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Wednesday, October 8th, 2025

12:30 PM	Registration
1:30 PM	Peter G. Kremsner and Carsten Köhler, <i>Institute of Tropical Medicine Tübingen, Germany</i> Welcome and introduction
1:40 PM	Marcus Ehm, <i>Major of Sigmaringen, Germany</i> Video greetings
1:45 - 3:40 PM	Session I - HISTORY AND GLOBAL HEALTH Chair: Meral Esen
1:50 PM	Benjamin Brendel, <i>Philipps University Marburg, Germany</i> The fight against schistosomiasis from Theodor Bilharz to the second half of the 20th century: a critical historical reflection
2:20 PM	Ahmed Abdelaziz and Nagwa Elkhafif, <i>Theodor Bilharz Research Institute, Egypt</i> Theodor Bilharz Research Institute in Egypt - a story of success and gratitude
2:40 PM	Amadou Garba Djirmay, <i>Global Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases Programme, World Health Organization, Switzerland</i> Global elimination of schistosomiasis: updates, progress and challenges
2:55 PM	Madinga Joule, <i>The Schistosomiasis Research Group of Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo</i> A century of schistosomiasis history in the Democratic Republic of Congo: origins, current challenges, and a call for renewed research partnerships
3:10 PM	Ayola Akim Adegnika, <i>Centre de Recherches Médicales de Lambaréne, Gabon</i> Control of schistosomiasis: where are we?
3:25 PM	Harald Nusser, <i>Global Health & Health Equity, Merck KGaA, Germany</i> Schistosomiasis through the ages – the pharma perspective
3:40 - 5:10 PM	Coffee break and Poster Session I

5:10 - 6:30 PM	Session II – THE PARASITE AND ITS HOSTS Chair: Franco Falcone
5:15 PM	Christoph G. Greveling, <i>Justus Liebig University Giessen, Germany</i> Shedding new light on the reproductive development of female <i>Schistosoma mansoni</i>: how schistosome males and final hosts team up to turn “girls into women”
5:45 PM	Fabien Prodjinotho, <i>Technical University Munich, Germany</i> Host-specific platelet-activating factor acetylhydrolase selectively remodels diacylglycerophospholipids to control schistosome development
6:00 PM	Verena von Bülow, <i>Justus Liebig University Giessen, Germany</i> Metabolic reprogramming and redox imbalance in host-parasite interactions
6:15 PM	Eric Loker, <i>University of New Mexico, USA</i> From Bilharz's twig to thriving tree: revealing the diversity of blood flukes
6:30 PM	Jenny Mouloungui-Mavoungou, <i>Centre de Recherches Médicales de Lambaréne, Gabon</i> Molecular characterization of <i>Bulinus spp.</i> from Lambaréne and surroundings, Gabon
6:45 PM	Norbert van Dijk, <i>Erasmus University Medical Center, The Netherlands</i> Modelling regulation of <i>Schistosoma</i> infection rates in snail populations
7:30 PM	Welcome Dinner

Thursday, October 9th, 2025

07:00	Morning run - Guided run through Tübingen and the "Spitzberg" (10 km)
09:00 – 10:50 AM	Session III – CLINICAL DISEASE, CO-INFECTIONS AND MORBIDITY MANAGEMENT Chair: Clarissa Prazeres da Costa
09:05 AM	Amaya Bustinduy, <i>London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK</i> 100 years of neglect in paediatric and genital schistosomiasis
09:35 AM	Joachim Richter, <i>Charité-University Medicine Berlin, Germany</i> Updating standardized WHO assessment of schistosomiasis-related pathology with focused point-of-care ultrasonography
09:50 AM	Federico Giovanni Gobbi, <i>University of Brescia, Italy</i> New insights on pulmonary schistosomiasis
10:05 AM	Pytsje T. Hoekstra, <i>Leiden University Medical Center, The Netherlands</i> Evaluation of the efficacy of alternative praziquantel treatment regimens in an endemic area for <i>Schistosoma mansoni</i> in Northeastern Brazil
10:20 AM	Frederik Stettler, <i>Justus Liebig University Giessen, Germany</i> <i>S. mansoni</i> infection of HBsAg-transgenic mice elicits hepatocellular damage, hepatic decompensation and carcinogenesis
10:35 AM	Benjamin T. Schleienvoigt, <i>Jena University Hospital, Friedrich-Schiller-University, Jena, Germany</i> Prevalence of placental schistosomiasis and associations with adverse birth outcomes among pregnant women in Agogo, Ghana – Schisto-SGA/Agogo-2000
10:50 AM	Coffee break
11:20 AM – 12:55 PM	Session IV: DRUGS AND DIAGNOSTICS Chair: Sabine Bélard
11:25 AM	Jennifer Keiser, <i>Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute, Switzerland</i> Novel drugs for schistosomiasis
11:55 AM	Thomas Spangenberg, <i>Global Health R&D of Merck Healthcare, Switzerland</i> A decade of learnings in schistosomiasis drug discovery and beyond
12:15 PM	Danielle de Jong, <i>Leiden University Medical Center, The Netherlands</i> Instrument-free bead-based method for capturing and concentrating <i>Schistosoma</i> antigen (CAA) for use with lateral-flow diagnostic tests

