

# SUNDAY, 23.06.2025

Time (Place)	Session Detailed Time	Speaker name and topic of talk
14:30 - 15:45 (Kursaal)	WELCOME	Gathering with drinks and snacks in front of the lecture hall
15:45 - 16:00 (Kursaal)	OPENING	<b>Organizers:</b> Welcome and general information (about the venue, activities, schedule, and a voting process for the next meeting hosts)
16:00 - 16:45 (Kursaal)	KEYNOTE	<b>Jeff Sekelsky:</b> Retrospective of Scott Hawley.
16:45 - 17:30 (Kursaal)	TALKS	
Getting ready to go, and going		
	16:45 - 17:05	<b>Gerben Vader:</b> Will discuss cell-cycle dependent expression of meiotic genes.
	17:05 - 17:25	<b>Jiri Forejt:</b> Pachytene checkpoint of hybrid and chromosomal sterility depends on number of Mir465 miRNA copies in house mouse
17:30 – 18:00 (Kursaal)	BREAK	Coffee, tea, fruits, cakes
18:00 - 19:20 (Kursaal)	TALKS	
	18:00 - 18:20	<b>Soni Lacefield:</b> Will discuss her work on cell cycle checkpoints in both meiosis and mitosis
	18:20 - 18:40	<b>Ian Adams:</b> Investigating chromosome ageing in mammalian oocytes.
	18:40 - 19:00	<b>Chenshu Liu:</b> Nuclear Envelope-Mediated Meiotic Quality Control in <i>C. elegans</i>
	19:00 - 19:20	<b>5 x 4 min flash talks</b>
19:30 - 21:00 (Hotel Bellevue)	DINNER	

MONDAY, 23.06.2025		
Time (Place)	Session Detailed Time	Speaker name and topic of talk
Double Strand Breaks – induction and repair		
8:45 - 10:20 (Kursaal)	TALKS	
	08:45 - 08:50	<b>Organizers: announcements/reminders</b>
	08:50 - 09:10	<b>Corentin Claeys Bouuaert:</b> Will provide a comparative view on structure and function of DSB machinery from an evolutionary angle.
	09:10 - 09:30	<b>Hélène Bordelet:</b> Characterization of the chromatin structural determinants regulating meiotic DNA Double-Strand Break repair using a synthetic genomic system
	09:30 - 09:50	<b>Scott Keeney:</b> cryoEM of Spo11 and the activity of recombinant Spo11 complexes
	09:50 - 10:20	<b>7 x 4 min flash talks</b>
10:25 - 11:00 (Kursaal)	BREAK	Coffee, fruits, breakfast goods
11:00 - 12:25 (Kursaal)	TALKS	
	11:00 - 11:20	<b>Peter Schloegelhofer:</b> Will discuss mechanisms of DSB control in plants
	11:20 - 11:40	<b>Corinne Grey:</b> Interplay Between Chromosome Organization and Axis Dynamics at the Initiation of Meiotic Recombination
Finding a partner – chromosome pairing and early interactions		
	11:40 - 12:00	<b>Jean Rene Huynh:</b> Will discuss fundamental principles of pairing inferred from comparative studies.
	12:00 - 12:25	<b>6 x 4 min flash talks</b>
12:30 - 14:15 (Hotel Bellevue)	LUNCH	
14:15 - 15:45 (Hotel Bellevue)	POSTERS	<b>Poster session 1</b>
16:00 - 17:00 (Kursaal)	TALKS	
	16:00 - 16:20	<b>Yaniv Elkouby:</b> EMBO Young Investigator. Will discuss his work on novel structures governing chromosome movement and telomere clustering in meiotic prophase I.
	16:20 - 16:40	<b>Madhav Jagannathan:</b> Meiotic pairing through barcode-like satellite DNA repeats
	16:40 - 17:00	<b>Abby Dernburg:</b> Will discuss structural and regulatory perspective on chromosome dynamics – lessons from nematodes.
17:00 - 17:30 (Kursaal)	BREAK	Coffee, fruits, cakes
17:30 - 18:40 (Kursaal)	TALKS	
	17:30 - 17:50	<b>Simone Köhler:</b> Homologous chromosome pairing in <i>C. elegans</i>
	17:50 - 18:10	<b>Paula Cohen:</b> Interrogating the function of Replication Factor C variants in mammalian meiosis
Homologous recombination		
	18:10 - 18:30	<b>Valerie Borde:</b> Will discuss new approaches for studying recombination machinery (ZMM proteins).
	18:30 - 18:40	<b>2 x 4 min flash talks</b>
18:45 - 20:15 (Hotel Bellevue)	DINNER	
20:15 - 21:45 (Hotel Bellevue)	POSTERS	<b>Poster session 2</b>

