

TreatPolyQ – in retrospect



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Kick-Off Meeting: Tübingen

(Sep 22-23, 2011)



1st Annual meeting: Stockholm

(May 03, 2012)



1st Training week: Stockholm

(May 07-13, 2012)

(organized by Nico Dantuma)

- Faculty:
 - Kenneth Fischbeck (NINDS/NIH Bethesda)
 - Ron Kopito (Stanford University)
 - Angelica Hofmann (Yale University)
 - Nico Dantuma (Karolinska Institute)
- Topics:
 - Protein degradation and protein quality control in polyglutamine disorders
 - Scientific proposal writing

2nd Training week: Tübingen

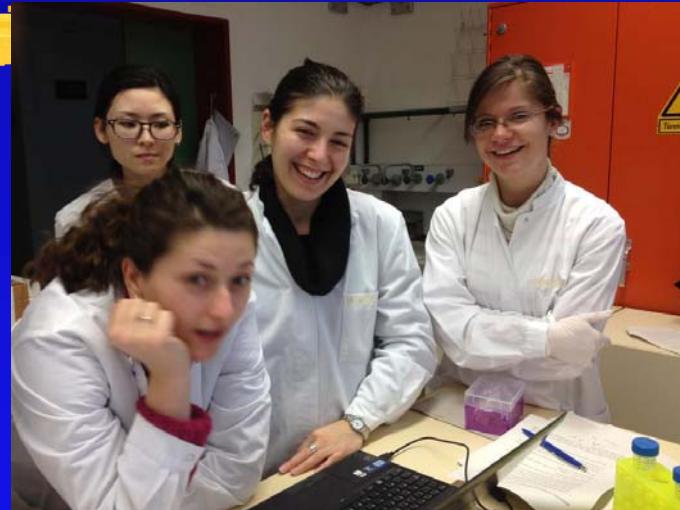
(Dec 03-09, 2012)

(organized by Hervé Tricoire & Thorsten Schmidt)

- Faculty:
 - Hervé Tricoire (Paris)
 - Luis Pereira de Almeida (Coimbra, Portugal)
 - Tiago Outeiro (Göttingen)
 - Carolin Obermaier (Tübingen)
 - Kristina Fischer (Tübingen)
 - Ulf Scheurlen (Tübingen)
- Topics:
 - Generation and analysis of transgenic model organisms
 - 360°-leadership

2nd Training week: Tübingen

(Dec 03-09, 2012)



Professor-for-a-day: Tübingen

(Dec 05, 2012)

- Faculty:
 - TreatPolyQ fellows



Donnerstag, 3. Januar 2013
Wochenblatt

Schüler des Reutlinger IKG schnuppern an der Tübinger Uniklinik

Brücke zur Wissenschaft

 Schüler des Reutlinger Isolde-Kurz Gymnasiums im Labor des Tübinger Instituts für Medizinische Genetik und angewandte Genomik

ser Frage jetzt nach. Angeleitet und betreut wurden sie von 13 internationalen Doktoranden des EU-geförderten Initial Training Networks **TreatPolyQ**, welches sich mit möglichen Behandlungsansätzen für Polyglutaminerkrankungen beschäftigt. Bei diesen Erkrankungen führt die Verlängerung eines bestimmten Genabschnitts zu Erkrankungen des Nervensystems, wie zum Beispiel Huntington oder Spirocerebralen Ataxien, die bisher nicht geheilt werden können.

»Wir wünschen uns mit diesem Tag nicht nur einen Einblick in die Laborarbeit zu vermitteln, sondern auch eine Brücke zwischen den Schülern und dem Berufsfeld Wissenschaft zu schlagen«, sagte Dr. Carola Reinhard, Projektkoordinatorin für TreatPolyQ.

Die Arbeit mit der Pipette, die Vorbereitung der DNA Proben und deren anschließende Auswertung – diese und weitere molekulargenetische Verfahren konnten die Schüler im Labor ausprobieren. »Es macht großen Spaß, zu beobachten, wie begeistert unsere Schüler bei der Sache sind«, so Heinz-Hartwig Dröge und Stefan Hecht, die Leiter der Neigungskurse Biologie in Stufe 12. »Die Schülerinnen und Schüler können hervorragend theoretisches Wissen aus dem Unterricht an einem realistischen Fall praktisch anwenden.« Ohne Schwierigkeiten gelang es den Doktoranden die Begeisterung für wissenschaftliches Arbeiten und ihr eigenes Forschungsfeld zu vermitteln. Die gute Nachricht zuletzt: Maria ist gesund.

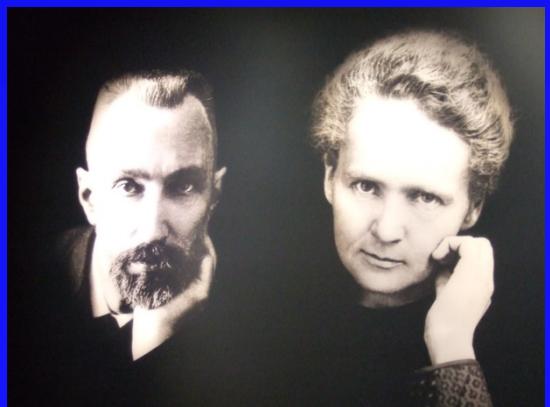
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2nd Annual meeting (mid-term): Paris

(Feb 01-02, 2013)



3rd Training week: Gif-sur-Yvette

(Feb 04-07, 2013)

(organized by Ronald Melki & Frédéric Saudou)

