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& Call for Abstracts** (deadline June 30, 2015)
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Announcement

12th Dresden Symposium on Autoantibodies

Dresden, September 23-26, 2015



**From Autoantibody Research to
Standardized Diagnostic Assays in the
Management of Human Diseases**

Invitation

It is our pleasure to invite you to join us at the 2015 international Dresden Symposium on Autoantibodies, organized by the Institute of Immunology of the Dresden Technical University in cooperation with the Association for the Advancement of Immunologic Diagnostics (GFID e.V.) and the Section Immunodiagnosics of the German Society for Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (DGKL e.V.).

The aim of the symposium is to bring together clinicians and scientists specialising in "autoimmunology" to exchange academic information and to present and discuss the results of basic and applied research on autoantigens, autoantibodies and autoimmunity. We hope that these topics will find your approval and you are interested in the active participation in this symposium.

Dresden is one of Germany's top 10 cities for symposia and congresses. The persistent dynamic growth of the city's economy and the high concentration of scientific institutions turn Dresden into the ideal venue for knowledge transfer between industry, research, and education. In Dresden you will find the best conditions and modern equipment for successful presentations and interesting discussions. We expect more than 300 international participants.

Welcome to the 12th Dresden Symposium on Autoantibodies!

Karsten Conrad

on behalf of the International Advisory Board and the National Organizing Committee

Program Topics

Besides basic aspects on the induction and pathogenic relevance of autoantibodies, the 12th Dresden Symposium on Autoantibodies will focus on novel autoantibodies, novel or modified autoantibody detection methods, diagnostic strategies and developments regarding harmonization and standardization of serological autoimmune diagnostics:

- Highlights of autoimmune research
- Novel autoantibodies
- Anti-drug antibodies
- Rheumatoid arthritis
- Autoimmune neurologic diseases
- New insight in the diagnosis of celiac disease
- Organ specific autoimmune diseases
- Standardization/harmonization of autoantibody testing
- International Consensus on ANA pattern
- Multiparametric autoantibody testing
- Presentations of the candidates for the Dresden Prize

Dresden Prize on the Study of Autoantibodies

The Dresden Prize on the Study of Autoantibodies was founded by the Association for the Advancement of Immunologic Diagnostics to award young scientists up to age 35 for their contribution of outstanding results on the research on autoantibodies presented at the Dresden symposia on Autoantibodies.

The prize of 1000 EUR is a young scientist award and will be awarded in 2015 for the 6th time. The members of the prize committee will select the winner by submitted abstracts as well as short presentations during the meeting.

Previous prize winners:

- **2005: Nikolina Mihailova & Elisaveta Voynova** (Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia, Bulgaria): Selective suppression of DNA-specific B cells in lupus mice.
- **2007: Joyce van Beers** (Radboud University Nijmegen, The Netherlands): The synovial citrullinome of rheumatoid arthritis patients.
- **2009: Klaartje Somers** (Hasselt University Diepenbeek, Belgium): Novel autoantibody targets in multiple sclerosis and rheumatoid arthritis.
- **2011: Mike Becker** (Charité, Berlin, Germany): Role of functional antibodies against vascular receptors in systemic sclerosis. **Charlotte Starke** (University Erlangen-Nuremberg, Germany): Autoantibody secreting cells in the nephritic kidneys of lupus prone NZB/W F1 mice are sensitive to bortezomib.
- **2013: Gerson D. Keppeke** (Federal University of Sao Paulo, Brazil) Mycophenolic acid and ribavirin induce cytoplasmic Rods and Rings (RR) structures in vivo, but only ribavirin induces anti-RR autoantibodies. **S. John Calise** (University of Florida, Gainesville, USA): Effects of intracellular glutamine levels on the reversible assembly of cytoplasmic rod and ring autoantigenic structures