

STATUS-SYMPIOSIUM, NOVEMBER 29-30, 2022

LIFE? – A FRESH SCIENTIFIC APPROACH  
TO THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF LIFE

XPLANATORIUM HERRENHAUSEN, HANOVER, GERMANY

PROGRAM

TUESDAY, NOV 29, 2022

10:30 A.M. REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

11:30 A.M. WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

PAVEL DUTOW  
Program Director, Volkswagen Foundation, Hannover

11:45 A.M. KEYNOTE

*A chemical perspective about the origin of life*

THOMAS CARELL  
University of Munich

12:45 P.M. LUNCH

2:00 P.M. SESSION 1

*Forming catalysts: a basic principle of deep chemistry,  
life chemistry and life*

HARUN TÜYSÜZ  
Max-Planck-Institut für Kohlenforschung, Mülheim, Germany

*Prebiotic synthesis on the rocks*

CHRISTOF MAST  
Technical University of Munich

*Initiating Molecular Life*

OLIVER TRAPP  
University of Munich

*Chair:* OLIVER TRAPP

3:00 P.M. COFFEE BREAK

# PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

## 3:30 P.M. SESSION 2

*Ghost in the protein: how do new proteins come about?*

ERICH BORNBERG-BAUER  
University of Münster

*A Novel Complementarity at the Heart of Biology*

ZOYA IGNATOVA  
University of Hamburg

*A plasmid goes viral: Understanding the origin and evolution of viruses by studying a newly discovered virus-like element.*

SUSANNE ERDMANN  
Max Planck Institute for Marine Microbiology, Bremen

*Chair:* SUSANNE ERDMANN

## 4:30 P.M. COFFEE BREAK

## 5:00 P.M. SESSION 3

*Resolving the "lipid divide" by unravelling the evolution and role of fatty acid metabolic pathways in Archaea - Lipid Divide*

BETTINA SIEBERS  
University of Duisburg-Essen, Essen

*Deciphering the principles of cell decision-making in multicellular systems: The Least microEnvironmental Uncertainty Principle (LEUP)*

HARALAMPOS HATZIKIROU  
Technical University Dresden

*The evolution of trafficking: from archaea to eukaryotes*

SONJA-VERENA ALBERS  
University of Freiburg

*Chair:* SONJA-VERENA ALBERS

## 6:00 P.M. DINNER

# PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, NOV 30, 2022

## 10:00 A.M. SESSION 4

*De novo organism design from membraneless orthogonal central dogma organelles*

EDWARD LEMKE  
University of Mainz

*How the rewiring of surface protein organisation facilitated multicellular life*

RALF JUNGMANN  
Max Planck Institute of Biochemistry, Martinsried

*OntoTime - Measuring and Modulating Timescales of Life*

CHRISTIAN SCHRÖTER  
Max Planck Institute of Molecular Physiology, Dortmund

*Chair:* CHRISTIAN SCHRÖTER

## 11:00 A.M. COFFEE BREAK

## 11:30 A.M. SESSION 5

*Cellular Reconstitution of Complex 3D Tissue Shapes*

ALF HONIGMANN  
Technical University Dresden

*From chemistry to information: a model system for the coupling of metabolism and heredity*

JOB BOEKHOVEN  
Technical University of Munich

*Surviving under pressure: Adaptation to mechanical forces as a key step in the evolution of multicellular life*

JAN LAMMERDING  
Cornell University, USA

*Chair:* JAN LAMMERDING

## 12:15 P.M. CLOSING & LIGHT LUNCH