



Fostering Outstanding Research Talent in Young Sarcoma Scientists

Who: Early career sarcoma investigators attending FORTRESS2025

Location: [Unperfekthaus](#), Friedrich-Ebert-Straße 18-20, 45127 Essen, Germany

When: Wed, February 12th 2025, from 12:00-17:00

Dresscode: Come as you like!

Conference features & aims

- Foster multi-institutional collaboration between laboratory-based scientists, computational scientists, and clinical investigators
- Learn more about effective approaches for protocols, publications and grant applications
- Define core/pressing challenges/questions in sarcoma sciences to tackle

Structure: Lunch + Two main sessions

11:00-12:00: Registration and time to discover the venue

12:00-12:10: Welcome and short introduction

12:10-13:00: Networking lunch

13:00-14:30: Fostering collaborations by getting to know everyone's specialty







- **"Science Got Talent":** is a fun and engaging session where participants will have **2 minutes** to showcase the unique scientific talent of their group or themselves. Whether it's a creative way to explain their research, a quirky demonstration of a concept, or a special skill that highlights their expertise, this is a chance to share science in a personal and memorable way. No need to prepare slides—just treat it as a short pitch talk and let your passion shine!

Coffee break (14:30-15:00)

15:00-17:00: Working groups: Challenge the expert! (15:00-17:00)

- Three rounds of 30-minute working groups/Q+A
- Each topic will be covered by one expert in each round, so you can choose 3 different topics
- Feel free to prepare your questions beforehand!

Our experts and their topics:

		
Joanna Przybyl McGill University, Montreal QC Canada	Anand Patel St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Memphis, TN, USS	Adrián Mariño-Enríquez University College Dublin Dublin, Ireland
Successful Grant Applications & Realistic Budgeting	Starting Your New Lab & Project Design	Scientific Writing & Publishing
		
Tom Chen National Taiwan University Hospital (NTUH) in Taipei, Taiwan	Matt van de Rijn Stanford University, Stanford CA, USA	Judith Bovée LUMC, Leiden, Netherlands
Valuable Lessons for Successful Collaboration	Work-Life Balance & Effective Time Management	Career planning





17:00: Closing remarks

Let's walk together to the evening event at facesbar – start 18.30 (more details below)

During the whole day: Please make your contribution to the collaboration-poster!

We are looking forward to welcome you in Essen!

Early career organizers:

			
Ariadna Brito	Lore De Cock	Johanna Falkenhorst	Maximilian Kerkhoff



FORTRESS2025 QR-Code to share pictures with the celebrate app: code EW7LFMLE

Further Information

Our venue: The Unperfekthaus (UPH, imperfect-house)

<https://www.uph.de/en>

how to get there:

- Take a tram from Hauptbahnhof (Essen Hbf - central station) to Berliner Platz: U17, U18, U11 and follow the signs on the floor
- Take a taxi to Friedrich-Ebert-Str. 18
- By car: We advise you to use the car park Kreuzeskirchstr. 35



What to know about the place:

- The UPH is a co-working space. You will find many people, especially artists, working there. Take a look around their ateliers and you might even find a very special souvenir!
- The restaurant is situated directly around the entrance. Lunch will be served in a separate room downstairs
- You will need a key card to access the other floors. You will find two of us in the entrance area and we will provide you with the card and information how to find the meeting room
- Our meeting room is at the 4th floor. There is a small elevator available, but we will advise you to use the stairs whenever possible. FORTIFYs/FORTRESS signs as well as arrows will guide your way through the building.
- Upstairs we will have a wardrobe room. However, our rooms are not locked, so please take care of your belongings. We will make sure that one of us will stay in the room during lunch and breaks. Please keep the emergency exits free.
- Smoking is allowed on the rooftop terrace, which is also worth a visit for non-smokers 😊
- Non-alcoholic hot and cold drinks are available at self-service stations. One is located directly in front of our room. We kindly ask you to clean up after yourselves and put the dishes back to the stacks/carts close to the stations.
- Some sweets will be available upstairs and no additional food will be served except lunch and dinner at the bar after our meeting. If you are hungry, please feel free to buy some food in the restaurant downstairs.

How to find the way to the evening event (FACES Bar Essen Rüttenscheid):

- Take a tram:
 - Take the U11 to Messe Ost/Gruga
 - Take U11/U17/U18 to Hauptbahnhof, then change to 107/108 to Florastarße
- Take a taxi to Faces Bar, Rüttenscheider Str. 211
- Go by car: Finding a place to park your car can be challenging in Rüttenscheid. We advise you to leave the car at the hotel and use taxi or public transport.

Do you have to bring something?

- We really want you to interact with each other! We believe that the day will be most successful without laptops and mobile phones used for anything else than taking pictures for the celebrate app 😊
- Pens and Paper will be provided
- It might be cold and rainy outside, and maybe cold inside. It is always better to bring an extra jacket!