12:30 PM	Cornelis H. Hokke, <i>Leiden University Medical Center, The Netherlands</i> Identification of a circulating carbohydrate antigen as a highly specific and sensitive target for schistosomiasis serology
12:45 PM	Bronwyn Neufeld, <i>London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK</i> Diagnostics for male genital schistosomiasis: preliminary findings from a cross-sectional study of Zambian men
1:00 PM	Morgan E. Lemin, <i>London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK</i> Developing machine learning tools for the enhanced detection of female genital schistosomiasis in cervical images
1:15 – 2:45 PM	Lunch and Poster Session II

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2:45 – 4:40 PM	Session V: IMMUNOLOGY, METABOLOMICS AND MICROBIOME Chair: Ayôla Akim Adegnika
2:50 PM	Clarissa Prazeres da Costa, <i>Technical University Munich, Germany</i> Immunological consequences of maternal schistosomiasis
3:20 PM	Justin Nono, <i>Institute of Medical Research and Medicinal Plant Studies (IMPM), Ministry of Scientific Research and Innovation, Cameroon</i> Regulation of schistosomiasis by the host gut microbiome
3:40 PM	Jana C. Hey, <i>Bernhard-Nocht Institute for Tropical Medicine, Germany</i> Cervicovaginal bacterial communities in adult Malagasy women of reproductive age with human papillomavirus infection and female genital schistosomiasis
3:55 PM	Achala Kamaladasa, <i>Technical University Munich, Germany</i> Effects of the prenatal maternal environment on the foetal immune system at birth
4:10 PM	Miriam Bischofsberger, <i>Rostock University Medical Center, Germany</i> Individually or as a team - The immunological milieu in the lung caused by migrating single-sex or mixed-sex larvae of <i>Schistosoma mansoni</i>
4:25 PM	Franco Falcone, <i>Justus Liebig University Giessen, Germany</i> Is IPSE from <i>Schistosoma mansoni</i> eggs a light chain-selective IgE-binding factor?
4:40 PM	Coffee break



**5:10 – 7:05
PM**

**Session VI MULTIDISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVES INCLUDING
IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE**

Chair: Andrea Kreidenweiss

5:15 PM

Ghyslain Mombo-Ngoma, *Centre de Recherches Médicales de Lambaréne, Gabon*

Beyond the parasite: a multidisciplinary lens on accelerating schistosomiasis control and elimination

5:45 PM

Daniela Fusco, *Bernhard-Nocht Institute for Tropical Medicine, Germany*

Triggering shifts in the management of schistosomiasis through implementation research: lessons learnt from Madagascar

6:05 PM

Adam Cieplinski, *Natural History Museum London, UK*

Scanning shells to support research - Creating a digital collection of schistosomiasis host snails for science and education

6:20 PM

Isabelle Lange, *Technical University Munich, Germany*

Closing the treatment gap: social science perspectives on introducing new pediatric schistosomiasis treatment for preschoolers in Uganda

6:35 PM

Andrea Kreidenweiss, *University Hospital Tübingen, Germany*

Enhanced preventive antiparasitic treatment for better health of African pregnant and their babies

