

SUNDAY, 22.06.2025

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	Organizers: Welcome and general information (about the venue, activities, schedule, and a voting process for the next meeting hosts)
16:00 - 16:45 (Kursaal)	KEYNOTE	Jeff Sekelsky: Retrospective of Scott Hawley.
16:45 - 17:30 (Kursaal)	TALKS	
Getting ready to go, and going		
	16:45 - 17:05	Gerben Vader: Will discuss cell-cycle dependent expression of meiotic genes.
	17:05 - 17:25	Jiri Forejt: 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	Soni Lacefield: Will discuss her work on cell cycle checkpoints in both meiosis and mitosis
	18:20 - 18:40	Ian Adams: Investigating chromosome ageing in mammalian oocytes.
	18:40 - 19:00	Chenshu Liu: Nuclear Envelope-Mediated Meiotic Quality Control in <i>C. elegans</i>
	19:00 - 19:20	5 x 4 min flash talks
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	Organizers: announcements/reminders
	08:50 - 09:10	Corentin Claeys Bouuaert: Will provide a comparative view on structure and function of DSB machinery from an evolutionary angle.
	09:10 - 09:30	Hélène Bordelet: Characterization of the chromatin structural determinants regulating meiotic DNA Double-Strand Break repair using a synthetic genomic system
	09:30 - 09:50	Scott Keeney: cryoEM of Spo11 and the activity of recombinant Spo11 complexes
	09:50 - 10:20	7 x 4 min flash talks
10:25 - 11:00 (Kursaal)	BREAK	Coffee, fruits, breakfast goods
11:00 - 12:25 (Kursaal)	TALKS	
	11:00 - 11:20	Peter Schloegelhofer: Will discuss mechanisms of DSB control in plants
	11:20 - 11:40	Corinne Grey: 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	Jean Rene Huynh: Will discuss fundamental principles of pairing inferred from comparative studies.
	12:00 - 12:25	6 x 4 min flash talks
12:30 - 14:15 (Hotel Bellevue)	LUNCH	
14:15 - 15:45 (Hotel Bellevue)	POSTERS	Poster session 1
16:00 - 17:00 (Kursaal)	TALKS	
	16:00 - 16:20	Yaniv Elkouby: EMBO Young Investigator. Will discuss his work on novel structures governing chromosome movement and telomere clustering in meiotic prophase I.
	16:20 - 16:40	Madhav Jagannathan: Meiotic pairing through barcode-like satellite DNA repeats
	16:40 - 17:00	Abby Dernburg: 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	Simone Köhler: Homologous chromosome pairing in <i>C. elegans</i>
	17:50 - 18:10	Paula Cohen: Interrogating the function of Replication Factor C variants in mammalian meiosis
Homologous recombination		
	18:10 - 18:30	Valerie Borde: Will discuss new approaches for studying recombination machinery (ZMM proteins).
	18:30 - 18:40	2 x 4 min flash talks
18:45 - 20:15 (Hotel Bellevue)	DINNER	
20:15 - 21:45 (Hotel Bellevue)	POSTERS	Poster session 2

TUESDAY, 24.06.2025

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

WEDNESDAY, 25.06.2025

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

THURSDAY, 26.06.2025

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