

ABOUT

The Helmholtz Institute for RNA-based Infection Research (HIRI) is the first institution of its kind worldwide to combine ribonucleic acid (RNA) research with infection biology. Based on novel findings from its strong basic research program, the institute's long-term goal is to develop innovative therapeutic approaches to better diagnose and treat human infections.

HIRI is a site of the Braunschweig Helmholtz Centre for Infection Research (HZI) in cooperation with the Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg (JMU) and is located on the Würzburg Medical Campus.

OUR MAJOR GOALS ARE

- to better understand infections at the single-cell level
- to detect regulatory RNA in infection processes
- to identify RNA-based mechanisms in viral infectivity and host defense
- to harness RNA in medical diagnostics, prevention and as anti-infectives
- to develop innovative application techniques for this purpose

RESEARCH GROUPS

- Prof Jörg Vogel
RNA Biology of Bacterial Infections
- Prof Chase Beisel
RNA Synthetic Biology
- Prof Antoine-Emmanuel Saliba
Single-Cell Analysis
- Dr Lars Barquist
Integrative Informatics for Infection Biology
- Jun Prof Neva Caliskan
Recoding Mechanisms in Infections
- Jun Prof Redmond Smyth
Genome Architecture and Evolution of RNA Viruses
- Prof Alexander Westermann
Host-Pathogen-Microbiota Interactions
- Prof Mathias Munschauer
LncRNA and Infection Biology
- Prof Franziska Faber (associated)
RNA Biology of gram-positive Bacteria

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HIRI AT A GLANCE



HZI + JMU = HIRI

Foundation May 2017



Managing Director

Prof Jörg Vogel



Team

9 research groups
More than 100 employees
from around 20 nations



Funding

Sound annual core funding from
federal government and Free State of
Bavaria

Third party funding rate of 30%
5 ERC Grants



New Building

State-of-the-art facilities, funded by the
Free State of Bavaria, co-financed by the
European Union

Start of construction in 2023



Profile Areas & Programs

Single-Cell Center Würzburg
Graduate Training Programs
"RNA & Infection" and "RNAmEd -
Future Leaders in RNA-based Medicine"



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