

# The Biophysics Dispatch

Leipzig

Tuesday, 24 September 2024

Dear Participants of the German Biophysics Meeting in Leipzig,

A warm welcome to the third day of our conference. Today, we invite you to a mix of exciting science, contemporary history, and exchange with your colleagues at the conference dinner in the *Moritzbastei*.

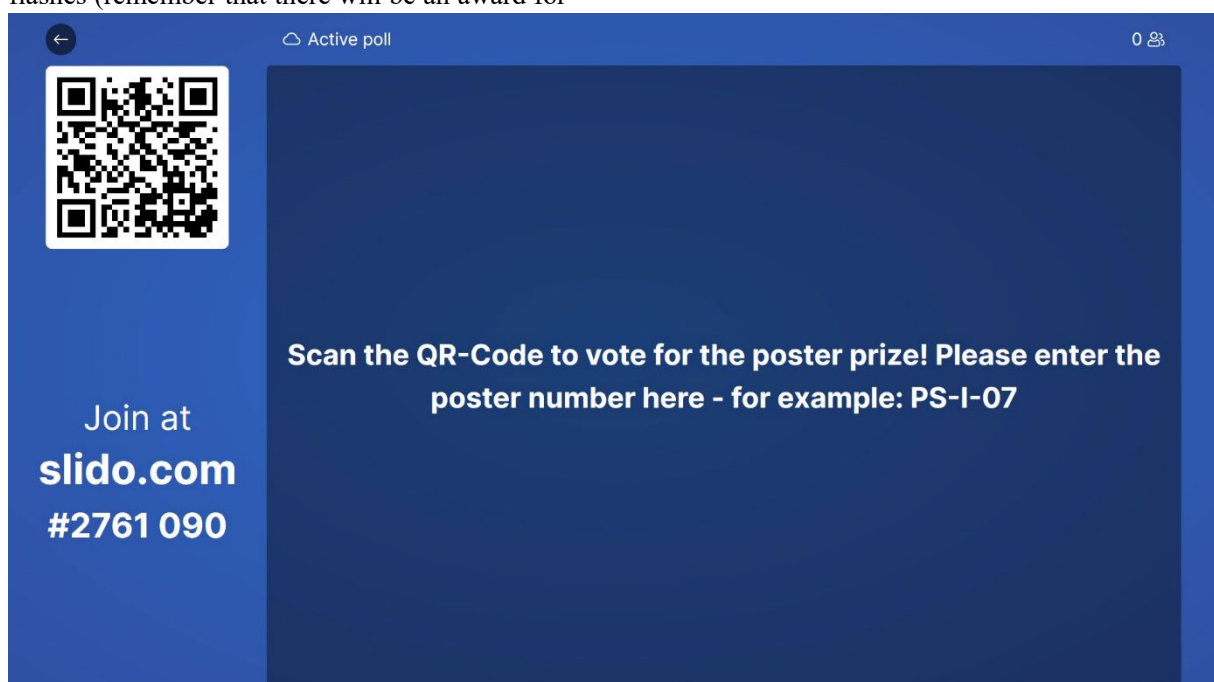
Again, our day starts with plenary lectures at 8:30 am and parallel sessions thereafter. Due to our social program in the afternoon, we will have to pay special attention to the timetable today. Lunch is from 12:05 to 12:45 pm. If you haven't done so, please check out the booths of the vendors who generously sponsored our event, for which we are very grateful. I am sure they will appreciate your interest and business. There is also information on the next conference of the International Union of Pure and Applied Biophysics in Berlin in 2027.

The afternoon plenary will start already at 12:45 pm and we will have the Young Investigator Award and Lecture, presented by Hans-Joachim Galla, at 1:15. We received four nominations for the Young Investigator Award and we are curious to see who made it. With the subsequent poster flashes (remember that there will be an award for


the best one), we will have our second coffee break that leads over to the poster session which is held until 3:45 pm.

When you see the posters, remember the award for the best three posters. These will be decided upon your votes again. There is a QR code available at the registration desk and also below. You can vote for your favorite poster. The three awards will be given on Wednesday. Please be back on time for the plenary with two talks at 3:45 pm.

Then, we have the optional excursions to the Stasi Bunker in Machern, the Stasi Museum and the Forum of Contemporary History if you signed up for any of these. In the Stasi Museum, there are two exhibitions. In the former offices of the Stasi employees, visitors can find out about the function, working methods and history of the MfS. Multilingual audio guides are provided. The other exhibition "Leipzig on the road to peaceful revolution" is around the corner. There will also be an eye witness discussion with Tobias Hollitzer, the director of the museum at 6 pm, in the former Stasi cinema hall. A few slots for these events may still be available, so if you are interested, please contact the friendly folks from Event Lab at the registration desk.



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Alternatively, you may use the free time to visit the Bach Museum (open till 6 pm), the St. Thomas Church with Bach's grave or the St. Nikolaus Church, if you are more into recent history (both churches are open till 6 pm). Within walking distance is the *Museum der Bildenden Künste* with paintings from Lucas Cranach, Caspar David Friedrich, Claude Monet, Arno Rink, and Neo Rauch (open till 6 pm). Another museum worth checking out is the Art Deco style *Grassi Museum*, which features exhibitions dedicated to modern art and design, ethnology, and musical instruments (10 min walk from Augustusplatz, open till 6 pm). The *Völkerschlachtdenkmal* erected to commemorate Napoleon's defeat in the Battle of Leipzig in 1813 can be reached by tram 15 from Augustusplatz, after 15 min get off at "Altes Messegelände" and walk for 10 min to the monument (open till 6 pm).

Or you may just enjoy a peaceful cup of coffee, remembering Bach's cantata "*Schweigst stille, plaudert nicht*" (Be still, stop chattering), BWV 211, also known as the Coffee Cantata, which is a secular cantata he composed probably between 1732 and 1735. In a satirical commentary, the cantata amusingly tells of an addiction to (or rather dependence on) coffee. Centuries before stressful scientific meetings...

Make sure you are back for our conference dinner and party at the *Moritzbastei* at the university complex at 7:30 pm. The Moritz Bastion is the only remaining part of Leipzig's former city fortifications and goes back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century. After World War II, debris and remnants of the destroyed buildings were filled into the vaults of the bastion. A hill overgrown with shrubs and young

trees was created on the site of the former *Moritzbastei*. In 1973/74, students looking for suitable rooms for a student club discovered the remains of the *Moritzbastei*. They convinced the university and the city to rebuild it. In 1974, the *Moritzbastei* was handed over to the students of Karl Marx University Leipzig. Around 40,000 m<sup>3</sup> of rubble were removed in 150,000 hours of unpaid work. 30,000 students worked on the *Moritzbastei* during the construction phase, including the future German Chancellor Angela Merkel. Rumors go that she mixed her famous Kirsch Whiskey Cocktail here. I actually invited her to join us to find out about that, but unfortunately she responded that due to her very busy calendar, she could not make it... well, I am sure she will miss a great party...

After dinner, we will have a chance to continue discussing or you go to the "*Veranstaltungstonne*" for live music with the band of our medical students, The Serotones.



This will conclude the third day of the conference. We booked the site till midnight, so enjoy but remember to be back on time for our last day.

Daniel on behalf of the organizing committee



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