6:50 PM

Message of the Rector of the Eberhard-Karls University of Tübingen

7:00 PM

Poster Price Award Ceremony

7:30 PM

Scientific Networking Reception

Friday, October 10th, 2025

09:00 – 10:50 AM	SESSION VII: EPIDEMIOLOGY AND PREVENTION Chair: Christoph G. Grevelding
09:05 AM	Christoph Grunau, <i>University of Perpignan, France</i> Schistosomiasis control revisited: insights from the Corsican outbreak and emerging epigenetic and genetic strategies
09:35 AM	Francis Bohissou, <i>University Hospital Tübingen, Germany</i> Prevalence of <i>Schistosoma haematobium</i> infection and associated factors among children aged 3 to 14 years in Klouekanme District, Southern Benin
09:50 AM	Crecencia E. Chiombola, <i>Catholic University of Health and Allied Sciences, Tanzania</i> Declining prevalence of <i>S. mansoni</i> infection and periportal fibrosis after four rounds of mass drug administration with praziquantel among adult population on Ukerewe island, north-western Tanzania
10:05 AM	Russell Stothard, <i>Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, UK</i> Co-infections galore: <i>Schistosoma haematobium</i> and species interactions in Malawi
10:20 AM	Federica Giardina, <i>Radboud University Medical Center, The Netherlands</i> Advancing schistosomiasis control: integrative modelling with SchiSTOP
10:35 AM	Tom Pennance, <i>Natural History Museum of London, UK</i> Resistance Evaluation and Surveillance Initiative for Schistosomiasis Treatment (RESIST)
10:50 AM	Coffee break
11:20 AM – 12:20 PM	SESSION VIII VACCINES AND OTHER FUTURE PERSPECTIVES Chair: Carsten Köhler
11:25 AM	Emma L. Houlder, <i>Leiden University Medical Center, The Netherlands</i> Insights from controlled human schistosome infection
11:50 AM	Simone Häberlein, <i>Justus Liebig University Giessen, Germany</i> New antischistosomal strategies: from insects as drug source to an RNAi therapy concept
12:05 PM	Saranya Geetha, <i>Justus Liebig University Giessen, Germany</i> Are GPCRs viable drug targets in <i>Schistosoma mansoni</i>? Insights from RNAi and neuropeptide interaction studies
12:20 - 12:30 PM	Closing remarks and end of the conference



Poster list

Poster Board	Name	Institution	Poster Title
History and Global Health			
1	J. Richter ^{1,2} , P. Emanuel Krezdorn ³ , P. Krezdorn ⁴	¹ Institute of International Health, Global Health Centre of Charité, Charité University Medicine, Corporate Member of Free and Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany ² Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute, Basel, Switzerland ³ SYNLAB Medizinisches Versorgungszentrum Berlin GmbH, Reichartstrasse 2, Berlin ⁴ Dept. Gynecology and Obstetrics, SRH Klinikum Hohenzollernstraße 40 Sigmaringen	200 th anniversary of Theodor Bilharz' birthday
The Parasite and Its Hosts			
2	O. C. Chiamah ¹ , P. O. Ubachukwu ² , F. Okafor ² , M. C. Ukaegbu ¹	¹ Department of Biology, Faculty of Biological Sciences, Alex Ekwueme Federal University, Ndufu-Alike, Ebonyi State, Nigeria ² Department of Zoology and Environmental Biology, Faculty of	Prednisolone modulates hepatosplenic pathology and systemic biomarkers in murine <i>Schistosoma haematobium</i> infection: a complex immunomodulation



		Biological Sciences, University of Nigeria, Nsukka.	
3	F. S. Coelho ¹ , A. Cieplinski ² , F. Allan ¹ , V. Yardley ¹ , A. Emery ² , A. Bustinduy ¹ , B. Webster ²	<p>¹ London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, WC1E 7HT, London, UK</p> <p>² Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, SW7 5BD, London, UK</p>	The Schistosome and Snail Resource (SSR): enabling access to live schistosome and snail resources for translational research
4	T. Dannenhaus	University of Rostock, Rostock, Germany	Intra-specific variations in <i>Schistosoma mansoni</i> and their possible contribution to inconsistent virulence and diverse clinical outcomes
5	E. B. Kuhlemaijer ¹ , T. Veldhuizen ¹ , Q. C. A. Hoekstra ¹ , J. A. Umbach ¹ , B. J. Hulme ² , J. E. Forde-Thomas ² , G. Rinaldi ² , K. F. Hoffmann ² , A. van Diepen ¹ , C. H. Hokke ¹	<p>¹ Leiden University Center for Infectious Diseases (LUCID), Leiden University Medical Center, Netherlands.</p> <p>² Institute of Biological, Environmental and Rural Sciences (IBERS), Aberystwyth University, Aberystwyth, United Kingdom</p>	Glycoengineering of <i>Schistosoma mansoni</i> using mannosidase inhibitors
6	A. S. Siebner ¹ , J. M. Gaile ¹ , J. J. Gabor ^{1,6} , S. Karasu ¹ , W. A. Fleischmann ¹ , R. A. De Moraes ¹ , D. Metzke ² , S. Dürr-Störzer ¹ , U. Baumann ¹ , M. Kremp ¹ , D. Sauter ³ , A. Kreidenweiss ^{1,4} , J. Honkpehedji ⁴ , A. A. Adegnika ⁴ , P. Enghard ² ,	<p>¹ Universitätsklinikum Tübingen, Institut für Tropenmedizin, Reisemedizin und Humanparasitologie (ITM), Abt. VII - Medizinische Fakultät, Wilhelmstr. 27, 72074 Tübingen;</p> <p>² Charité Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Nephrologie und Internistische Intensivmedizin DRFZ, Charitéplatz 1, 10117 Berlin;</p>	Kidney involvement in schistosomiasis



