Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the members of the scientific committee, we are pleased to inform you about the strategies for our annual meeting: 5th World Congress on Targeting Microbiota, which will be held in Berlin, Germany on October 26-27, 2017.

A substantial amount of evidence has shown that a diverse population of micro-organisms live in our skin, mouth, nose, lungs and intestines, where they play a strategic role in regulating and possibly controlling human health, well-being, metabolism and diseases.

During both days, many oral and poster communications will be presented and will cover many hot topics:

- Microbiota 2017: Recent Advances & Perspectives
- Challenges of microbiota sequencing and analyzing: How to interpret the results?
- Challenges of microbiota-host cross-talk understanding and intestinal microbiome signaling to extraintestinal organs
- Microbiota & medicine of tomorrow: Development of effective therapeutic strategies to manipulate the gut microbiota

During this two-day conference, we will try to answer many questions, among them:

- Can we modulate the quality and diversity of human microbiota?
- How to induce durable beneficial changes in gut microbiota?
- Where is the red line of the gut microbiota manipulation?
- What are the strategic mediators of gut microbiota?
- How to understand better the role of bacterial metabolites?
- What is the perfect microbiota "signature" and how to use it as a biomarker to "predict" and/or treat many diseases?

We very much look forward to seeing you in Berlin for this exciting event.

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President of the International Society of Microbiota

Prof. Marvin Edeas
University Paris Descartes, Cochin Institute, France

Prof. Peter Konturek
Thuringia-Clinic Saalfeld, Germany

Co-chairmen of the Scientific Committee
Targeting Microbiota 2017 Congress Speakers

**Microbiota & Mitochondria intertalk in hemodialysis patients**
Marvin Edges
University Paris Descartes, Institut Cochin, France

**Role of microbiota in Graft-versus-Host Disease (GVHD) and complications of allogeneic stem cell transplantation**
Daniela Weber
Regensburg Universitätsklinikum, Germany

**Skin microbiome approaches: atopic dermatitis versus psoriasis**
Lorenzo Drago
University of Milano, Italy

**Human gut microbiota: from structures to functions**
Hervé Blottière
INRA, France

**Microbiota and autoimmune diseases: a shield or a sword?**
Filippo Candeloro
University of Insubria, Italy

**The microbiota, epigenome and transcriptome of colonic inflammation in inflammatory bowel disease**
Marcus Ciessens
University College Cork, Ireland

**Novel techniques in microbiota research: from meta-omics to single cells**
Jakob Zimmermann
University of Bern, Switzerland

**Lactobacilli modulate epithelial cytoprotection through the Notch pathway**
Rheinlitt M. Jones
Emory University School of Medicine, USA

**Hemodynamic effects of hydrogen sulfide, indole and tmao-gut bacteria-derived molecules: the role of the gut-blood barrier**
Marcin Ufnal
Medical University of Warsaw, Poland

**Unraveling the gut microbiome of the long-tailed naked mole-rat**
Gerd Birkenmeier
University of Leipzig, Germany

**RNA-based stable isotope probing to link structure and function of prebiotics-assimilating intestinal microbiota**
Markus Egert
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**Advances in fecal microbiota transplantation**
Peter Konturek
Teaching Hospital of the University of Jena, Germany

**Metabolic, epigenetic, and transgenerational effects of gut bacterial choline consumption**
Federico Rey
University of Wisconsin Madison, USA

**The human infant gut microbiota mobilome**
Knut Rudi
Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Norway

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McMaster University, Canada

**Probiotics as potential therapeutics in the management of metabolic syndrome**
Ryo Aoki
EIZAI Glico Co., Japan

**Intestinal microbiota and primary sclerosing cholangitis: is there any link?**
Johannes Hov
University of Oslo, Norway

**Host genetics driving gut microbiota composition: experimental challenges**
Andy Wullaert
Ghent University, Belgium

**Culturomics: illuminating dark matter**
Grégory Dubourg
Aix-Marseille Université, France

**Microbiota, bacterial translocation and inflammation in chronic kidney disease**
Didier Ducoux
CHU Besançon, France
Day 1 – Thursday, October 26

7h45  Welcoming & registration of attendees

8h55  Introduction note by Targeting Microbiota 2017 Chairpersons
Lorenzo Drago, Marvin Edeas, Peter Konturek

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Chairpersons: Lorenzo Drago - Marvin Edeas

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Andy Wullaert, University of Ghent, Belgium

10h15  Lactobacilli modulate epithelial cytoprotection through the Nrf2 pathway
Comments on Indoles from commensal bacteria extend healthspan
Rheinallt M. Jones, Emory University School of Medicine, USA

10h45  Coffee Break & Poster Session

Chairpersons: Gerd Birkenmeier – Paul Forsythe

11h15  The human infant gut microbiota mobilome
Knut Rudi, Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Norway

11h40  Hemodynamic effects of hydrogen sulfide, indole and TMAO-gut bacteria-derived molecules: the role of the gut-blood barrier
Marcin Ufnal, Medical University of Warsaw, Poland

12h05  Role of nasal microbiota in respiratory recurrent infections
Desiderio Passàli, Honorary President Italian Society of Rhinology, Italy

Short oral presentations (7 minutes presentation + 3 minutes questions)

12h20  The gut microbiota is a crucial regulator of local intestinal androgen metabolism in male mice
Hannah Colldén, University of Gothenburg, Sweden

12h30  Antibiotic-induced microbiota perturbation causes gut endocannabinoidome changes, hippocampal neuroglial reorganization and depression in mice
Francesca Guida, University of Campania, Naples, Italy

12h40  Lunch Break & Poster Session
Session 2: Challenges of microbiota sequencing and analyzing: How to interpret the results?

