

5th International Stroke Conference

Competence Network Stroke & the Center for Stroke Research Berlin

March 1st – March 2nd, 2013 in Berlin

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We invite you to the 5th International Stroke Symposium in Berlin. This event will be taking place on March 1st and 2nd 2013, and is being organized by the Competence Network Stroke together with the Center for Stroke Research Berlin. At the Symposium, current developments in prevention, therapy and rehabilitation of stroke will be examined and discussed under the motto „Protect Brain – Prevent Complications – Restore Function“.

Stroke is far more than a brain disease: It also involves complex interactions that lead to diseases of the vascular and immune systems. Complications after stroke do not appear by fate, but rather an important if no doubt neglected factor in a specific therapy. Post-stroke recovery is important not only for rehabilitation research: Basic research and clinical research exploring the subacute and chronic phases after stroke are opening innovative approaches to stroke treatment.

Has the concept „neuroprotection“ failed, or was the wrong drug medication administered and/or administered outside of the therapeutic window? How solid was the pre-clinical evidence that led to neutral or even negative study results and what approaches might protect brain tissue against the effects of stroke after all?

Alongside issues of prevention and therapy, imaging will also be discussed at the symposium. In the past, magnetic resonance tomography was celebrated with great enthusiasm as a breakthrough in stroke imaging. But can this technology do justice to great expectations we had in it? This controversial question will be discussed in the imaging session.



In the Academy for Continued Education the main themes of the Symposium will be taken up in discussion with our colleagues in practices and clinics, so that new scientific insights can become useful in everyday practice.

We are delighted that the world's leading stroke experts have responded positively to our invitation. A further highlight is the evening lecture by Jonathan Smallwood of the Max Plank Institute for Cognition and Neurosciences in Leipzig. He has been working for many years with the phenomenon of spontaneous thought and daydreams.

The entire event has been certified by the Berlin Chamber of Physicians with 16 CME points. The meeting will take place in the historic walls of the Kaiserin-Friedrich-Haus on Robert-Koch Platz and thus in immediate vicinity of the Charité. We would like to thank the sponsors who have helped us to make this symposium possible. We hope the days you spend with us in Berlin will eventful and inspiring.

Arno Villringer, Matthias Endres, Ulrich Dirnagl

Arno Villringer, Matthias Endres, Ulrich Dirnagl

Venue and Accommodation



Symposium and Training Academia

Kaiserin Friedrich-Haus
Robert-Koch-Platz 7
10115 Berlin



Dinner and Evening Lecture

1st of March 2013, 6.30 pm

Lecture Hall Ruin in the Berlin Museum of
Medical History
Campus Charité Mitte
Charitéplatz 1, 10117 Berlin

University-Campus-Adress

Lecture Hall Ruin: Virchowweg 16

Evening Lecture

The evening lecture will be given by Jonathan Smallwood from the Max Planck Institute for Human Cognitive and Brain Sciences in Leipzig. Dr. Smallwood is head of the research group for spontaneous thought and daydreaming. Why does the brain become busy with itself when for the moment our concentration is not required? And in what parts of the brain do these meandering thoughts originate? Do they have a particular use or are they just there to disturb our concentration. Jonathan Smallwood and his team hope to find an answer to these questions with the help of their research work.

Lecture Hall Ruin in the Berlin Museum of Medical History

The Rudolf Virchow Lecture hall in Virchow's former Pathological Museum was destroyed by bombing towards the end of the 2nd World War. After the war the building was given a stop gap renovation and was then all but forgotten. Since the mid-1990's the partly restored „Ruine“ with its historic atmosphere and rustic charm has served as a unique venue for festive events, social gatherings and scientific discourse.



Hotel Accommodation

We reserved a contingent of hotel rooms. To book a room, please contact the hotel directly, the key-word is "Stroke". We recommend booking your hotel in time. Please check the different booking time limits. Rates shown are per room; per night and inclusive taxes.

Mercure Hotel Berlin an der Charité

Invalidenstrasse 38
10115 Berlin
+49 (0)30 30826 0

Single room 79€ / double room 106€, incl. breakfast
Please book until 31.01.2013

Adina Apartment Hotel Berlin Hauptbahnhof

Platz vor dem Neuen Tor 6
10115 Berlin
+49 (0)30 / 2000 32 0

Single room 107,50 € /
double room 122,50 € incl. breakfast
Please book until 15.02.2013

General Information

You can find more information about the program, speakers and organizers at
www.kompetenznetz-schlaganfall.de/symposium2013

For further information please contact

Liane Clevert, Dr. Ulrike Lachmann,
Linda Faye Tidwell
Kompetenznetz Schlaganfall
Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Campus Mitte
Charitéplatz 1, 10117 Berlin

Tel. +49 (0)30 450 560 145
Fax +49 (0)30 450 560 945
E-Mail: info@schlaganfallnetz.de