



# CSF Center Visitorship

## 5th Freiburg & Bern CSF Center Visitorship

February, 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> 2026

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## About

The CSF Center Visitorship is hosted by the University Hospital of Freiburg im Breisgau (Germany) and the Inselspital Bern, (Switzerland), focusing on the advancements in Spontaneous Intracranial Hypotension (SIH) and the management of Cerebrospinal Fluid (CSF) leaks and fistulas.

This Visitorship will serve as a platform for medical professionals from different hospitals to exchange knowledge, discuss innovative techniques, and share best practices in the treatment of CSF leaks. The synergy between Freiburg im Breisgau's and the Inselspital's expertise in SIH and pioneering research in neuroscience promises to foster a productive dialogue that will contribute to the enhancement of patient care and surgical outcomes in the field of spinal CSF leaks.



Prof. Dr. Jürgen Beck  
Chairman Department of  
Neurosurgery  
Freiburg

## Wednesday, February, 11<sup>th</sup> - FREIBURG

8:00 am	Welcome & Introduction Freiburg CSF Center	Jürgen Beck
8:30 to 1.30	SIH - Live Training Courses:	
	– live myelogram	NL / CZ
	– live surgery	JB / FV / AER
Lunch break		
2.30-3:30	CSF session - Chair: Jürgen Beck	
	CSF-disorders and brainhealth (30 min)	J. Beck
	Cleaning up after the mess – SPLASH – studie in SAH (15 Min)	M. Overstijns
	Improving minimally-invasive evacuation in cSDH – TDC-Fit (15 Min)	M. Bissolo
3.30- 4 pm	Site visite Freiburg	all
4pm	Keynote: CSF - Inflammation, infection and li's markers (30 min)	M. Brouwer



Prof. Dr. Jürgen Beck  
Chairman Department of Neurosurgery



Prof. Dr. Horst Urbach  
Chairman  
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Dr. Niklas Lützen  
Consultant  
Department of Neuroradiology



Dr. Florian Volz  
Consultant  
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PD Dr. Katharina Wolf  
Ass. Prof. Consultant  
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Dr. Amir El Rahal  
Consultant  
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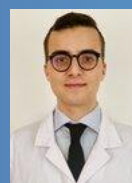
7 pm Course Dinner

## Thursday, February, 12<sup>th</sup> - FREIBURG

8:00 am	Introduction current cases	All
8:30-12 am	SIH - Live Training Courses:	
	– live myelogram	HU / NL
	– live surgery	JB / FV / AER
12 – 1pm	Lunch	



Dr. Charlotte Zander  
Trainee  
Department of Neuroradiology



Dr. M. Overstijns  
Trainee  
Department of Neurosurgery

Thursday, February, 12<sup>th</sup> - FREIBURG

Interactive Sessions – Part 1 – Chair: Horst Urbach

1 to 2 pm	Keynote: The Hybrid Neurosurgeon – a model for SIH? (30 Min)	C. Griessenauer
	Dos and dont's in leak diagnostics (15 min)	N. Lützen
	Dos and dont's in SIH surgery (15 min)	F. Volz
	Coffee break	



Vanessa Vieira da Silva

CSF Nurse Department of Neurosurgery



Alisa Stephan

CSF Nurse Department of Neurosurgery

Interactive Sessions – Part 2 – Chair: Florian Volz

2:15 to 3 pm	PDPH : the leak we (sometimes) find (15 min)	A. El Rahal
	cSDH in SIH – Treating strategies (15 min)	M. Overstijns
	CSF leaks – challenges and chances (15 min)	K. Wolf
3 to 3:15	Closing remarks	J. Beck



Dr. Andreas Braun

Trainee Department of Neuroradiology



Dr. Laura Krismer

Trainee Department of Neurosurgery



Dr. Marco Bissolo

Trainee Department of Neurosurgery

Trip to Bern, Switzerland

8pm – Get together BERN

Friday, February, 13<sup>th</sup> - BERN

8:15 am	Welcome	EP / TD
Lecture	Association of brain imaging and time of symptom onset	TD
9 -12 am	SIH - Live Training Courses:	
	– live myelogram	EP / TD
	– live surgery	AR / RS / JG
Lunch-break		
1-4 pm	SIH - Live Training Courses:	
	– live myelogram	EP / TD
	– live surgery	AR / RS / JG
Lecture	Link between infusion test and brain imaging	EP
4 -5 pm	Debriefing and round table	All



Prof. Dr. Andreas Raabe  
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## 5th Visitorship Guest Professors:



Prof. Dr. Matthijs Brouwer  
Head Department of Neurology  
UMC Amsterdam



Prof. Dr. Christoph Griessenauer  
Head Department of Neurosurgery  
CDK Salzburg

### FAQ:



Airports Frankfurt / Zuerich & Basel are well connected and close by; [www.flixbus.de](http://www.flixbus.de) connects Basel Airport with Freiburg main station, FRA & ZRH are best reached vly train [www.bahn.de](http://www.bahn.de) / [www.sbb.ch](http://www.sbb.ch)



Transfer Bern/Freiburg: best via train, 2h, [www.bahn.de](http://www.bahn.de) / [www.sbb.ch](http://www.sbb.ch)

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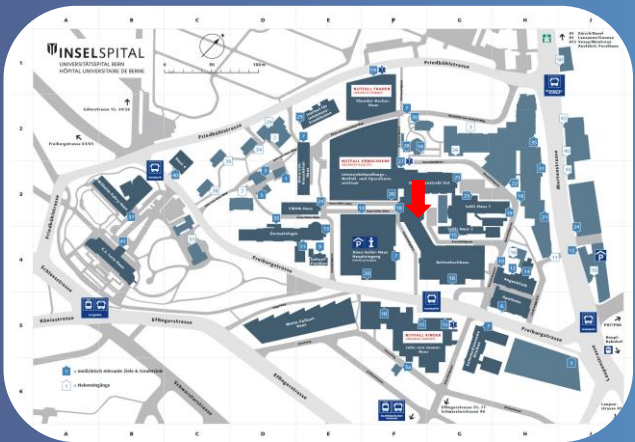


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Costs: participation fee is 250 Euros per person  
Included: course program / get-together, / catering. Not included/not organized:  
transfer, accomodation, travel costs





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