

1901  
Emil von Behring

Nobelprize  
'for his work on serum therapy, especially its application against diphtheria, by which he has opened a new road in the domain of medical science and thereby placed in the hands of the physician a victorious weapon against illness and deaths'

1905  
Robert Koch

Nobelprize  
'for his investigations and discoveries in relation to tuberculosis'

1908  
Paul Ehrlich

Nobelprize  
'in recognition of his work on immunity'

1984  
Georges J.F.  
Köhler

Nobelprize  
'for theories concerning the specificity in development and control of the immune system and the discovery of the principle for production of monoclonal antibodies'

2008  
Harald zur  
Hausen

Nobelprize  
'for his discovery of human papilloma viruses causing cervical cancer'



# Immunology in Germany

German Society for Immunology

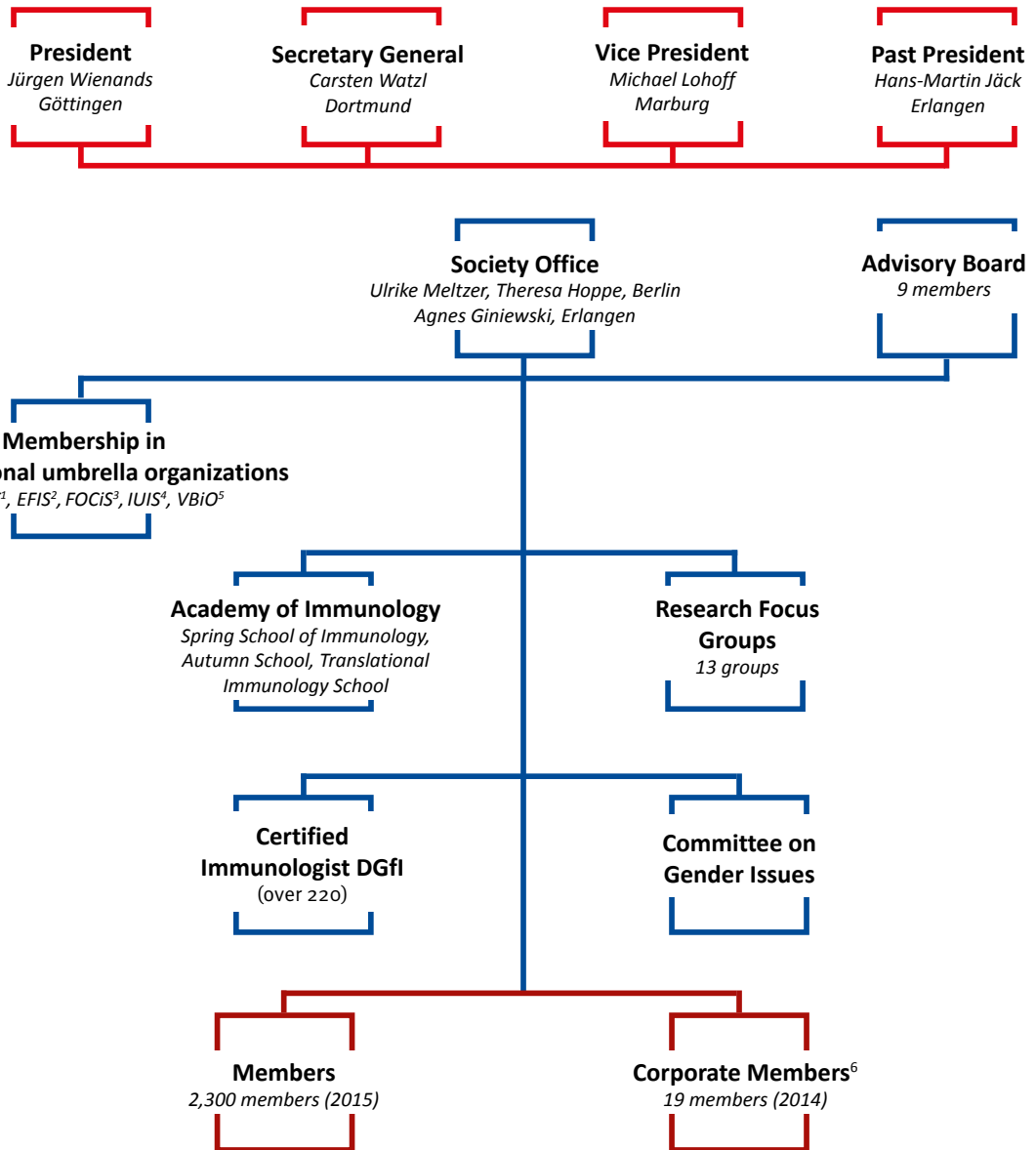




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# About the DGfI



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<sup>2</sup>European Federation of Immunological Societies;

<sup>3</sup>Federation of Clinical Immunology Societies;

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Dear colleagues and friends,

This document provides scientists, immunologists, students, and the interested public with a short overview of the history, organization, and current activities of the German Society for Immunology (DGfI).

