

**5th International Epilepsy Symposium**  
**»New Insights into Epilepsy«**

Dear colleagues and friends,

We cordially welcome you to the 5th International Epilepsy Symposium organized by the Epilepsy-Centers Bethel and Berlin-Brandenburg. This year, the Berlin group is happy to greet you in the capital of Germany.

We are glad to bid well-known speakers – epileptologists, neurologists, neuropsychiatrists, neuropsychologists, and geneticists – from distinguished academic institutions in The Czech Republic, Italy, The Netherlands, United Kingdom, and Germany welcome.


The Epilepsy Symposium offers high-quality scientific sessions discussing recent research developments on classification and semiology of seizures, and pharmacological and surgical treatments of epilepsies. Lectures on each of the topics are followed by workshops which allow for in-depth discussion of real-life cases.

In an “Epilepsy Surgery Conference”, at first, four speakers present new insights into presurgical diagnostic tools, then, these speakers discuss instructive surgical cases from their institutions.

We are looking forward to meeting you in March 2024 at the International Epilepsy Symposium in Berlin.



Christian G. Bien



Martin Holtkamp

**Friday, March 15, 2024**

**From 10:00 h** Arrival  
**10:50** Welcome  
*Christian G. Bien, Martin Holtkamp*  
Greeting  
*Pastor Ulrich Pohl, CEO, Management Board,  
v. Bodelschwingsche Stiftungen Bethel*

**11:00 – 11:30 h** **Topic: Seizure semiology and classification**  
**Lecture I:** Seizure semiologies in children  
*Pavel Kršek, Prague*

**11:30 – 12:00 h** **Lecture II:** Seizure semiologies in adults  
*Laura Tassi, Milano*

**12:00 – 13:00 h** **Workshop / Interactive case discussions**  
Part I “Children and adolescents”  
*Eva Breuer, Berlin ; Tilman Polster, Bielefeld*  
**or**  
Part II “Adults”  
*Bernd Vorderwülbecke, Berlin ; Anna Rada, Bielefeld*

**13:00 – 14:00 h** Lunch Break

**14:00 – 14:30 h** **Topic: Pharmacotherapy**  
**Lecture I:** Starting antiseizure medication  
*Anthony G. Marson, Liverpool*

**14:30 – 15:00 h** **Lecture II:** Stopping antiseizure medication  
*Kees PJ Braun, Utrecht*

**15:00 – 16:00 h** **Workshop / Interactive case discussions**  
Part I “Monitoring of cognitive functions”  
*Sallie Baxendale, London ; Louisa Hohmann, Berlin*  
**or**  
Part II “Patients with intellectual disability”  
*Christian Brandt, Bielefeld ; Anja Grimmer, Berlin ;  
Hans-Beatus Straub, Bernau*

**16:00 – 16:15 h** Coffee Break

**16:15 – 17:15 h** **Workshop / Interactive case discussions**  
Part III “Contraception, folic acid supplementation, pregnancy, breastfeeding”  
*Verena Gaus, Berlin ; Birgitt Müffelmann, Bielefeld*  
**or**  
Part IV “Drug-resistant epilepsy”  
*Christian Brandt, Bielefeld ; Martin Holtkamp, Berlin*

**17:15 – 18:00 h** **Key Note Lecture**  
Seizure detection and prediction  
*Christian Meisel, Berlin*

**18:00 h** Get-together

**Saturday, March 16, 2024**

**9:00 – 9:10 h** **Topic: Epilepsy surgery case conference**  
Welcome 2nd day  
**9:10 – 9:30 h** **Lecture I:** Video-EEG  
*Laura Tassi, Milano*

**9:30 – 9:50 h** **Lecture II:** Autoimmune diagnostics  
*Christian G. Bien, Bielefeld*

**9:50 – 10:10 h** **Lecture III:** Neuropsychology  
*Sallie Baxendale, London*

**10:10 – 10:30 h** **Lecture IV:** Genetic diagnostics  
*Pavel Kršek, Prague*

**10:30 – 11:00 h** Coffee Break

**11:00 – 12:00 h** **Epilepsy Surgery Conference**  
Case discussions led by the four lecturers

**12:00 – 13:00 h** **Workshop / Interactive case discussions**  
Part I “Postsurgical management”  
*Kees PJ Braun, Utrecht ; Thilo Kalbhenn, Bielefeld ;  
Birgitt Müffelmann, Bielefeld*  
**or**  
Part II “Neuropathological genetics”  
*Thomas Cloppenburg, Bielefeld ; Rami Abou Jamra,  
Leipzig*

**13:00 – 14:00 h** **Key Note Lecture**  
Outcome of antiseizure medication – what is important for patients, physicians and the public?  
*Anthony G. Marson, Liverpool*

**14:00 h** Farewell and Light Lunch

## Faculty

**Rami Abou Jamra** // Institute of Human Genetics, University of Leipzig Medical Center / Leipzig, Germany

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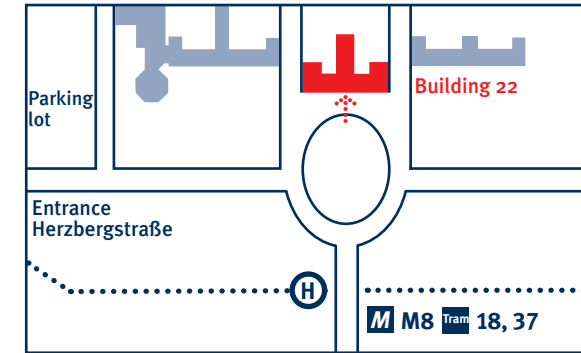
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### Symposium Chairmen

Prof. Dr. med. Christian G. Bien // Epilepsy-Center Bethel  
Prof. Dr. med. Martin Holtkamp // Epilepsy-Center Berlin-Brandenburg

### Symposium Venue

Evangelisches Krankenhaus Königin Elisabeth Herzberge Building 22, »Festsaal« // Herzbergstraße 79 // 10365 Berlin, Germany

### Registration

→ until March 1, 2024  
Symposium Secretary // Dr. Louisa Hohmann, registration and all inquiries on the program and organisational issues // **Mail** l.hohmann@keh-berlin.de

### Fee

150 Euro // includes  
→ admission to lectures, workshops and the epilepsy surgery conference  
→ coffee breaks, lunches and get-together

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### Continuing Medical Education (CME) Credits

CME credit points will be provided by the Ärztekammer Berlin (Physicians' Board; 13 points) and the German Society for Epileptology (6 points).



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