

## Organizers

### ISBER – International Society for Biological and Environmental Repositories

ISBER is a global organization which creates opportunities for sharing ideas and innovations in biobanking and harmonizes approaches to evolving challenges for biological and environmental repositories. ISBER fosters collaboration, creates education and training opportunities, provides an international showcase for state-of-the-art policies, processes, and research findings, and innovative technologies, products, and services. Together, these activities promote best practices that cut across the broad range of repositories that ISBER serves.

> [www.isber.org](http://www.isber.org)



### TMF – Infrastructures for Medical Research

The TMF is the umbrella organization for networked medical research in Germany. It is the platform for interdisciplinary exchange as well as cross-project and cross-location cooperation in order to identify and solve the organizational, legal/ethical and technological problems of modern medical research. Solutions range from expert opinions, generic concepts, and IT applications to checklists, practical guides, training, and consultation services. The TMF makes these solutions available to the public free of charge. Amongst others, TMF runs the Working Group Biomaterialbanks and hosts the German Biobank Registry.

> [www.tmf-ev.de](http://www.tmf-ev.de)



### German Biobank Registry

The German Biobank Registry pools the medically relevant biobanks in Germany and increases their visibility. Thus it facilitates the networking of biobanks, promotes an exchange of information and samples between research teams, supports the use of existing resources, provides information for investments in biobanks and promotes transparency and trust in research where human samples are used. The German Biobank Registry hosts the annual German Biobank Symposium supporting dialogue among biobank operators and users.

> [www.biobanken.de](http://www.biobanken.de)



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## Organizational Issues

**Date**  
April 5, 2016

**Venue**  
Hall A Berlin  
Maritim Hotel Berlin  
Stauffenbergstraße 26  
10785 Berlin/Germany

**Registration**  
The pre-symposium “National Day – Germany’s Way Towards Excellence in Biobanking” will be open to the public, free of any fees and the conference language will be English.

Register here: [www.tmf-ev.de/isber](http://www.tmf-ev.de/isber)



ISBER Annual Meeting 2016

**National Day – Germany’s Way  
Towards Excellence in Biobanking**

April 5, 2016 | Berlin

## National Day – Germany’s Way Towards Excellence in Biobanking!



TMF as an associate partner of ISBER and local partner of ISBER 2016 in Berlin will host a pre-symposium April 5, 2016. The event will be devoted to the promotion of human biobanks as a valuable tool for scientific medical and epidemiological research in Germany.

TMF will present aspects of its decade-long work as an academic-driven non-profit organization, particularly how it established a nation-wide platform for biobanking through its dedicated working group. This working group has successfully facilitated interdisciplinary exchange across scientific projects and scientific institutions with the goal to meet many organizational, legal, ethical and technological challenges of modern biomaterial-based medical research.

German biobanking is supported at different levels by the Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) which will be presented, e. g.

- the so called ‘Centralized Biobanks’ that are currently being established at selected sites of scientific medical and epidemiological research across the country,
- the recently established German Centers for Health Research and their biobanking activities,
- the German National Cohort (GNC), a joint interdisciplinary endeavor of 25 German research institutions aimed at a better understanding of common diseases through longitudinal studies of the German population, planned to run over the next 20-30 years,
- the German Biobank Node (GBN), the German central contact and coordination point for biobanking and the German contribution to the Pan-European biobanking Infrastructure enterprise, BBMRI-ERIC,
- the German Biobank Alliance, a brand-new comprehensive BMBF funding initiative for setting up a German Biobank Network as a basis for enabling German biobanks for cross-border collaboration within the context of BBMRI-ERIC.

‘Biobankers’ from all over the world are invited to meet leading biobank experts from Germany, many of whom will participate in this National Biobanking Day of the ISBER Annual 2016 Meeting. The pre-symposium will provide a great opportunity to build new networks and to get to know the German biobanking roadmap. The meeting will contribute to a fruitful international exchange of know-how and stimulate much scientifically rewarding collaboration.

## Program | April 5, 2016

<b>11:15am</b>	<b>Welcome</b>	Sebastian C. Semler & Michael Kiehntopf (TMF, Berlin)
	<b>TMF – 12 Years a Platform for Biobanking in Germany</b>	Michael Krawczak (TMF, Berlin)
	<b>Biobanking in the German Centers for Health Research</b>	Peter Schirmacher (University Hospital Heidelberg)
	<b>The German Biobank Registry – Vision and Lessons Learned</b>	Roman Siddiqui (TMF, Berlin)
	<b>The German Biobank Node: National coordination and central point of contact for BBMRI-ERIC</b>	Michael Hummel (Charité, Berlin)
<b>1:30pm</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
<b>2:30pm</b>	<b>Session II</b>	Chairpersons: Karoline Gaede & Antje Schütt (TMF, Berlin)
	<b>National Cohort &amp; Populations-Based Biobanking</b>	Annette Peters (German Center for Environmental Health, Munich)
	<b>Success Model of Centralizing Biobank-Sites</b>	Roland Jahns (University Hospital Wuerzburg)
	<b>Clinical Biobanking for research in the field of congenital heart disease in Germany</b>	Thomas Pickardt (Competence Network for Congenital Heart Defects, Berlin)
<b>3:30pm</b>	<b>Refreshments</b>	
<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>Session III</b>	Chairpersons: Michael Krawczak & Peter Schirmacher (TMF, Berlin)
	<b>Biobanking for Successful Translational Oncology</b>	Esther Herpel (University Hospital Heidelberg)
	<b>Moving Toward Evidence-Based Biobanking</b>	Helen M. Moore (USA)
	<b>Wine and Cheese Networking:</b> Join us for wine and cheese – and to attend the ISBER Corporate Workshops!	
<b>5:15pm</b>	<b>Start of the ISBER Platinum Corporate Partner Workshops (Open to all Participants)</b>	