Immunology has emerged as one of the most important areas in modern biomedicine. With more than 2,300 members, the DGfI represents immunologists working in Germany at all levels of their professional career in academic and non-university research institutions as well as in clinical departments.

The tremendous progress in basic and clinical immunology over the past few years contrasts sharply with a lack of appropriate public awareness about the importance of the immune system in health and disease. Indeed it is alarming that there is a decline and even a resistance against vaccination, one of the most successful achievements of immunology.

One goal of the Society is to change this situation and to reach this goal, the DGfI has started to establish platforms and campaigns that will provide the general public, teachers and academics with information about the immune system and its importance for public health.

Another goal of the Society is to train junior and advanced immunologists. To address this point, we have established

the DGfI Academy of Immunology with its three schools and a program to award a professional certification in immunology. The success of our Academy indicates that it may serve as the model for a structured education of immunologists at all levels in and outside of Germany.

To attract young scientists to immunology, the most fascinating scientific discipline in biomedicine, we need to secure and improve adequate career perspectives for our young students and postdocs. This is a challenging task, in view of a decline (or at least stagnation) in research funding at many universities.

Nevertheless, the DGfI must convince academic and non-university research institutions to secure and even expand departments in basic and clinical immunology.

We hope that this document helps you to appreciate the diverse activities of the Society. You are cordially invited to contact us or to visit the DGfI online at [www.dgfi.org](http://www.dgfi.org) or [www.das-immunsystem.de](http://www.das-immunsystem.de).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hans-Martin Jäck".

Prof. Dr. Hans-Martin Jäck  
Past President

*The DGfI was founded in 1967 as the 'Society of Immunology' upon the initiative of H. Gerhard Schwick, Otto Westphal and Klaus Rother. From the beginning, the major goals of the society were the strengthening of immunology as an interdisciplinary area of biomedical research (including clinical translation), the training and support of young immunologists and the development of international collaborations.*

The first annual conference was organized in 1969. In 1989, just a few months before the fall of the Berlin wall, the German Society of Immunology had the honor of hosting the VII International Congress of Immunology (ICI) in Berlin.

Following the unification of Germany, the Society established new initiatives to promote active cooperation. Research focus groups allow immunologists interested in specific fields of basic or clinical immunology to organize smaller and specialized meetings and other platforms to exchange ideas and reagents.

The training and education of young immunologists is a major goal of the DGfI. The 'Academy of Immunology' now offers structured education in immunology via three modules of training courses for PhD students, postdocs and clinical scientists from Germany and neighboring countries.

In 2001, the DGfI established a curriculum for specialized training in immunology to obtain the certificate 'Fachimmunologe DGfI' (Certified Immunologist DGfI). More recently, the DGfI has started a program to raise the public awareness of the leading role of immunology in modern biomedicine ([www.das-immunsystem.de](http://www.das-immunsystem.de)). To foster international collaboration, the annual DGfI meetings are occasionally organized

as joint meetings with immunological societies from neighboring European countries. In addition, successful, specialized small bilateral meetings have been established with selected immunological societies, notably from Japan, China, Argentina and Italy.

To honor excellence in science the DGfI has established a number of awards ranging from prizes for excellent theses to the Avery-Landsteiner Award for internationally highly acclaimed immunologists. Honorary memberships and the honorary medal are bestowed on individuals who have served the goals of the DGfI or the field of immunology in general in an outstanding way.

With currently more than 2,300 members, the DGfI has established itself as one of the largest immunological societies. On the basis of competitive science, strong international networks and structured training programs tailored to young scientists, the DGfI will further strengthen its leading role within the family of immunological societies.

## Presidents of the DGfI

Otto Westphal	1967 - 1976
Klaus Rother	1977 - 1982
Jochen Kalden	1983 - 1990
Hermann Wagner	1991 - 1992
Fritz Melchers	1993 - 1994
Martin Röllinghoff	1995 - 1996
Günter J. Hämmerling	1997 - 1998
Christine Schütt	1999 - 2000
Hans-Hartmut Peter	2001 - 2002
Stefan H. E. Kaufmann	2003 - 2004
Reinhold E. Schmidt	2005 - 2006
Stefan Meuer	2007 - 2008
Andreas Radbruch	2009 - 2010
Dieter Kabelitz	2011 - 2012
Hans-Martin Jäck	2013 - 2014
Jürgen Wienands	2015 - 2017



## Secretaries General of the DGfI

H. Gerhard Schwick	1967 - 1982
Holger Kirchner	1982 - 1991
Fritz Seiler	1992 - 2002
Werner Solbach	2003 - 2012
Carsten Watzl	2013



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# Academy of Immunology

The DGfI provides state-of-the-art immunological training in three modules that form the core of our Academy of Immunology. In addition to the two already existing schools a new school was founded in 2012. The DGfI schools, all of which are taught in English, will bring together clinical and basic researchers, and provide an update on basic and clinical immunology, as well as new developments in immunodiagnostics and immunotherapy. The three schools train about 180 students every year.

