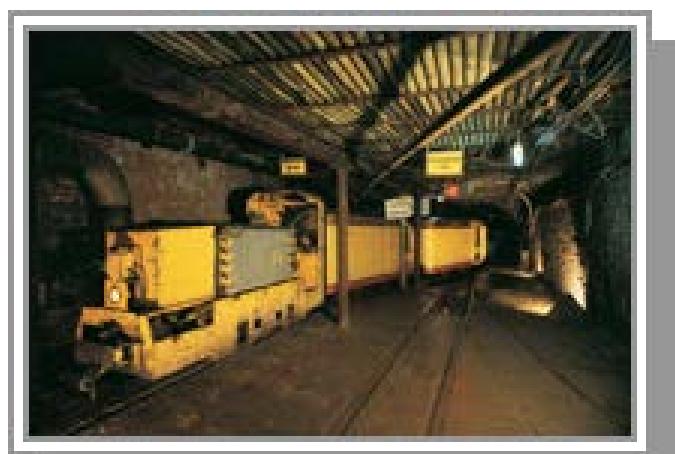
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**19:30 – 21:00 Poster Session II**

*Poster # 11 – 20*

- 11 **Eglof Ritter, B5**  
*Cryotrapping of Channelrhodopsin Intermediates*
- 12 **Fabian Kruse, A1**  
*Investigating charge transfer and oxygen reduction of cytochrome c oxidase via time resolved- and surface enhanced resonance Raman spectroscopy*
- 13 **Jovan Dragelj, C2**  
*Energetics of proton transport in cytochrome c oxidase*
- 14 **Mohamed Ibrahim, Rana Hussein & Miao Zhang, A5**  
*An XFEL time-resolved structural investigation of the oxygen evolving complex in Photosystem II*
- 15 **Mario Gerecke, A2**  
*Water solvation dynamics near hydrophobic groups probed by fs fluorescence Stokes shift measurements*
- 16 **Till Stensitzki, B4**  
*Observing the ultrafast photoinduced reactions in ChR I and Phytochrome*
- 17 **Zhiyong Liang, A4**  
*Oxygen release kinetics of Thermosynechococcus Elongatus thylakoid membranes*
- 18 **Hendrik Mohrmann, A1**  
*Tracking protonation dynamics in non-repetitive reactions of Cytochrome C oxidase by use of flow-flash IR spectroscopy*
- 19 **Bernd Schultz, A1**  
*Time-resolved IR spectroscopy with tunable quantum cascade lasers*
- 20 **Katja Stehfest & Ulrike Scheib, B1 & B2**  
*The rhodopsin guanylyl cyclase of the aquatic fungus Blastocladiella emersonii enables fast optical control of cGMP signaling*

**21:00 Bar / Kneipentreff “Kniest” is opening**



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Rammelsberg – The Mountain Train

## Wednesday, 25.3.2015

9:00 – 10:30 **SFB Perspectives II** Chair: Ernst-Walter Knapp

9:00 **Maria Andrea Mroginski, C3** (20 min)

*Perspectives in molecular modelling of Phytochromes*

9:30 **Ulrike Alexiev, A2** (20 min)

*Protonation and conformational changes*

10:00 **Inez Weidinger, A1** (20 min)

*Proton coupled electron transfer in cytochrome c oxidase*

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 – 13:00 **SFB Perspectives III & Poster Talks III** Chair: Maria Andrea Mroginski

11:00 **Joachim Heberle, A1 & B3** (20 min)

*Identification of proton and hydrogen bond dynamics in channelrhodopsin*

11:30 **Franz Bartl, B5** (20 min)

*Spectroscopic investigations of proton transfer processes in hydrogen-bonded networks in bacterial phytochromes and channelrhodopsins*

12:00 **Ana-Nicoleta Bondar, C4** (20 min)

*Coupling between protein, water, and protonation dynamics in channelrhodopsin-2 and photosystem II*

12:30 **Poster Talks** (3 min each)

# 21 – 29

13:00 Lunch

**14:00 – 17:30 Informal Discussion Rounds**

Among project leaders on current issues and perspectives of the SFB 1078

**14:00 – 17:30 Time for Excursions**

Optional: Guided tour at the mine Rammelsberg (*Please sign up on Monday!*)

16:30 – 17:30 Coffee / tea time

**17:30 – 19:00 Poster Session III**

*Poster # 21 – 29*

19:00 Dinner

**20:00 Informal Discussion Round**

“Integrated Graduate School – Perspectives” with Ulrike Alexiev and interested SFB members

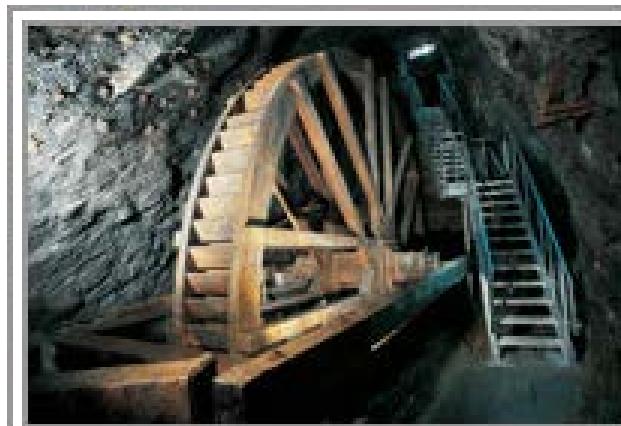
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**17:30 – 19:00 Poster Session III**