	S. Bélard ¹ , P. G. Kremsner ^{1,4,5} , M. Esen ^{1,4,6}	<p>³ Universitätsklinikum Tübingen, Institut für Medizinische Virologie and Epidemiologie der Viruskrankheiten, Elfriede-Aulhorn-Str. 6, 72076 Tübingen</p> <p>⁴ Centre de Recherches Médicales de Lambaréne (CERMEL), Fondation Internationale de l'Hôpital Albert Schweitzer, B.P: 242 Lambaréne, Gabun, Afrika</p> <p>⁵ Deutsches Zentrum für Infektionsforschung (DZIF), Partner Tübingen</p> <p>⁶ Cluster of Excellence (EXC) 2124: Controlling Microbes to Fight Infection, Universität Tübingen</p>	
7	<u>A. Emery</u>	National History Museum, London, UK	Hybridisation between <i>S. haematobium</i> and <i>S. guineensis</i>
8	<u>A. Bell-Gam Woto</u>	Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, UK	A formative appraisal of Female Genital Schistosomiasis (FGS) score card results against point of-care gynaecological and molecular parasitological information within four counties of Liberia
Clinical Disease, Co-Infections and Morbidity Management			
9	H. D. Mazigo ^{1,2#} , C. E. corbola ¹ , P. Manyiri ³ , K. Mashuda ⁴ , D. Majinge ³ , T. Baumba ⁵ , C. G. Mkombe ⁵ , S. Kreibich ⁶ ,	<p>¹ Department of Medical Parasitology and Entomology, School of Medicine, Catholic University of Health and Allied Sciences, P.O. Box 1464, Mwanza, Tanzania</p>	Establishing a gastrointestinal endoscopy unit for management of <i>Schistosoma mansoni</i> related hepatosplenic morbidities at Nansio District Hospital, North-western Tanzania: challenges, learning experience and achievements



	<p>C. Kasang⁶, A. Fuss⁷, A. Müller^{7,8}</p> <p>² School of Public Health, Catholic University of Health and Allied Sciences, P.O. Box 1464, Mwanza, Tanzania</p> <p>³ Department of Internal Medicine, Gastroenterology Unit, Bugando Medical Centre, Tertiary Referral Hospital, P.O. Box 1370, Mwanza, Tanzania</p> <p>⁴ Department of Internal Medicine, Sekou Toure Regional Referral hospita,</p> <p>⁵ District Medical Department, Ukerewe District Council, P.O. Box 41, Nansio, Ukerewe, Mwanza, Tanzania</p> <p>⁶ DAHW - German Leprosy and Tuberculosis Relief Association, Raiffeisenstrasse 3, 97080, Wuerzburg, Germany</p> <p>⁷ medmissio – Institute for Global Health, Hermann-Schell-Str. 7, 97074 Wuerzburg, Germany</p> <p>⁸ University Hospital, Medicine 2, Infectious Diseases and Tropical Medicine, Wuerzburg, Germany</p>	
10	<p><u>C. Demarta-Gatsi</u>¹, J. Richter², G. Helling-Giese³</p> <p>¹ Global Health R&D of Merck Healthcare, Ares Trading S.A., (a subsidiary of Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany), Eysins, Switzerland</p>	<p>Beyond borders: unmasking female genital schistosomiasis in travellers and migrants</p>