- Schools are offered annually at attractive sites from 2-5 days.
- Intense contact is fostered between speakers, attendees and sponsors.
- Courses are organized by renowned immunologists.
- Invited speakers are world-renowned scientists from Germany, Europe, USA and Asia.
- Participants mostly come from laboratories in Germany, but also from neighboring countries.
- Sponsors may attend all presentations and activities.
- All schools are also open to interested participants from industry.

In collaboration with various societies the DGfI currently awards stipends for the Spring School for: 2 Japanese students (with the Japanese Society for Immunology, JSI); 2 Chinese students (with the Chinese Society for Immunology, CSI) and 3 students from developing countries (with IUIS).

Academy of Immunology		Target audience	since
<b>Autumn School 'Current Concepts in Immunology'</b>	Introductory training course in basic and clinical immunology	Beginners in immunology, e.g. Master, PhD and medical students, also open to seniors and participants from companies	2009
<b>Spring School on Immunology</b>	Advanced training in specialized immunological topics	Scientists with solid knowledge of immunology, e.g. doctoral students in their last year	2005
<b>Translational Immunology School (TIS)</b>	Advanced training in immunology with special focus on connecting basic research in immunology and clinical medicine	Scientists and physicians working on translational and clinical aspects of immunology	2012
<b>Certified Immunologist DGfI</b>	Certifies the qualification to perform autonomous research in at least one field of immunology, to evaluate experimental or diagnostic lab results, and to recommend therapeutic measures	Experienced, independent researchers in immunology	2006



The DGfI fosters immunological research and its application primarily through its research focus groups.

## About

Each of our 13 groups concentrates on a different field of immunology. Each research focus group participates in DGfI activities and organizes its own annual workshops and symposia. Furthermore, an interdisciplinary approach is pursued by the groups, based on interaction with other national and international societies.

- Free group membership
- Open to non-DGfI-members (membership in the DGfI is recommended)
- Possibility to register for more than one group
- Exchange of protocols and reagents via the group's mailing list
- Participation in the development of the scientific program of the DGfI annual meetings
- Annual workshops with focused discussions with very low registration fees



[www.dgfi/aus-und-fortbildung](http://www.dgfi/aus-und-fortbildung)



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## Research Focus Groups

### Cells of the immune system

- *Biology of B lymphocytes*
- *NK cells*
- *T cells: Subpopulations and functions*

### Crosstalk within the immune system

- *NeuroEndocrino-Immunology*
- *Signal transduction*

### Clinical applications

- *Clinical immunology*
- *Infection immunology*
- *Pediatric immunology*
- *Reproductive immunology*
- *Transplantation immunology*
- *Tumor immunology*
- *Vaccines*
- *Veterinary immunology*

*To promote scientific excellence among young members, the DGfI awards several prizes in basic and clinical immunology.*

## Pre- and post-doctoral awards

The recipients of the pre- and post-doctoral awards not only receive the prize, but will also present their work during the Presidential Symposium, which was established in 2013 at the Annual DGfI Congress in Mainz. In addition, the board of the DGfI will consider nominating them for other national and international awards.

The annual deadline for application for all pre- and post-doctoral awards is January 31<sup>st</sup>.

## Former laureates of the Avery-Landsteiner Award

- 1973, Walter F. Goebel, USA
- 1973, Jaques Oudin, France
- 1975, Henry G. Kunkel, USA
- 1977, Klaus Rajewsky, Germany
- 1979, César Milstein, Great Britain
- 1981, Susumo Tonegawa, Switzerland
- 1983, Ion Gresser, France
- 1985, Peter Perlmann, Sweden
- 1987, Joost Joe Oppenheim, USA
- 1990, Harald von Boehmer, Switzerland
- 1992, Hans Georg Rammensee, Germany
- 1994, Timothy R. Mosmann, Canada
- 1996, Tadimitsu Kishimoto, Japan
- 1998, Peter Krammer, Germany
- 2000, Hidde Ploegh, USA
- 2002, Charles A. Janeway, USA
- 2004, Klas Kärre, Sweden
- 2006, Philippa Marrack, USA
- 2008, Max D. Cooper, Birmingham USA
- 2010, Shizuo Akira, Japan
- 2012, Alain Fischer, France
- 2014, Andreas Radbruch, Germany



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## Avery-Landsteiner Award

The most prestigious award of the DGfI is the Avery-Landsteiner Award, which is awarded every two years. Winners are outstanding immunologists of international renown who have made major contributions to basic or clinical immunology. The prize is named in honor of two outstanding scientists who discovered basic principles of cell biology and immunology. From 1973 through 1996 the prize was generously sponsored by Behringwerke AG Marburg, and in legal succession, by CSL Behring GmbH.

