**Translational Neuroscience** 

# AUTUMN SCHOOL 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023

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

# Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> 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, McLean Hospital, Boston, USA

#### 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 of Behavioural Biology, University of Osnabrück*
- 12:00 Lunch
- 13:00 Poster Session
- 14:00 **"Neural Basis of Resilience to Social Stress"** Dr. Sarah Ayash Postdoctoral Researcher at the Leibniz Institute for Resilience Research, University Medical Centre Mainz
- 14:55 **"Stress and Social Interactions: Insights from Psychoneuroendocrinology" Dr. Bastian Schiller** *Postdoctoral Researcher 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 Centre for Molecular Neurobiology (ZMNH), Hamburg
- 16:50 Discussion "Industry meets academia" Guests: Dr. Silke Seeber, Site Head at Boehringer Ingelheim Veterinary Medicine Michael Enders, Alumnus of 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, University Hospital 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 at 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 Research Group for Neurobiology of Sleep and Anaesthesia, Rechts der Isar Hospital, Technical University Munich

## Session 4 - Alzheimer's Disease

- 14:55 **"Early pathology in Alzheimer's Disease" Prof. Dr. Jochen Herms** *Professor at the Centre 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 at Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich
- 17:35 Closing Remarks