*Poster # 21 – 29*

- 21 **Bilal Qureshi, B6**  
*Structural and functional investigations on full-length phytochromes*
- 22 **Yvonne Zilliges, A4**  
*Towards the very first crystallization of genetically modified PSII variants*
- 23 **Philipp Simon, A4**  
*Measuring interquinone e<sup>-</sup>-transfer kinetics of photosystem II by single-frequency IR absorption spectroscopy*
- 24 **Christopher Mielack, C4**  
*Water and hydrogen bond dynamics in the channelrhodopsin light-gated cation channel*
- 25 **Aref Takiden, C3**  
*MD simulations and QM/MM calculations of Phytochromes*
- 26 **Anke Keidel, B6**  
*Chromophore Isomerization in Histidine Kinase Rhodopsin from Ostreococcus tauri*
- 27 **Mahdi Bagherpoor Helabad, C5**  
*Communication Pathway Between D-channel and K-channel of Cytochrome C Oxidase*
- 28 **Suliman Adam & Federico Guerra, C4**  
*The Parametrisation of PSII Cofactors*
- 29 **Constantin Schneider, A2**  
*Reporter groups at the surface of phytochrome*

**20:00 Bar / Kneipentreff “Kniest” is opening**



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Rammelsberg – The Roeder Gallery

## Thursday, 26.3.2015

9:00 – 10:30 **SFB Perspectives IV** Chair: Ulrike Alexiev

9:00 **Holger Dau, A4** (20 min)

*Tracking protonation dynamics in photosynthetic water oxidation*

9:30 **Martin Bommer, A5** (20 min)

*Perspectives: Crystallographic study of Photosystem II*

10:00 **Ernst-Walter Knapp, C2** (20 min)

*Toward precise pKa computations of residues in proteins with focus on the Mn-cluster in PSII*

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30 **SFB Perspectives V** Chair: Franz Bartl

11:00 **Christopher Engelhard, B4** (20 min)

*Beyond distance: Investigating early intermediate states and spins inside the channel of channelrhodopsin 2*

11:30 **Hartmut Oschkinat, B2** (20 min)

*Mission Possible: Watching Protons Hopping*

**12:00 – 12:20 Closing Remarks**

*Prize for Best “SFB Science Slam” and Best Poster /  
Retreat 2015 Evaluation / Symposium 2015 / ...*

12:20 Lunch

## Travel Information

### Departure from Goslar by Train

**13:20 Departure at the Hotel – Bus transfer to the train station Goslar**

**14:03 ex 83710 – Departure from Bahnhof Goslar – Platform 4**

14:14 ex 83710 – Arrival at Salzgitter-Ringelheim – Platform 2

**14:29 RB 14320 – Departure from Salzgitter-Ringelheim – Platform 7**

14:51 RB 14320 – Arrival at Braunschweig Hbf – Platform 5

**14:59 ICE 690 – Departure from Braunschweig Hbf – Platform 7 – Coach 2 (Seats 11–68, 101–116)**

16:07 ICE 690 – Arrival at Berlin-Spandau

16:22 ICE 690 – Arrival at Berlin Hbf

16:35 ICE 690 – Arrival at Berlin Ostbahnhof

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## List of Participants

<b>Principal Investigators</b>			<b>PhD Students &amp; Candidates</b>		
Weidinger, Inez	A1	TUB	Kruse, Fabian	A1	TUB
Heberle, Joachim	A1, B3	FUB	Mohrmann, Hendrik	A1	FUB
Alexiev, Ulrike	A2	FUB	Schultz, Bernd	A1	FUB
Dau, Holger	A4	FUB	Schneider, Constantin	A2	FUB
Oschkinat, Hartmut	B1	FMP	Wolf, Alexander	A2	FUB
Hegemann, Peter	B1, B2	HUB	Gerecke, Mario	A3	HUB
Bartl, Franz	B5	Charité	Richter, Celin	A3	HUB
Hildebandt, Peter	B6	TUB	Christiana, Rebecca	A4	FUB
Scheerer, Patrick	B6	Charité	Liang, Zhiyong	A4	FUB
Netz, Roland	C1	FUB	Pasquini, Chiara	A4	FUB
Knapp, Ernst-Walter	C2	FUB	Schönborn, Matthias	A4	FUB
Mroginski, Maria Andrea	C3	TUB	Simon, Philipp	A4	FUB
Bondar, Ana-Nicoleta	C4	FUB	Hussein, Rana	A5	HUB
<b>Invited Guest</b>			Ibrahim, Mohamed	A5	HUB
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<b>Postdocs &amp; Senior Scientists</b>			Krause, Benjamin	B1	HUB
Zilliges, Yvonne	A4	FUB	Scheib, Ulrike	B1	HUB
Bommer, Martin	A5	HUB	Stöppler, Daniel	B1	FMP
Diehl, Anne	B1	FMP	Grimm, Christiane	B2	HUB
Nieuwkoop, Andrew	B1	FMP	Vogt, Arend	B2	HUB
Stehfest, Katja	B1	HUB	Resler, Tom	B3	FUB
Ritter, Eglof	B5	Charite	Saita, Mattia	B3	FUB
Qureshi, Bilal	B6	Charité	Stensitzki, Till	B3	FUB
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			Walter, Maria	B4	FUB
			Kaufmann, Joel	B5	Charité
			Nogacz, Zaneta	B5	Charite
			Piwowarski, Patrick	B5	Charité
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			Keidel, Anke	B6	TUB
			Velazquez Escobar, Francisco	B6	TUB
			Daldrop, Jan	C1	FUB
			Dragelj, Jovan	C2	FUB
			Rossini, Emanuele	C2	FUB
			Takiden, Aref	C3	TUB
			Adam, Suliman	C4	FUB
			Guerra, Federico	C4	FUB
			Mielack, Christopher	C4	FUB
			Bagherpoor Helabad, Mahdi	C5	FUB