## Prestigious prize awarded to outstanding immunologists

Avery-Landsteiner Award

*K.Landsteiner O.T. Avery*



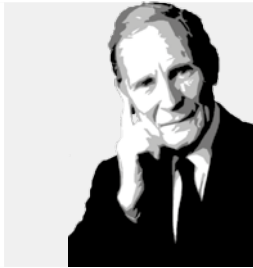
Oscar T. Avery proved the importance of DNA as a carrier of genetic information, while Karl Landsteiner discovered the ABO blood group antigen system.

10,000 €

Donated by: CSL Behring GmbH, Marburg, Germany

## Doctoral thesis prizes

Otto-Westphal Thesis Prize

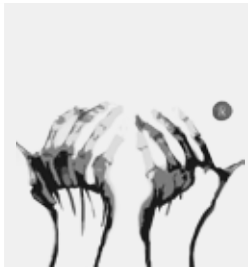


Otto Westphal was a former director of the Max-Planck-Institute for Immunobiology in Freiburg, founding member and longstanding president of the DGfI.

1,500 €

Donated by: Dr.-Ing. h.c. F. Porsche AG, Stuttgart-Zuffenhausen, Germany

Hans-Hench Thesis Prize for Clinical Immunology



The Hans-Hench-Foundation supports training of doctoral students, medical doctors and therapists.

2,000 €

Donated by: Hans-Hench-Stiftung zur Förderung der Rheumatologie e. V., Freiburg, Germany

## Early Career Awards

Fritz-and-Ursula-Melchers postdoctoral Prize



Fritz Melchers was longstanding director of the 'Basel Institute for Immunology' and is founding- and honorary member and former president of the DGfI.

1,500 €

Donated by: Fritz and Ursula Melchers, Berlin, Germany

Herbert-Fischer Postdoctoral Prize



The prize is named after the former director (1964-1981) of the Max-Planck-Institute for Immunobiology, Freiburg.

1,500 €

Donated by: Rosa-Laura und Hartmut Wekerle-Stiftung, Planegg, Germany

## Award for young independent research group leaders

Georges-Köhler Prize



The prize is named after Georges Jean Franz Köhler (1946-1995), Nobel Prize winner for physiology or medicine 1984.

3,000 €

Donated by: Dr.-Ing. h.c. F. Porsche AG, Stuttgart-Zuffenhausen Germany



One key activity of the DGfI is the organization of an annual scientific congress.

The first Annual DGfI Meeting took place in 1969 in Freiburg, organized by Otto Westphal, a founder of the Society for Immunology. Under the auspices of the DGfI, leading immunological institutions in Germany organize a scientific program consisting of symposia, workshops, poster sessions, etc. In line with other European Societies, no annual DGfI meeting is held in years when the European Congress of Immunology (ECI) takes place. To promote international interaction the DGfI also organizes joint annual meetings with other European societies. These are extremely fruitful and in many cases were also the start for scientific cooperation.

## List of annual meetings

1969	Freiburg	Otto Westphal		
1970	Wien	Carl Steffen		
1971	Marburg	H. Gerhard Schwick		
1972	Bern	Alain L. de Weck		
1973	Straßbourg	Raymond Minck		
1974	Hannover	Helmuth Deicher		
1975	Mainz	Martin Röllinghoff, Hermann Wagner		
1976	Basel	Fritz Melchers		
1977	Heidelberg	Klaus Rother		
1978	Freiburg	Otto Westphal, Herbert Fischer		
1979	Innsbruck	Georg Wick		
1980	G.-Partenk.	Gert Riethmüller		
1981	Luzern	Alain L. de Weck		
1982	Münster	Egon Macher		
1983	Berlin	Tibor Diamantstein		
1984	Baden/Wien	Othmar Förster		
1985	Göttingen	Otto Götze		
1986	Straßbourg	Laurent Degos, Klaus Eichmann		
1987	Ulm	Hermann Wagner		
1988	Düsseldorf	Ernst Gleichmann		
1989	Berlin	Klaus Eichmann, Fritz Melchers, Jochen R. Kalden, 7 <sup>th</sup> International Congress of Immunology (ICI)		
1990	Aachen	Matthias Cramer together with the Society of Allergology		
1991	Lübeck	Holger Kirchner		
1992	Mainz	Erwin Rude		
1993	Leipzig	Gerhardt Metzner		
1994	Konstanz	Ulrich Krawinkel		
1995	Wien	ÖGAI/DGfI, joint meeting with the Austrian Society		
1996	Hamburg	Bernhard Fleischer		
1997	Würzburg	Thomas Hünig		
1998	Freiburg	Hans Hartmut Peter		
1999	Hannover	Reinhold E. Schmidt		
2000	Düsseldorf	Ernst Gleichmann, joint meeting with the Dutch Society		
2001	Dresden	Ernst Peter Rieber		
2002	Marburg	Diethard Gernsma, Klaus Heeg		
2003	Berlin	Stefan H. E. Kaufmann, joint meeting with the Polish Society		
2004	Maastricht	Martin Krönke, joint meeting with the Dutch Society		
2005	Kiel	Dieter Kabelitz, joint meeting with the Scandinavian Society		
2006	Paris	1 <sup>st</sup> European Congress of Immunology, ECI		
2007	Heidelberg	Stefan Meuer		
2008	Wien	Stefan Meuer, joint meeting with Austrian Society		
2009	Berlin	Reinhold E. Schmidt 2 <sup>nd</sup> European Congress of Immunology, ECI		
2010	Leipzig	Frank Emmrich		
2011	Riccione	Andreas Radbruch, joint meeting with the Italian Society		
2012	Glasgow	3 <sup>rd</sup> European Congress of Immunology, ECI		
2013	Mainz	Hansjörg Schild, Ari Waisman		
2014	Bonn	Christian Kurts, Gunther Hartmann		
2015	Wien	4 <sup>th</sup> European Congress of Immunology, ECI		
2016	Hamburg	Gisa Tiegs, Bernhard Fleischer		
2017	Erlangen	Hans-Martin Jäck		