- Faculty:
 - Frédéric Saudou (Institut Curie, Orsay)
 - Thorsten Schmidt (Univ of Tuebingen)
 - Marie-Claude Potier (ICM, Paris)
 - Luc Bousset (LEBS, Gif)
 - Franck Perez (Institut Curie, Paris)
- Topics:
 - Intracellular protein transport
 - Making oral presentation

Summer school, Corsica

(Oct 7-11, 2013)



Summer school, Corsica

(Oct 7-11, 2013)

(organized by: TreatPolyQ fellows)

- Faculty:
 - Juan Botas (*Baylor College of Medicine, USA*)
 - Elena Cattaneo (*University of Milan, Italy*)
 - Lisa Ellerby (*Buck Institute for Research on Aging, USA*)
 - Patrícia Maciel (*University of Minho, Portugal*)
 - Harry Orr (*University of Minnesota, USA*)
 - Elizabeth Hildt (*Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz, Germany*)

Summer school, Corsica

(Oct 7-11, 2013)



3rd Annual Meeting: Copenhagen

(April 11-12, 2014)



4th Training week: Copenhagen

(April 4-10, 2014)

(organized by Karina Fog)

- Faculty:
 - Lise Tøstrup Brennum, Niels Plath, Jes Brix, Karina Fog, Steven Watson, Morten Hentzer, Morten Jørgensen, Ann-Louise Bergstroem, Daniel Anderson Clarke, Mikael Persson, Lone Frydelund Larsen, Stine Larsen, Jeff B. Stavenhagen, Lars Sparre Conrad, Bjarke Ebert (Lundbeck)
 - Andreas Weiss, Andrea Caricasole (Promidis)
- Topics:
 - Drug development in PolyQ diseases
 - Career Development and Job Hunting
 - Business Creation

Final Meeting: Coimbra

(Feb 4-6, 2015)



Publications:

Book chapter:

- **M Pavel** and DC Rubinsztein. Autophagy upregulation as a therapeutic strategy for neurodegenerative diseases. In: Antitumor Potential and other Emerging Medicinal Properties of Natural Compounds. Springer. Eds. EF Fang and TB Ng (2013, pp 227-238)

Papers:

- Massai L., * **Petricca L.***, Magnoni L., Rovetini L., Haider S., Andre R., Tabrizi SJ., Süssmuth SD., Landwehrmeyer BG., Caricasole A., Pollio G., Bernocco S. Development of an ELISA assay for the quantification of soluble huntingtin in human blood cells. BMC Biochemistry 2013, 14:34
- Bousset L., Pieri L., **Ruiz-Arlandis G.**, Gath J., Jensen P.H., Habenstein B., Madiona K., Olieric V., Böckmann A., Meier B.H., and R. Melki. Structural and functional characterization of two alpha-synuclein strains. Nature Communications 2013 Oct 10;4:2575. doi: 10.1038/ncomms3575.

Posters

- **A Sowa**, T. Schmidt: Nuclearcytoplasmic Shuttling of Disease Protein in Autosomal Dominant Machado-Joseph Disease presented at the DGN Congress, Hamburg 2012 and the European Human Genetics Conference in Nurnberg 2012.
- **W. Hu**, P. Paganetti: Identifying inhibitors for pathologic processes in Huntington's Disease presented at the Lemanic Neuroscience Annual Meeting in Les Diablerets, Switzerland in 2012.
- **R. Heidari**, H. Tricoire: Screening therapeutic compounds in Drosophila models of SCA3 and HD: from cells to behaviour presented at the Neurofly Conference in Padua 2012.
- **Sebastianutto I.**, Ohlin K.E., Adkins C.E., Lundblad C., Lockman P.R. & Cenci M.A.: Impact Of L-Dopa Treatment On Regional Cerebral Blood-Flow And Metabolism In The Basal Ganglia In Rat Model Of PD presented at FENS 2012.
- Fieblinger T., **Sebastianutto I.** & Cenci M.A: In Vitro Assay To Identify Putative Antidyskinetic Treatments Targeting D1-Receptor-Induced Phosphorylation Of Extracellular-Signal-Regulated Kinase-1/2 In The Dopamine Depleted Striatum presented at FENS 2012
- **R. Heidari**, H. Tricoire: New inducible Drosophila models of Huntington's disease: World congress of Huntington's disease, September 2013, Rio De Janeiro, Brazil
- **R. Heidari**, H. Tricoire: New inducible Drosophila models of Huntington's disease: 23rd European Drosophila research conference, October 2013, Barcelona, Spain
- **L. Petricca***, Luca Rovetini , Luisa Massai , Rosaria Remelli , Dimitri Krainc , Olaf Riess and Andrea Caricasole: ELP3 interacts with Huntingtin and modulates Huntingtin protein levels presented at 9th Annual Huntington's Disease Therapeutics Conference, 24-27 February 2014
- **R. Tulino**, E. Chini, A. Carnemolla and G. Bates: Dbc1 Knock-out Does Not Modify Disease Progression in the R6/2 Mouse Model of Huntington's Disease presented at the 9th CHDI Annual HD Therapeutics Conference , February 24- 27, 2014, in Palm Springs, California
- **S. Katamani**, S. Moutel, F. Perez, F. Saudou: Screening of conformation specific antibodies against HTT to better understand its function presented at the Journee de l'Ecole Doctoral ED419 Biogine held on 24 Sept 2014 in Paris, France.
- **Gemma Ruiz-Arlandis**, Luc Bousset, Ronald Melki: Fibrillar HTT is uptaken and introduces endogenous HTT aggregation in Differentiated Neuroblastoma Cells presented at the Jacques Monod Conference held in April 2013 in Roscoff, France.