
International Workshop

The diversification of early emerging metazoans: a window into bilaterian origins?

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Dear Colleagues,

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It is a pleasure to invite you to participate in the International Workshop "The diversification of early emerging metazoans: a window into bilaterian origins?" to be held at the Evangelische Akademie in Tutzing, Germany in September 2017.

The workshop will bring together researchers from around the world using early emerging metazoans to gain insight into cellular and genomic events underpinning the origin and evolution of animal diversity and complexity. The goal of the workshop is to learn about cutting-edge research from international experts in the field and to provide a forum for future networks and collaborations. All investigators working on the evolution of multicellular complexity are invited; heads of laboratories are expected to inform their coworkers.

The workshop will be quite intimate – with a maximum number of 120 participants. Contributions to the meeting may be in the form of talks or posters, mainly on new or unpublished findings. The emphasis is very much upon discussion and there is plenty of time within the programme to make this possible. Workshop topics include:

- phylogenomics
- gene regulatory mechanisms
- development, tissue formation and regeneration
- stem cell biology
- nervous system evolution, development and function
- symbiosis
- environmental influences in development

We are very pleased with having **Alejandro Sánchez Alvarado** from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute & Stowers Institute for Medical Research, Kansas USA, as our "inspirational" evening speaker. Sánchez Alvarado's research centers on regeneration, and as a model system he uses freshwater planarians.

We are applying to the DFG for financial support for the meeting. It would be prudent at this point, however, to plan to pay your own expenses. Full room and board cost about 800 € for the 3-day meeting. This includes the conference dinner and a boat trip on Starnberger See.

The meeting has a **homepage at www.hydra-meeting.de** where you can find information on the meeting location as well as the electronic registration form and information for preparing abstracts. We will update the homepage regularly. After receiving your registration and abstract, we will ask session chairs for assistance in making the final program. The program will be posted on the homepage in July 2017.

To register, please download the registration form and send it back to Thomas Bosch by e-mail (office@zoologie.uni-kiel.de). Please use one form for each person registering. To prepare abstracts, follow the instructions on the homepage. Registration forms and abstracts must be returned by **May 31, 2017**. Please note that the number of participants is limited and that late registrations, therefore, may not be considered. In case of overbooking, the International Organization Committee consisting of session chairs and organizers will make a final decision on acceptance.

We look forward to seeing you in Tutzing in September 2017.



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