**Legend:** *international meetings*

# International Networks & Bilateral Meetings

*In addition to the organization of joint congresses with European societies, the DGfI entertains excellent connections with immunological societies all over the world.*

Since 1996, a small group of Japanese and German immunologists meets every 2-3 years to discuss new trends in basic and clinical immunology. Similar small bilateral meetings have been initiated with the Chinese Society for Immunology (CSI, in 2010), the Italian Society for Immunology (SIICA, in 2012), the Argentinian Society for Immunology (SAI, 2014), and the Australian Society for Immunology (ASI,

2015). Such small bilateral meetings foster scientific exchange to establish productive cooperations. In order to further broaden international networking, the DGfI participates in other national societies' annual meetings, e.g., by organizing DGfI guest symposia at annual meetings of the American Association of Immunologists (AAI).



## Travel grants

To promote young immunologists, the DGfI awards travel grants to its members. Travel grants support active participation at meetings as well as short-term lab visits to learn, for example, a new technology. A selection committee reviews the applications and recommends funding on a competitive basis. The DGfI travel grant program is generously supported by EUROIMMUN AG Lübeck.





*In order to achieve an overview of the immunological research environment in Germany, the DGfI carried out an extensive survey of all known institutions, universities and other facilities in spring 2013. Of the 386 institutions and departments that were contacted, 171 units from 45 cities actually participated; thus the results are based solely upon the information voluntarily provided by institutions.*

## Institutional Affiliations

The opposite map provides information about the distribution of university- and non-university institutions at which basic and clinical research in the field of immunology is conducted. Each dot represents a region/city and the size of the dot represents the number of institutions (excluding the number of independent research groups within an institution). Munich, Bonn and Berlin therefore represent the immunological strongholds in Germany. At the respective sites, there is a focus upon a variety of facilities with an immunological background both at university hospitals and universities, as well as at non-university institutions.

## Basic & Clinical Research

Overall, about 54% of research takes place in the clinical field and includes the university hospitals in particular. University research takes place at 28% of the respondent institutions, e.g. in

*Universities in 30 cities all over Germany offer 23 bachelor and 30 master programs with a focus on immunology. Doctoral training programs with an emphasis on immunology exist in 29 cities.*

Erlangen, Regensburg, or Bonn. Only 16% are non-university research centers, such as the German Rheumatism Research Centre Berlin (DRFZ), the Research Center Borstel, or the Bernhard Nocht Institute for Tropical Medicine in Hamburg.

