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In January 2010, the Philipps-Universität Marburg and the Max Planck Institute for Terrestrial Microbiology established a Center for Synthetic Microbiology (SYNMIKRO) in Marburg, promoted by the Excellence Program of the state of Hesse (LOEWE). Today SYNMIKRO employs over 100 scientists in more than 30 groups who conduct its research in the rapidly growing field of synthetic microbiology.













#### Venue



#### Public transportation (recommended):

Step out of the main train station, cross the road to get to the bus stop. Bus line 1-5 and 7 will go to "Rudolphsplatz", which is near the venue. After getting out of the bus, cross the street at the traffic lights.

#### Bv car

Coming from the north, exit the freeway at "Marburg Bahnhofstrasse" and turn right at the first traffic light. Follow the course of the road and always stay right, the street will separate into two lanes and join again at the Elisabeth church. Drive straight ahead until you are in a street called "Pilgrimstein", where you will find a (charged) parking deck at your right (green arrows on the map).

Coming from the south, exit the freeway at "Marburg Mitte" and turn right twice. Stay in the right lane and turn right again after passing the Lahn bridge. After passing the cinema on your right, turn left. Turn right at the end of the short street. You are now in a street called "Pilgrimstein", where you will find a (charged) parking deck at your left (yellow arrows on the map).

**Address of the nearest parking garage for navigation devices:** Pilgrimstein 17, 35037 Marburg

#### Registration

Participation is free but registration is required. Deadline for the registration is April 25, 2017. Please register online at:

# www.synmikro.de

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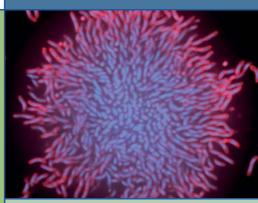
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# Synmikro LOEWE Center for Synthetic Microbiology

# Symposium

# Biofilms in Nature, Technology and Medicine



Thursday, May 4, 2017

Philipps-Universität Marburg LOEWE Center for Synthetic Microbiology

Venue: Cineplex, Biegenstr. 1, 35037 Marburg





# **Biofilms in Nature, Technology and Medicine**

Many microbes grow in surface-associated, multicellular communities known as biofilms. These biofilms are the most abundant mode of microbial life outside the ocean. Biofilms are also associated with a range of diseases and hygiene problems, as bacteria that are bound in biofilms are intrinsically resistant to antibiotics and disinfectants.

In recent years, a lot of progress has been made towards understanding the necessary genes for biofilm formation and the switch from planktonic growth to sessile growth on surfaces, which constitutes the first step in biofilm growth. Yet surprisingly little is known about what determines biofilm growth beyond the initial step of surface attachment, what governs microbial community architecture and composition, and how biofilm composition can be manipulated for particular applications in industry, agriculture, and healthcare. New omics techniques, high-resolution microscopy, next-generation sequencing, and labeling techniques for multispecies biofilm communities promise to yield breakthroughs in fundamental and applied biofilm research, which will bring improvements for human health and industry.

At the SYNMIKRO Symposium "Biofilms in Nature, Technology and Medicine", leading scientists from academia and industry will come together to highlight and discuss recent breakthroughs and future trends in biofilm research, and how this research can lead to improvements in healthcare, waste water treatment, and industrial processes.

The participation in the symposium is free of charge but a registration is required. Please register online at www.synmikro.de.

## Organizers:

Knut Drescher, Gert Bange, Anke Becker and Victor Sourjik

Program		11:30 - 12:00	Holger Rohde (Universitätsklinikum Hamburg) Insights into biofilm formation in	Session 4 Approaches for preventing biofilms	
09:15 - 09:30	Welcome and opening remarks: Anke Becker, Managing Director of SYNMIKRO, Marburg	12.00 12.20	Staphylococcus epidermidis, a major cause of healthcare-associated infections	Chair:	Victor Sourjik (MPI & SYNMIKRO Marburg
				15:30 - 16:00	Joachim Tretzel (Doehler Corporation Darmstadt)
Session 1		12:00 - 12:30	<b>Tim Tolker-Nielsen</b> (University of Copenhagen)		Biofilms in food plants- risk mitigation and hygiene
Biofilms in the environment			Regulation of biofilm formation in Pseudomonas and Burkholderia species		management strategies
Chair:	Knut Drescher (MPI & SYNMIKRO Marburg)			16:00 - 16:30	Henny van der Mei
09:30 - 10:00	Wolfgang Streit (University of Hamburg)	12:30 - 14:00	Lunch break		(University of Groningen) Bacterial responses to their adhering state
	Molecular keys to mono- and multi- species biofilm formation on plant and fungal surfaces	C			state
		Session 3 Molecular biology of biofilms		16:30 - 17:00	Romain Briandet
		Wioleculai Dio	nogy of biolinis	10.30 - 17.00	(INRA-AgroParisTech, Paris)
10:00 - 10:30	Mette Burmølle	Chair:	Anke Becker (SYNMIKRO Marburg)		Biocide action in multispecies biofilms
	(University of Copenhagen) From environment to lab bench:	14:00 - 14:30	Hartmut Oschkinat		
	Studies of synergistic interactions in		(Leibniz Institute for Molecular Pharmacology, Berlin)	17:00 - 17:15	Closing remarks: Victor Sourjik,
	multispecies biofilms composed of soil		Structural biology of <i>Bacillus subtilis</i>		MPI & SYNMIKRO Marburg
	bacteria		biofilm formation		
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee break				
		14:30 - 15:00	Ute Römling		
Session 2			(Karolinska Institute, Stockholm) Cellulose - an extracellular matrix		
Medical biofilms			component of Salmonella Typhimurium		
			biofilms of many talents		
Chair:	Gert Bange (SYNMIKRO Marburg)				
11:00 - 11:30	Daniel Smyth (Cochlear Technology Centre Belgium) Hearing implants & biofilms; in vitro and ex vivo	15:00 - 15:30	Coffee break		