## TUESDAY, 24.06.2025

Time (Place)	Session Detailed Time	Speaker name and topic of talk
<b>8:45 - 10:30 (Kursaal)</b>	<b>Talks</b>	
	08:45 - 08:50	Organizers: announcements/reminders
	08:50 - 09:10	<b>Petr Cejka:</b> Will discuss his work on the structural biology of homology-based DNA repair
	09:10 - 09:30	<b>Matt Neale:</b> Top3 drives crossover migration towards the meiotic chromosome axis.
	09:30 - 09:50	<b>Verena Jantsch:</b> Dbf4-Dependent Kinase Contributes to Successful Prophase I in <i>Caenorhabditis elegans</i> Meiosis
	09:50 - 10:10	<b>Nicola Silva:</b> BRC-2/BRCA2 acts in an obligate complex with the newly identified RIPR-1 to regulate homologous recombination-mediated repair during <i>C. elegans</i> meiosis
	10:10 - 10:30	<b>Neil Hunter:</b> Distinct and essential functions of SUMO regulate meiotic recombination.
<b>10:30 - 11:00 (Kursaal)</b>	<b>BREAK</b>	Coffee, fruits, breakfast goods
<b>11:00 - 12:25 (Kursaal)</b>	<b>TALKS</b>	
	11:00 - 11:20	<b>Monique Zetka:</b> ZHP-1/2-mediated recruitment of PLK-2/Polo kinase 2 to recombination sites is required for crossover designation
<b>Crossover patterning</b>		
	11:20 - 11:40	<b>Chris Morgan:</b> Will discuss his work on the “coarsening model” for crossover interference
	11:40 - 12:00	<b>Piotr Ziolkowski:</b> Class I crossover proteins limits class II crossovers
	12:00 - 12:25	<b>5 x 4 min flash talks</b>
<b>12:30 - 14:15 (Hotel Bellevue)</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	
<b>14:15 - 15:45 (Hotel Bellevue)</b>	<b>POSTERS</b>	<b>Poster session 3</b>
<b>16:00 - 17:00 (Kursaal)</b>	<b>TALKS</b>	
	16:00 - 16:20	<b>Yumi Kim:</b> Will discuss the regulation of crossover designation in <i>C. elegans</i> .
	16:20 - 16:40	<b>Susan Johnston:</b> Will discuss her work on the genetic and mechanistic basis of recombination rate variation in vertebrate species and its role in diversity.
	16:40 - 17:00	<b>Thomas Robert:</b> Characterization of mouse HEIP1, a new mammalian master regulator of meiotic crossover formation.
<b>17:00 - 17:30 (Kursaal)</b>	<b>BREAK</b>	Coffee, fruits, cakes
<b>17:30 - 18:40 (Kursaal)</b>	<b>TALKS</b>	
<b>Chromosome segregation and mis-segregation</b>		
	17:30 - 17:50	<b>Tomoya Kitajima:</b> Will discuss differences in mechanisms of chromosome segregation during the first and second meiotic division.
	17:50 - 18:10	<b>Adrian Gonzalo:</b> Improved synapsis dynamics accompany meiotic stability in <i>Arabidopsis arenosa</i> autotetraploids.
	18:10 - 18:40	<b>7 x 4 min flash talks</b>
<b>18:45 - 20:15 (Hotel Bellevue)</b>	<b>DINNER</b>	
<b>20:15 - 21:45 (Hotel Bellevue)</b>	<b>POSTERS</b>	<b>Poster session 4</b>

## WEDNESDAY, 25.06.2025

Time (Place)	Session Detailed Time	Speaker name and topic of talk
<b>08:45 - 10:30 (Kursaal)</b>	<b>TALKS</b>	
	08:45 - 08:50	<b>Organizers: announcements/reminders</b>
	08:50 - 09:10	<b>Eva Hoffman:</b> Will discuss her work on genome instabilities in human oocytes.
	09:10 - 09:30	<b>Francesca Cole:</b> Aged mouse spermatocytes are defective in crossing over leading to high rates of chromosome mis-segregation.
	09:30 - 09:50	<b>Rayane Kaade:</b> Slender lobes: a spindle matrix protein crucial for the bipolar spindle in Drosophila oocytes
<b>Chromosome structure and chromatin modifications</b>		
	09:50 - 10:10	<b>Nancy Kleckner:</b> Will discuss the regulatory role of chromosome structure in meiotic recombination and chromosome segregation.
	10:10 - 10:30	<b>Alberto M Pendás:</b> Coordination of Synapsis and Crossover Designation and Maturation in Mouse Meiosis
<b>10:30 - 11:00 (Kursaal)</b>	<b>BREAK</b>	Coffee, fruits, breakfast goods
<b>11:00 - 12:20 (Kursaal)</b>	<b>TALKS</b>	
	11:00 - 11:20	<b>Owen Davies:</b> Will discuss his work on the structure and assembly of synaptonemal complex.
	11:20 - 11:40	<b>Raphael Mercier:</b> One ring to rule them all. Cohesins impose monopolar orientation and suppress proximal meiotic crossovers.
	11:40 - 12:00	<b>Enrique Martinez-Perez:</b> Biophysical and in vivo approaches uncover mechanisms by which variant cohesin complexes orchestrate meiotic chromosome structure and function
	12:00 - 12:20	<b>Liangran Zhang:</b> Pds5 regulates the length of chromosome axes in meiosis
<b>12:30 - 14:00 (Hotel Bellevue)</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	
<b>14:00 - 18:30</b>	<b>LEISURE</b>	Optional sightseeing and hiking excursions, or informal interchange time.
<b>18:30 - 20:15 (Hotel Bellevue)</b>	<b>DINNER</b>	<b>Meet the Speaker</b>
<b>20:15 - 21:45 (Hotel Bellevue)</b>	<b>POSTERS</b>	<b>Poster session 5</b>