## Educational Programs

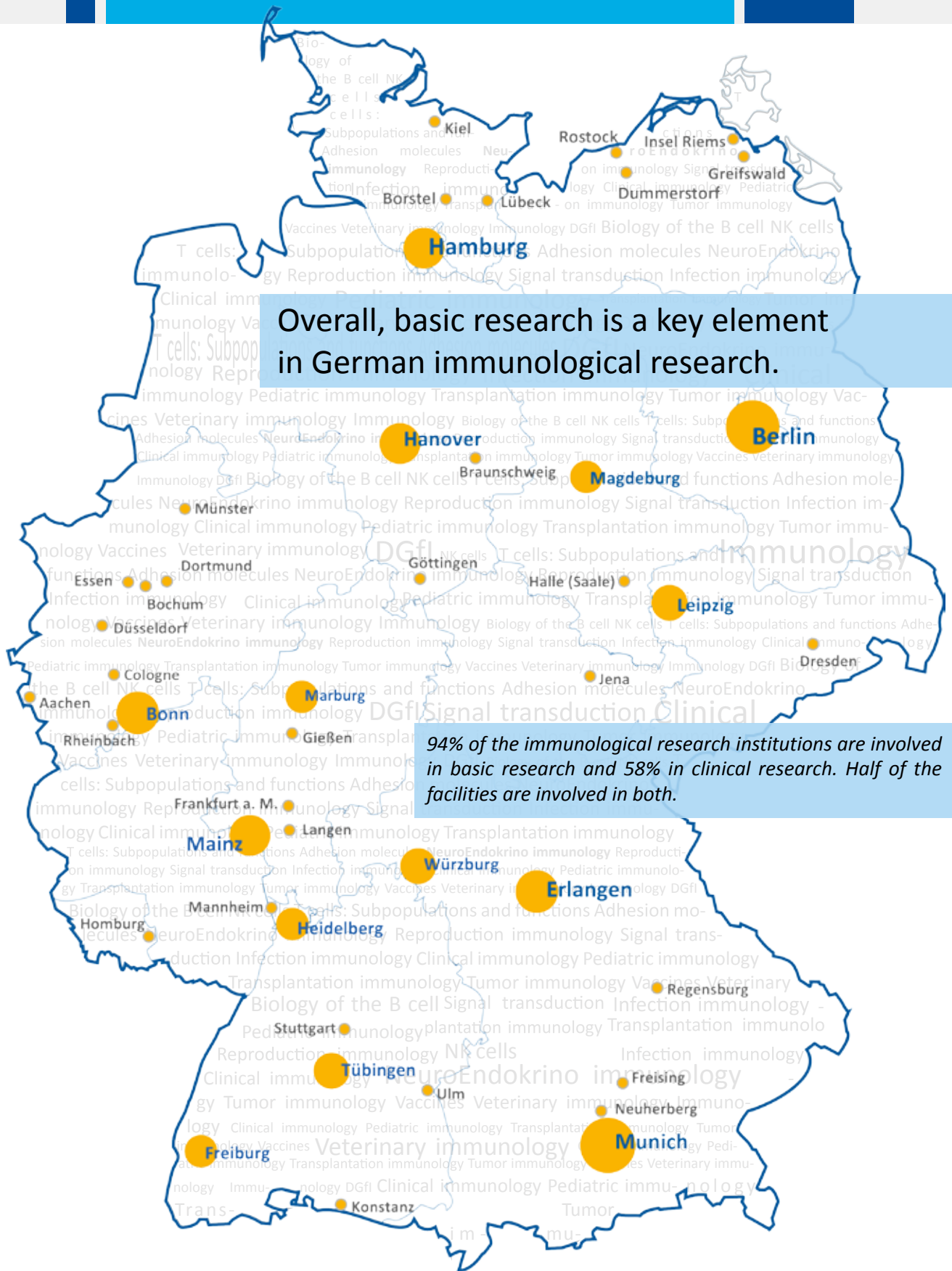
The 44 German cities with immunological research offer Bachelor and/or Master programs with at least some focus on immunology. Bachelor programs exist at 23 locations, Master programs at 30 locations, and doctoral training programs focussing on (but not restricted to) immunological topics at 29 locations. Doctoral research training programs are usually financed by the German Research Council (DFG) either as "Research Training Groups" alone-standing, or as "Integrated Research Training Groups" within DFG-funded Collaborative Research Centers.

In-depth and state-of-the-art training in immunology is offered by the DGfI Academy of Immunology in three schools. More and more laboratories and graduate schools send their doctoral students to the DGfI schools as part of their structured PhD programs. There is no doubt that immunology has become

an important subject at many universities and non-university research institutions. Excellent immunological training of young scientists at all levels

is important to secure the excellence of German immunology in the future. Whenever possible, the DGfI supports the establishment of new immunological departments at universities, university hospitals and non-university research institutions.

# Immunology in Germany



Overall, basic research is a key element in German immunological research.

94% of the immunological research institutions are involved in basic research and 58% in clinical research. Half of the facilities are involved in both.

