

Freiburg CSF Center

Prof. Dr. Jürgen Beck



5th Freiburg & Bern CSF Center Visitorship

February, 11th – 13th 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, 11th - FREIBURG

8:00 am	Welcome & Introduction Freiburg CSF Center	Jürgen Beck
SIH - Live Training Courses:		
8:30 to 1.30	– live myelogram	NL / CZ
	– live surgery	JB / FV / AER
Lunch break		
CSF session - Chair: Jürgen Beck		
2.30-3:30	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
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Prof. Dr. Horst Urbach
Chairman
Department of
Neuroradiology



Dr. Niklas Lützen
Consultant
Department of
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Dr. Florian Volz
Consultant
Department of
Neurosurgery



PD Dr. Katharina Wolf
Ass. Prof. Consultant
Neurologist
Department of
Neurosurgery



Dr. Amir El Rahal
Consultant
Department of
Neurosurgery

7 pm Course Dinner

Thursday, February, 12th - FREIBURG

8:00 am	Introduction current cases	All
SIH - Live Training Courses:		
8:30-12 am	– 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

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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 don'ts in leak diagnostics (15 min)	N. Lützen
	Dos and don'ts 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



Dr. Andreas Braun
Trainee
Department of
Neuroradiology



Dr. Laura Krismer
Trainee
Department of
Neurosurgery



Dr. Marco Bissolo
Trainee
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 stategies (15 min)	M. Overstijns
	CSF leaks – challenges and chances (15 min)	K. Wolf
3 to 3:15	Closing remarks	J. Beck

Trip to Bern, Switzerland

8pm – Get together BERN

Friday, February, 13th - BERN

8:15 am	Welcome	EP / TD
Lecture	Association of brain imaging and time of symptom onset	TD
SIH - Live Training Courses:		
9 -12 am	– live myelogram	EP / TD
	– live surgery	AR / RS / JG
Lunch-break		
SIH - Live Training Courses:		
1-4 pm	– 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
Chairman
Department of Neursurgery
Bern (AR)



PD Dr. Eike Piechowiak
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Prof. Dr. Ralph Schär
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Bern (RS)



PD Dr. Johannes Goldberg
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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 connects Basel Airport with Freiburg main station, FRA & ZRH are best reached via train www.bahn.de / www.sbb.ch



Transfer Bern/Freiburg: best via train, 2h, www.bahn.de / www.sbb.ch

CME:

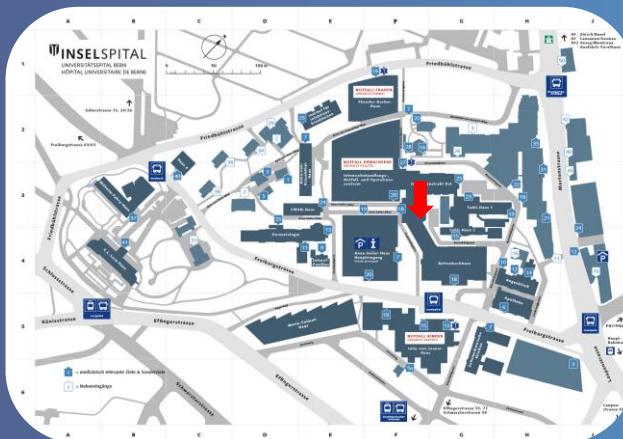
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Costs: participation fee is 250 Euros per person
Included: course program / get-together, / catering. Not included/not organized:
transfer, accomodation, travel costs



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Anästhesiologie und Schmerztherapie	G3
ENMG	G3
Neurozentrum	G3
Neurochirurgie	G3
Neurologie	G3
Neurologisch-neurochirurgische Poliklinik	G3
Neuroradiologie	G3
Nuklearmedizin	G3
Radio-Onkologie	G3
Schlaf-Wach-Epilepsie-Zentrum (SWEZ)	

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Seminarraum ½



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