

**AESKU.KIPP INSTITUTE**  
**SYMPOSIUM 07**  
**WENDELSHEIM**  
21'04'07  
22'04'07

**DATES**

**2<sup>nd</sup> International  
AESKU.KIPP INSTITUTE  
Symposium 2007  
Pathogenesis and Prognosis  
in Autoimmunity**  
on Sunday, April 22, 2007  
9.00 a.m.

**Young Investigators Day:  
Autoimmunity - From recent  
research into clinical application**  
on Saturday, April 21, 2007  
11.00 a.m.

**EVENT LOCATION**

AESKU.KIPP INSTITUTE  
Technologiezentrum MikroFORUM

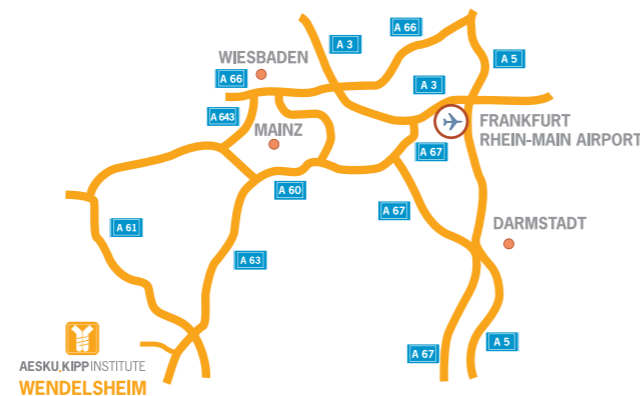
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**ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

**HOW TO REACH THE LOCATION**

A detailed description of how to get to the AESKU.KIPP INSTITUTE will be included along with the registration confirmation.



**HOTEL INFORMATION**

A limited contingent of rooms are available for participants during the opening ceremony and congress at a special price in Alzey and Mainz near Wendelsheim. Detailed information about the different hotels will also be included with the registration confirmation. Please contact and make your reservations directly with the hotel at the earliest possible date and make sure to state that you are a participant of AESKU.KIPP INSTITUTE SYMPOSIUM 2007.

**SHUTTLE SERVICE**

For your convenience we have organized a shuttle service from the hotels in Alzey and Mainz to the event location and back on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of May, 2006. The exact departure times will be made known prior to the event.

**REGISTRATION, CONFIRMATION AND CANCELLATION**

Please make sure to register by the 6<sup>st</sup> of April, 2007 at the latest using the enclosed registration form or send an e-mail to dechent@aesku.com  
The number of participants is limited. Participation is only possible following prior registration; registration will be confirmed by e-mail or fax. In the event that you are unable to attend, we would request that you cancel your participation by the 6<sup>st</sup> of April, 2007 at the latest.  
The event organizer reserves the right to change the speakers and/or to amend the program.

**INVITATION TO THE**

**2<sup>ND</sup> INTERNATIONAL  
AESKU.KIPP INSTITUTE SYMPOSIUM 2007  
PATHOGENESIS AND PROGNOSIS IN AUTOIMMUNITY**

**AESKU.KIPP INSTITUTE YOUNG INVESTIGATORS DAY  
AUTOIMMUNITY: FROM RECENT RESEARCH TO CLINICAL APPLICATION**

## INVITATION

“From diagnosis to prognosis” discusses one of the major current trends in the field of autoimmune diseases. In addition to the anyway challenging early and safe diagnosis of an existing disease, the prediction of an autoimmune disease and its various concrete manifestations will become increasingly important in the next years. Therefore, the 2<sup>nd</sup> International AESKU.KIPP INSTITUTE Symposium 2007 on 22<sup>nd</sup> April under the headline “Pathogenesis and Prognosis” will intentionally focus on the causes of autoimmune diseases and – based on this knowledge – on the development of novel, efficient tools for the most reliable prediction of a disease and its manifestations.

The symposium will offer the participants a compact overview of a broad spectrum of recent and internationally relevant results of current research, but it will also provide an on-site platform in Germany for personal, interdisciplinary exchange of new ideas and results – between participants from research and hospital, internationally renowned speakers and representatives of the AESKU.KIPP INSTITUTE.