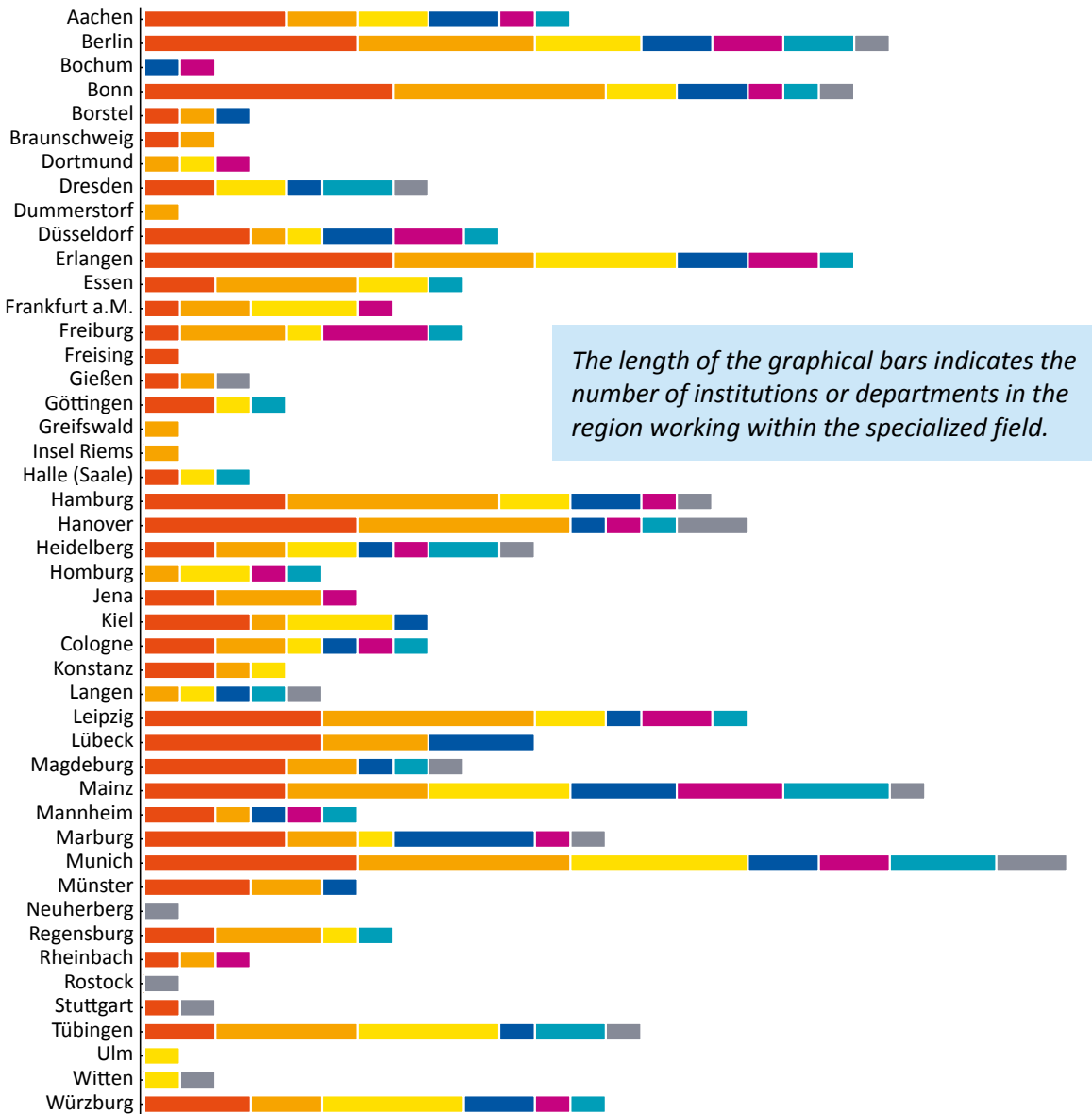
# Immunology in Germany - Clinical Research

Research on infectious and inflammatory diseases dominates the scientific landscape in Germany, followed by the fields of hematology-oncology, allergy, immunodeficiency and transplantation.

On the basis of the response to the questionnaire survey, the following graphic shows the distribution of research strongholds in Germany. Within the scope of the survey, it was possible for individual institutions to provide multiple responses.

As expected, a wide range of clinical topics is covered at the major locations (e.g. Munich, Berlin, Mainz, Bonn and Erlangen) whilst small sites (e.g. Bochum and Borstel) focus on selected clinical topics.

## Special Fields in Immunological Research



### Legend:





*Publications in high-ranking, peer-reviewed journals and corresponding citations are the commonly accepted criteria for excellence in science.*

Present immunological research in Germany is very strong. With respect to citable documents, German immunology ranks 4<sup>th</sup> among 182 countries, and 2<sup>nd</sup> with respect to citations per paper. Research published in outstanding journals focuses on innate immunity, T cell and B cell biology, infection, and tumor immunity.

## Research Ranking 2013 in Cutting-Edge Immunology

	Country	Citable Documents	Citations	Self-Citations	Citations per Document	H index
1	United States	8.635	12.044	6.903	1,3	511
2	China	2.904	1.749	692	0,58	109
3	United Kingdom	2.141	3.480	859	1,51	302
4	Germany	1.939	3.025	632	1,46	300
5	Italy	1.548	1.815	450	1,05	253
6	Japan	1.415	1.606	303	1,06	273
7	France	1.332	2.438	611	1,67	265
8	Canada	1.067	1.381	303	1,19	229
9	Netherlands	999	1.871	296	1,71	239
10	Australia	890	1.283	325	1,32	213

Source: <http://www.scimagojr.com>.

Year: 2013 Selection: Only IMMUNOLOGY

**SJR** SCImago  
Journal & Country  
Rank



# Public Outreach - ,Immunology for Everyone'

'Immunology for Everyone' is an initiative of the DGfI to inform the general public, students, teachers and professionals, as well as patients, about the function and disorders of the immune system and current immunological research and education in Germany.