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12	<p><u>A. Kauschinger</u>^{1,3}, I. Els^{1,3}, A. Fuss¹, H. D. Mazigo², A. Müller^{1,3}</p>	<p>¹ medmissio – Institute for Global Health, Hermann-Schell-Str. 7, 97074 Wuerzburg, Germany</p> <p>² Department of Medical Parasitology and Entomology, School of Medicine, Catholic University of Health and Allied Sciences, P.O. Box 1464, Mwanza, Tanzania</p> <p>³ University Hospital Wuerzburg, Medicine 2, Infectious Diseases / Tropical Medicine, Oberduerrbacher Str. 6, 97080 Wuerzburg</p> <p>⁴ Nansio District Hospital, Nansio, Tanzania</p>	<p>Helminth infections and anemia in pregnant women delivering at Nansio District Hospital, Ukerewe, Tanzania</p>
13	<p><u>S. A. Kayuni</u>^{1,2}, D. Kumwenda³, B. Mainga⁴, L. Cunningham², D. Lally¹, P. Chammudzi¹, D. Kapira¹, G. Namacha¹, A. Chisale¹, T. Nchembe¹, G. Chapweteka⁵, H.</p>	<p>¹ Malawi Liverpool Wellcome Programme, Kamuzu University of Health Sciences, Blantyre, Malawi</p> <p>² Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, Liverpool, United Kingdom.</p> <p>³ Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Queen Elizabeth</p>	<p>Burden of genital schistosomiasis with associated infections in men and women of endemic areas in Southern Malawi</p>



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14	<p>O. Lamberti¹, R. Ndubani², J. Fitzpatrick², N. Kasese², E. Webb³, B. Nyondo², B. Kosloff^{2,4}, M. Cheeba², P. Mayaud¹, P. Hoekstra⁵, G. Van Dam⁵,</p> <p>¹ Department of Clinical Research, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK ² Zambart, Lusaka, Zambia</p>	<p>Cross-sectional association between female genital schistosomiasis and high-risk human papillomavirus among women of reproductive age in Zambia</p>



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15	H. D. Mazigo ¹ , C. E. Chiombola ¹ , F. Tarimo ² , D. Wilson ³	<p>¹ Department of Medical Parasitology, School of Medicine, Catholic University of Health and Allied Sciences, P.O. Box 1464, Mwanza, Tanzania</p> <p>² Department of Medical Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Catholic</p>	<i>Plasmodium falciparum</i> and <i>Schistosoma mansoni</i> in pregnancy in north-western Tanzania: Prevalence of co-infection, placental malaria and congenital malaria among pregnant mothers and their newborns



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32	M. Rodi	University Hospital, Tübingen, Germany	Genetic characterization of the TRPM-PZQ ion channel in <i>S. haematobium</i> and its potential role in Praziquantel susceptibility
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36	<u>S. Welsch</u> ¹ , F. Magari ² , S. Häberlein ¹ , A. Grünweller ² , C. G. Grevelding ¹	<p>¹ Institute of Parasitology, Justus Liebig University Giessen</p> <p>² Institute of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Philipps University Marburg</p>	RNA helicase eIF4A: a vital driver of reproduction and development in <i>Schistosoma mansoni</i>
37	<u>E. Gjika</u> ¹ , A. Fuss ² , <u>J. Graf</u> ¹ , A. Wende ¹	<p>¹ Xpedite Diagnostics GmbH, Germany</p> <p>² Medmissio Health Institute, Germany</p>	Development of a rapid, field-friendly method for isolation of cell-free DNA from blood plasma and serum for diagnosis of <i>Schistosoma</i> infections



38	<u>A. Wende</u> ¹ , E. Gjika ¹ , A. Fuss ²	¹ Xpedite Diagnostics GmbH, Germany ² Medmissio Health Institute, Germany	Approach to merge individual RAA assays into a multiplex RAA design for simultaneous detection of multiple <i>Schistosoma</i> species
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42	<u>J. Robb</u> ^{1,2} , K. Kleigrewe ³ , K. Neuhaus ⁴ , W. Jradi ¹ , J. Schluckebier ¹ , C. Prazeres da Costa ^{1,2}	¹ Institute for Medical Microbiology, Immunology and Hygiene, Technical University of Munich (TUM) ² Center for Global Health, TUM ³ Baybioms, TUM ⁴ Core Microbiome Facility, TUM	The interaction of schistosomes with the maternal microbiota and effects on the offspring immune system
Epidemiology and Prevention			
43	<u>C. E. Chiombola</u> ¹ , E. S. Mwangoka ³ , T. Baumba ³ , C. G. Mkombe ³ , S. Kreibich ⁴ , C. Kasang ⁴ , A. Fuss ⁵ , A. Müller ⁵ , H. D. Mazigo ^{1,2#}	¹ Department of Medical Parasitology and Entomology, School of Medicine, Catholic University of Health and Allied Sciences, P.O. Box 1464, Mwanza, Tanzania ² School of Public Health, Catholic University of Health and Allied Sciences, P.O. Box 1464, Mwanza, Tanzania	<i>Schistosoma mansoni</i> hepatosplenic markers among pediatric population in endemic foci of North-Western Tanzania: a call to integrating pediatric praziquantel distribution in community-based mass drug administration platform



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