

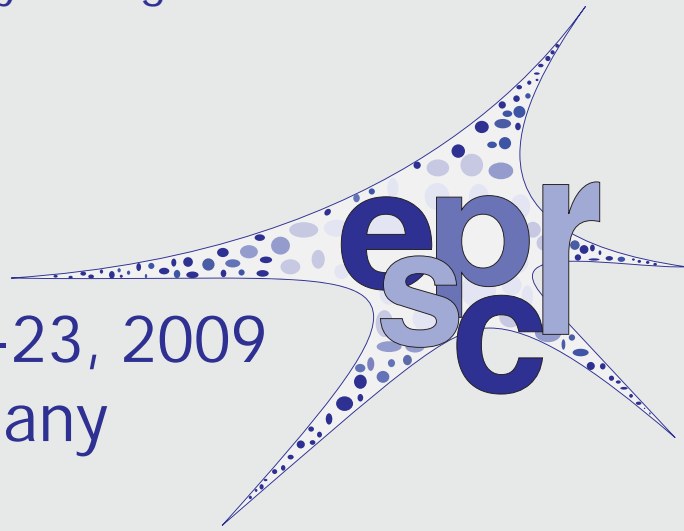
15th Meeting of the European Society for Pigment Cell Research

ESPCR 2009

Congress Venue

Castle of Westfalian Wilhelms University of Münster

September 20-23, 2009
Münster, Germany



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Topics

Melanins and Melanogenesis

Developmental Biology of Pigment Cells

Genetics of Pigmentation Extracutaneous Pigmentation

Signal Transduction in Melanocytes and Melanoma Cells Melanocortins

The Melanocyte under the Sun Epidermal Melanocytes and Their Neighbours

Pigment Cell Biology of the Hair Follicle Oxidative Stress and Pigment Cells

Albinism and Related Disorders Vitiligo and other Pigmentary Disorders

Experimental Approaches in Melanoma Research

Molecular Biology of Melanoma and Nevi

Melanoma Treatment

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Welcome

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee it is my very pleasure to invite you to participate in the 15th Meeting of the European Society for Pigment Cell Research (ESPCR) to be held in Münster, Germany, September 20-23, 2009.

Devoted to the promotion of interdisciplinary knowledge and research on the pigmentary system including both normal and pathological conditions, the ESPCR 2009 meeting will provide an ideal forum for scientific interaction by bringing together clinicians and basic researchers from various disciplines including developmental biology, biochemistry, cell and molecular biology, immunology, pharmacology, chemistry and physics.

The combination of plenary sessions with invited lectures, specific symposia, workshops, free communications and poster sessions will provide many opportunities to share perspectives and gain new insight.

Moreover, it is our vision to further promote the visibility of our growing society and to build bridges between basic researchers and clinicians with a discussion platform for both internationally renowned senior investigators and young scientists dedicated to pigment cell biology.

We wish that the participants of the 15th Meeting of the ESPCR will thoroughly enjoy the scientific and social program as well as the unique atmosphere of an old university town.

Welcome to Münster, we look forward to seeing you there in September 2009.

Sincerely,



Markus Böhm, MD

Topics

Plenary sessions

- Developmental biology of pigment cells
- Genetics of pigmentation
- Melanins and melanogenesis
- Signal transduction in melanocytes and melanoma cells
- Melanocortin peptides, pigment cells and beyond
- Oxidative stress and pigment cells
- The melanocyte under the sun
- Epidermal melanocytes and their neighbours
- Pigment cell biology of the hair follicle
- Albinism and extracutaneous melanin
- Vitiligo and other pigmentary disorders
- Molecular biology of melanoma and nevi

Special symposia

- Perspectives in melanoma treatment
- Recent advances in treatment of pigmentary disorders of the skin

Short oral communications

Short oral presentations selected from the pool of submitted abstracts will follow the above sessions and symposia.

Fritz Anders Memorial Lecture

Established by the ESPCR in remembrance of the prestigious German Scientist Fritz Anders this lectureship will be held by an invited person with outstanding contributions to our current understanding of pigment cell biology.

Workshops

Entitled "Experimental approaches in melanoma research" this practically oriented session aims at bridging basic pigment cell research with melanoma research

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About Münster

As a university city and key cultural centre, Münster is located in the heart of the Münsterland region in Northern Germany. 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. The Münsterland region is famous for its many 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 with other pleasures. In fact, Münster has been awarded the title of „World's most livable city“ (LivCom Award 2004, category: 250,000 to 700,000 inhabitants).

Visit www.muenster.de for a complete guide to Münster, including maps, restaurant information, shopping guide and more.

Accommodation

For your convenience we have arranged a limited contingent of hotel rooms at a special congress rate in two major hotels in Münster (Hotel Mövenpick and Hotel Agora Aasee) in a short walking distance to the congress venue. Please contact the congress website for further details.

Congress Venue

Castle of Westfalian Wilhelms University of Münster, Münster, Germany.

Meeting Language

The official language of the meeting will be English.

Registration

Registration and abstract submission will be via our congress homepage starting on Feb. 01, 2009.

Important time lines

Abstract submission:	Feb. 01 - May 31, 2009
Early registration:	Feb. 01 - Jul. 31, 2009
Late registration:	Aug. 01 - Sep. 15, 2009
On-site registration:	Sep. 16 - Sep. 23, 2009

Please check our congress website regarding registration fees.

Travel Grants

Like in previous ESPCR meetings there will be a limited number of travel awards for students and young investigators. Please contact our congress homepage for application.

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