Screenshots of the website offer insights into the broad topic 'Immunology in Germany'.

The new website [www.das-immunsystem.de](http://www.das-immunsystem.de) is part of the "Immunology for Everyone" initiative of the DGfI. With its attractive interface and user-friendly navigation, it will assure a quick journey through all fields of immunology.

Once finished, the web platform will provide information about the immune system, cross references and contact data for the following target groups:

- The interested public can learn about the body's immune system and its role in keeping the body healthy; the book "Your Amazing Immune System" with an easily comprehensive description of the immune system and attractive pictures can be downloaded for free or purchased in hard-copy on the website.
- Everyone interested in immunology research can find a comprehensive collection of all immunology research groups at German institutions through a nationwide overview map. Highlights of current cutting-edge immunology research in Germany are presented in an easily understandable way in the "News" section.

- Prospective undergraduate and graduate students can locate bachelor, master and doctoral programs with immunology as part of their curriculum (including a list of addresses and contacts) through a nationwide overview map.
- Teachers at all levels can download training material for classroom and lab teaching and set-up in school-presentations by immunologists
- Patients can read about diseases of the immune system and find contacts of clinical experts at German universities and hospitals.
- Journalists can find contact persons for all questions about immunological issues.

Take a peek behind the scenes of immunological research and education in Germany.

Click on through !



<http://das-immunsystem.de>

# Membership in the DGfI? Yes!

*The German Society for Immunology is one of the world largest immunological societies.  
We promote immunology in medicine and the natural sciences.*

## SCIENCE



- Annual meeting with approx. 1,000 participants
- 13 research focus groups
- International networking (joint annual meetings, bilateral workshops)
- Co-founder of European Congress of Immunology

## EDUCATION



- Academy of Immunology (annual schools: basic, advanced and clinical)
- Certified Immunologist DGfI
- 'Young Immunologists' Symposia
- Travel grants
- Public awareness activities

## MEMBERSHIP



- Research focus groups
- Immunology training
- 7 different awards for excellence in immunology
- Travel grants
- Reduced registration fees at annual DGfI Meetings
- Free annual members' magazine 'Immunologische Nachrichten'
- Regular updates via electronic newsletter



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## Application for membership in the German Society for Immunology

First name: ..... Last name: .....

Titel (Academic degree): ..... Date of birth: .....male: ( ) female: ( )

(Work) Address:

Institute/Clinic/Company: .....

Department: .....

Street, no.: .....

Postcode/City: .....

Telephone no.: ..... Fax no.: .....

Email address: .....

*Recommendation by two DGfI members is necessary to be accepted as member of the DGfI. Ask the two DGfI members to send the confirmation within 14 days via email to [mail@dgfi.org](mailto:mail@dgfi.org) or ask them to sign below.*

Name: ..... Email or Signature:.....

Name: ..... Email or Signature:.....

*Your application will be processed only on receipt of the two confirmations.*

**Main field of study:**

- Biology
- Human medicine
- Chemistry
- Pharmacology
- Veterinary medicine
- others

**Work Institution:**

- University/Institute
- European research institution
- Industry
- Self-employed
- Max-Planck-Institute
- Research funding organization
- Non-university research institute
- Clinic/Hospital
- Non-European research institution
- Press/Publisher/Journal
- Others
- None

**Membership category:**

- regular member, active in professional life (75€/year)
- regular member, no longer active (50€/year)
- Student/PhD student (25€/year)

*Please note that you have to supply proof of student status once per year if you select this option.*

**Method of payment:**

Direct debit - Bank details:

Name of account holder: .....

Name of bank: .....

IBAN: .....

BIC: .....

Credit card (only for members who live abroad)

Credit card number: .....

Credit card valid until: .....

**I agree that:**

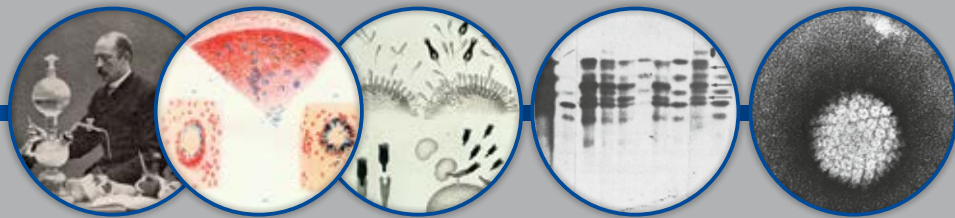
1. my membership fee will automatically be deducted from my bank account / credit card.
2. my email address will be displayed in the membership list published regularly, either as a printed edition or as a digital version on the DGfI homepage [www.dgfi.org](http://www.dgfi.org) (in the password-protected area for members only)

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Place, date

.....  
Signature



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improving human life for over a century.



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