



Dear Biolron colleagues and friends (junior and senior)

It is our immense pleasure to invite you to participate in '**Biolron 2019**'. The conference will be held on 5-10 May 2019 at the EMBL Advanced Training Centre (ATC) in Heidelberg, Germany and is officially named EMBL Conference: 8<sup>th</sup> Congress of the International Biolron Society.

We are highly committed to make this meeting 'special'. Like previous locations, this one is beautiful. It is also easy to reach - less than 1 hour ground transportation from Frankfurt International Airport. A large range of (affordable) accommodations are offered. With 'participate' we do not just mean 'come, listen and discuss'. We very much also mean 'contribute', either in the form of a poster or by giving a talk. And with this, we are already at the topic of why Biolron 2019 will be special:

- We attempt to bring 'new ideas' to Biolron by limiting most of the 'invited lectures' to colleagues who do exciting work relevant to Biolron, but who do not regularly attend our meeting
- This means that much of the program, including a larger number of **plenary** and **parallel** session talks, will be selected from submitted abstracts. In this way we hope to give newcomers and small labs a better chance.
- We consider Biolron very broadly, from the cell to the system, from very basic to the clinical, from mammalian to organismal iron biology. While being committed to cover the exciting advances in the medically relevant and clinically applied fields, we also want to give ample room to other exciting areas of iron biology

Our choice is risky - and it is in **YOUR** hands to make it work. We need **YOUR** abstracts. So please submit - both as a young student or as an established PI colleague who was traditionally invited to present.

In addition, we are working on acquiring the maximally possible funding for fellowships, again to pursue our dream that Biolron 2019 will be one of the most inclusive meetings that we have ever had.

So: make your plans for Heidelberg (May 5-10, 2019), and the abstract submission deadline of January 31, 2019.

Looking forward to welcoming you all  
The Organising Committee

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