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Press Release

GfV 2025 – Focus on viruses – Virologists' conference in Hamburg sheds light on current challenges

Hamburg (kf). At the beginning of March 2025, the Hanseatic city will become a meeting place for virologists working on various aspects of viral infections - from basic research to veterinary, translational and clinical virology. Under the direction of Prof Dr Thomas Dobner, Hamburg, international experts will present the latest findings in virology.

It is estimated that 3 out of 4 new or emerging diseases are zoonoses. What they have in common is that their pathogens have at some point jumped from animals to humans. In view of the recent outbreaks of Mpox (formerly known as monkeypox), the experts will be taking an in-depth look at the topic of zoonoses. The focus of the first day of the event (4 March, 14:00-15:30) will be on zoonoses. Key questions will be addressed, such as: What factors favour zoonotic viral infections? How can we protect ourselves against zoonotic viruses? The content will be presented and discussed in detail.

In addition, the programme offers keynote lectures by world-renowned experts, an award ceremony in honour of individual members of the society and numerous workshops for short oral presentations. Key topics from research and practice include gene and cell-based therapies, innate immunity and virus-host interactions.

Conference chair **Prof Dr Thomas Dobner** is head of the Department of Viral Transformation at the Leibniz Institute of Virology in Hamburg. He conducts research into various aspects of the biology of human adenoviruses, in particular fundamental issues relating to the regulation of the productive infection cycle, adenovirus-mediated cell transformation and the development of antiviral agents.

Dobner would particularly like to promote young virologists by offering the 'young GfV' a platform at the conference, which includes a separate jGfV session and a workshop organised by ACHIEVE that is specifically tailored to their needs.

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Programm-Highlights at GfV 2025:

Emerging viruses/zoonoses

Dienstag, 04.03.2025 von 14 – 15:30 Uhr

- Keynote-Speaker: Prof. Dr. Sandra Ciesek (Frankfurt/M.), Prof. Dr. Eva Harris (Berkeley/USA), Prof. Dr. Ake Lundkvist (Uppsala/SE)

Virus-Host Interactions

Donnerstag, 06.03.2025 von 10:15 – 11:45 Uhr

- Keynote-Speaker: Prof. Dr. Elisabeth Puchhammer-Stöckl (Wien/AT), Prof. Dr. Marvin Tanenbaum (Utrecht/NL), Prof. Dr. Felicia Goodrum (Tucson/USA)

Innate immunity

Freitag, 07.03. 2025 von 9 – 10:30 Uhr

- Keynote-Speaker: Prof. Dr. Adolfo Garcia-Sastre (New York/USA), Prof. Dr. Troels Scheel (Kopenhagen/DK), Prof. Dr. Michaela Müller-Trutwin (Paris/FR)

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