The speakers of the 2007 symposium will include experts like Noel R. Rose and M. Eric Gershwin from the US, Pier Luigi Meroni and Nicolo Bizzaro from Italy, Yehuda Shoenfeld and Elias Toubi from Israel, Reinhold R. Schmidt from Germany and Allan Wiik from Denmark.

The AESKU.KIPP INSTITUTE extends a warm welcome to all individuals interested in research from universities, private research and company research institutes.

### YOUNG INVESTIGATORS DAY: FROM CURRENT RESEARCH TO THE IMPLEMENTATION INTO CLINICAL TREATMENT

On Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> April 2007, the day before the scientific symposium will start, the AESKU.KIPP INSTITUTE will hold the first Young Investigators Day, a workshop focusing on the way, how current scientific research contributes new options to diagnosis and therapy of autoimmune diseases. Accordingly, the event will start with reports on current basic research followed by clinical research from university and industry; the day will be closed with a tour of three different companies.

Corresponding to its name, the Young Investigators Day intentionally addresses young scientists to give them an overview of current trends in autoimmunity and the way from the lab bench to the patients.

Of course, we invite all participants in the Young Investigators Day also to the main symposium on Sunday.

We would appreciate if we could welcome you in our Wendelsheim facility on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2007.

Yours sincerely



**Torsten Matthias, PhD**  
Chairman of the Board  
of AIRA e.V.



**Yehuda Shoenfeld, MD**  
Chairman of the scientific  
advisory board of AIRA e.V.  
and Chairman of the  
2<sup>nd</sup> International  
AESKU.KIPP INSTITUTE  
SYMPOSIUM



**Torsten Witte, PhD**  
Co-Chairman of the Board  
of AIRA e.V. and Chairman  
of the AESKU.KIPP INSTITUTE  
Young Investigators Day



## AESKU.KIPP INSTITUTE - RESPONSIBILITY FOR PATIENTS AND SOCIETY

The AESKU.KIPP INSTITUTE is intended to initiate and coordinate international research cooperation and developmental projects in autoimmunity. At the same time it offers the spatial and personnel requirements for the implementation of joint interdisciplinary projects at the Wendelsheim facility. The AESKU.KIPP INSTITUTE has consciously positioned itself as an international interface between basic and clinical research, allowing recent research results to be integrated into clinical applications.

The AESKU.KIPP INSTITUTE also serves as a forum for the international exchange of information. With its events and publications, the institute actively commits itself to supporting the public awareness of prognosis, diagnosis and therapy of autoimmune diseases, allowing patients and treating physicians to take advantage of most current research to make year-long odysseys of affected individuals hopefully be a thing of the past soon.

The AESKU.KIPP INSTITUTE is being supported by the nonprofit association AIRA e.V. (Association for interdisciplinary research in autoimmunity), which does not only intend to foster interdisciplinary autoimmunity research, but also aims at creating excellent conditions for interdisciplinary activities and actual benefit for the public by intended openness towards a variety of cooperation partners in science and industry.

In consideration of this philosophy, AIRA funds grants for projects with interdisciplinary approaches. AIRA is primarily interested in funding basic, academic research. It further focuses on clinical research cooperations to develop therapeutic concepts and to design assays for early and reliable diagnostics.

A public private partnership lays the foundation stone of the financing of the AESKU.KIPP INSTITUTE. The activities of the institute will be promoted by the financial support of the initiators of the AIRA e.V., i.e. Dr. Torsten Matthias, proprietor of AESKU. DIAGNOSTICS and the Swiss private investor Dr. h.c. Karl-Heinz Kipp. In addition, the Economics Department of state of Rhineland-Palatinate granted the most current equipment of the AESKU.KIPP INSTITUTE laboratory needed for its activities.

To create a unique platform for interdisciplinary research in autoimmunity, the support of committed individuals is essential in order to initiate and to guarantee the realization of future-oriented research and development projects. Therefore, the AESKU.KIPP INSTITUTE will be supported by an active advisory council of experts in autoimmunity.

Ten international experts in autoimmunity support the AESKU.KIPP INSTITUTE actively.

### Yehuda Shoenfeld, MD FRCP (Hon.)

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### Noel R. Rose, MD PhD

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### Prof. Dr. Klaus Helmke

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### Prof. Dr. Reinhold E. Schmidt

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### Prof. Loïc Guillevin

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