## THURSDAY, 26.06.2025

Time (Place)	Session Detailed Time	Speaker name and topic of talk
<b>08:45 - 10:30 (Kursaal)</b>	<b>TALKS</b>	
	08:45 - 08:50	Organizers: announcements/reminders
	08:50 - 09:10	<b>Leah Rosin:</b> Will discuss her work on following chromatin dynamics and gene expression regulation in meiosis in Lepidopteran species.
	09:10 - 09:30	<b>Denise Zickler:</b> Multifacets of the Wings apart-like (Wapl) cohesin in the fungus <i>Sordaria macrospora</i>
	09:30 - 09:50	<b>Andreas Hochwagen:</b> Crossover designation recruits condensin to reorganize the meiotic chromosome axis
<b>VIII) Variation and innovation in meiosis</b>		
	09:50 - 10:10	<b>André Marques:</b> Will discuss his work on studying variant meiotic recombination and inverted meiosis in holocentric plants.
	10:10 - 10:30	<b>Dmitrij Dedukh:</b> Ploidy-Dependent Gametogenic Alterations in Hybrid Loaches (Cobitis): Insights into the Origins and Maintenance of Asexual Reproduction
<b>10:30 - 11:00 (Kursaal)</b>	<b>BREAK</b>	Coffee, fruits, breakfast goods
<b>11:00 - 12:10 (Kursaal)</b>	<b>TALKS</b>	
	11:00 - 11:20	<b>Anna Torgasheva:</b> Meiotic behavior and non-Mendelian inheritance of the germline-restricted chromosome in songbirds
	11:20 - 11:40	<b>Anne Villeneuve:</b> Celebrating and Leveraging Diversity in Nematode Meiosis
	11:40 - 12:00	<b>Aurora Ruis-Herrera:</b> Divergent germline chromosome structures in different vertebrates
	12:00 - 12:10	<b>Sponsor talk: BIO-RAD</b> – Methods to apply in meiosis
<b>12:20 - 14:05 (Hotel Bellevue)</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	
<b>14:15 - 15:35 (Kursaal)</b>	<b>TALKS</b>	
<b>IX) Emerging approaches and concepts in meiosis research</b>		
	14:15 - 14:35	<b>Luke Berchowitz:</b> Will discuss the role of amyloid-like assemblies in translation repression during meiosis I
	14:35 - 14:55	<b>Anjali Hinch:</b> Will discuss her work deciphering the causes of germline mutations from human genetic datasets.
	14:55 - 15:15	<b>Duilio Silva:</b> DNA damage-mediated embryo killing drives biased transmission of mouse selfish DNA.
	15:15 - 15:35	<b>Needhi Bhalla:</b> The Pachytene Checkpoint Across Systems
<b>15:35 - 16:10 (Kursaal)</b>	<b>BREAK</b>	Coffee, fruits, cakes
<b>16:10 - 17:10 (Kursaal)</b>	<b>TALKS</b>	
	16:10 - 16:30	<b>Stefan Heckmann:</b> Will discuss his work using TurboID for proteomic profiling of the meiotic chromosome axis in plants
	16:30 - 16:50	<b>Eelco Tromer:</b> Manifold Ways to Forge a Meiotic Zipper: Tracing Synaptonemal Complex Origins, Diversification and Co-Evolution with Meiotic Pathways
	16:50 - 17:10	<b>Jiyeon Leem:</b> Innovation of new experimental system to discover the origins of female reproductive age-related egg aneuploidy.
<b>17:10 - 17:30 (Kursaal)</b>	<b>BREAK</b>	Short break, no refreshments
<b>17:30 - 18:30 (Kursaal)</b>	<b>BUSINESS</b>	<b>Business meeting: Closing remarks, Poster Awards, Voting for the next host</b>
<b>19:15 - 21:30 (Hotel Bellevue)</b>	<b>GALA DINNER</b>	
<b>21:30 - 01:00</b>	<b>PARTY</b>	