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Hello,

we are coming to the end of an eventful year for the DRFZ. In this NewsFlash, we report on some of the changes that have occurred over the last few months, including creation of the new Systems Rheumatology programme area, which has been headed by Mir-Farzin Mashreghi since November 2022. There have also been changes in the composition of the Board of Trustees and Scientific Advisory Board, as you can read about below. Above all, we would like to congratulate Ahmed Hegazy, who was recently awarded an ERC Starting Grant.

Enjoy reading our news!

Uta Bielfeldt und Andreas Radbruch

Highlights



New research department at the DRFZ

Mir-Farzin Mashreghi is the head of the Systems Rheumatology programme area. The research groups of Andrey Kruglov and Max Löhning are also assigned to this department.

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ERC Starting Grant for Ahmed Hegazy

The European Research Council has awarded Ahmed N. Hegazy an "ERC Starting Grant". His project iMOTIONS will be funded with € 1.5 million over a period of 5 years.

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Upcoming events



End-of-year event at the DRFZ

On 6 December 2022, the Avrion Mitchison Award ceremony and



Kicking off in January 2023

The German Mass Cytometry User Forum invites you to Berlin

the subsequent Hasinger Lecture will take place in the DRFZ foyer from 17:00. Guests are welcome without registration.

[Program](#)

on 19-20 January 2023. National and international users of mass cytometry are expected at the DRFZ and online. Register now!

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[Three vaccinations against SARS-CoV-2 are required for RA patients](#)
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+++++ [Rheumatological care during pregnancy in patients with axial spondyloarthritis is important](#)

Changes in our Boards



Julia Rautenstrauch

Dr Julia Rautenstrauch, Executive Director EULAR, is a new member of the institute's Board of Trustees. Read more about the tasks of the Board and the other members.

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Carsten Watzl

Carsten Watzl (Director of the Leibniz Institute for Occupational Research Dortmund (IfADo)) has been elected Chair of the DRFZ's Scientific Advisory Board. Christopher Buckley (Kennedy Institute of Rheumatology, UK) and Kimme Hyrich (University of Manchester, UK) also joined the Board in 2022.

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Introducing...

Alexandra Forrai (Romagnani Lab), Emilia Schneider Revueltas (Radbruch Lab), and Anastasiia Kirilenko (Hauser Lab) are the new DRFZ PhD Student Representatives. They are looking forward to supporting the DRFZ doctoral students.

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Award for the DRFZ

The DRFZ receives the Total E-Quality rating



On 25.10.22, the DRFZ received the Total E-Quality e. V. award for the third time for the years 2022-2024 and will thus be honoured for its commitment in the area of equal opportunities with regard to gender equality and diversity.

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Prizes and honours



Honorary membership

At the 50th Congress of the DGRh in September, Andreas Radbruch (DRFZ) and Gerd-Rüdiger Burmester (Charité) were awarded honorary membership for "their extraordinary and exemplary commitment" to the professional society.

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Science prize

Yvette Meißner was awarded the Jubilee Science Prize of the DGRh.

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Research prize

Florian Milatz received the research award of the German Society for Child and Adolescent Rheumatology.

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DGfI

At the annual meeting of the German Society of Immunology in September, Victoria von Goetze received a poster prize and Christopherus Dimitrios was awarded a Bright Sparks Award.

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Maria Dzamukova from Max Löhnig's group, Pitzer Laboratory Osteoarthritis Research, is this year's Avrion Mitchison Award winner in recognition of her work on the mechanisms limiting bone growth in adolescence.



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Henrik Mei takes over the presidency of the German Society for Cytometry for the next two years from Raluca Niesner, who accompanied members through two pandemic years.

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