Chairpersons: Knut Rudi – Markus Egert - Filippo Canducci

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Hervé Blottière, INRA, France

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15h15 Culturomics: illuminating dark matter
Grégory Dubourg, Aix-Marseille Université, France

15h40 Coffee Break & Poster Session

16h40 Short oral presentations for sessions 1 & 2 (7 minutes presentation + 3 minutes questions)

Iron supplements modulate colon microbiota composition and potentiate the protective effects of probiotics in dextran sodium sulfate-induced colitis
Manuela Santos, Canadian Cancer Society Research Institute, Canada

The role of gut microbiota in the development of angiotensin II induced vascular dysfunction in mice
Rebecca Schüler, University Medical Center Mainz, Germany

Exposure to antibacterial chemicals influence oral microbiome composition
Randi J. Bertelsen, University of Bergen, Norway

The role of the microbiota in neurodegeneration: molecular mechanisms and prospects for gene therapy
Robert Friedland, University of Louisville, USA

Exploring the gut microbiome role in Parkinson’s disease and in primary parkinsonisms
Clarissa Consolandi, National Research Council, Italy

Early life determinants of the fecal resistome
Aimee Marguerite Baumann-Dudenhoef, Saint Louis School of Medicine, USA

Newborn meconium microbiota diversity is related to maternal and cord blood lipid profiles
Shu-Ling Chuang, Chelsea & Westminster Hospital, United Kingdom

Identification of a microbial signature of colonic hypersensitivity in IBS-like murine models
Frédéric Antonio Carvalho, University of Auvergne, France

Culture-independent characterization of spores in stool samples
Ekaterina Avershina, Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Norway

Next generation 16S ribosomal RNA gene sequencing reveals intestinal bacterial genera with a potential role in Parkinson’s disease
Severin Weis, Hochschule Furtwangen, Germany

Applying quality engineering principles to enhance reproducibility of longitudinal metagenomics studies
Héloïse Breton, DNA Genotek, Canada

Design of microbiome cohort studies – lessons learned from preparatory phase
Petra Videnska, Masaryk University, Czech Republic

A commensal gut bacteria MRX0004 alleviates inflammatory responses in a severe asthma model through reduction of neutrophil infiltration to the lung
Emma Jane Raftis, 4D Pharma PLC, United Kingdom

18h40 End of the first day

20h30 Dinner between speakers and attendees.

To participate, please register online before October 12. The exact venue will be communicated soon.
Day 2 – Friday, October 27

8h25 Opening of the second day

Session 3: Challenges of microbiota-host cross-talk understanding and intestinal microbiome signaling to extraintestinal organs

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Lorenzo Drago, University of Milano, Italy

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Are quorum sensing peptides the missing link between microbiota and disease?
Evelien Wynendaele, Ghent University, Belgium

Modulation of adult neurogenesis by the microbiome; with a little help from the immune system
Susanne Asu Wolf, University Hospital Charite, Germany

The neonatal transfer of intestinal microbiota partially reverses microbiota dysbiosis in rats with intra-uterine growth retardation
Catherine Michel, INRA-Université de Nantes, France

Effects of 5-fluorouracil chemotherapy on colon inflammation, gut microbiota, and adverse physiological outcomes
Alexander Theodore Sougiannis, University of South Carolina School of Medicine, USA

Modulation of skeletal muscle function by gut microbiota dysbiosis and reseeding
Kévin Nay, INRA, France

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Can dietary probiotics reduce human stress via the microbiome-gut-brain axis?
Carl Gordon Johnston, Youngstown State University, USA

SYN-004 (Ribaxamase) protects the diversity of the gut microbiome in patients receiving intravenous ceftriaxone treatment
John Kokai-Sun, Synthetic Biologics, Inc., USA

Exploring the microbial taxonomic and metabolic alterations during faecal microbiota transplantation for the treatment of clostridium difficile infection
Lee Kellingray, Quadram Institute Bioscience, United Kingdom

Probiotics modulated gut microbiota suppresses hepatocellular carcinoma growth in mice
Gianni Panagiotou, Hans Knoll Institute, Germany

The influence of ketogenic diet in gut microbial diversity of obese Mexican adults with type 2 diabetes
Victor Armando Martinez Silva, Cinvestav-IPN, Mexico

Cross-talk between the microbiota and their sisters, the mitochondria: the real cause of mitochondrial health or dysfunction?
Steven Gundry, Center for Restorative Medicine, USA

17h55 Health Optimization Medicine (HOMe): a framework to include microbiota and mitochondria in clinical practice
Theodore Achacoso, BioBalance Wellness Institute and Health Optimization, USA

18h10 Concluding remarks with Lorenzo Drago, Marvin Edeas, Peter Konturek
Targeting Microbiota 2017 Awards

18h30 End of Targeting Microbiota 2017