Dear colleagues and friends,

We cordially welcome you to the 3rd International Epilepsy Symposium organized by the Epilepsy-Centers Bethel and Berlin-Brandenburg.

This year’s designated international partner is Italy, a country with a long-standing and sustained history of scientific contributions to our international epilepsy community. We are happy to welcome well-known epileptologists, neurologists, neuropediatricians and basic neuroscientists from distinguished academic institutions in Bologna, Florence, Milan, Pavia and Rome.

The Epilepsy Symposium offers high-quality scientific sessions discussing recent research developments on epidemiology of seizures and epilepsies, pharmacological and surgical treatments, epileptic encephalopathies and the borderland between epilepsies and neurological sleep disorders. We integrate two parallel teaching courses into the Symposium dealing with state-of-the-art knowledge on neuropsychological tests in epilepsy, semiology of seizures in infants and of non-REM parasomnias, and management of epilepsy in mentally retarded patients.

Basic and clinical epilepsy scientists will present posters with data from their current work. The two best contributions will be awarded and presented on platform.

We are looking forward to meeting you at the International Epilepsy Symposium in Berlin.

Christian G. Bien                        Martin Holtkamp

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**3rd International Epilepsy Symposium
»New Insights into Epilepsy«**

**Friday, September 29, 2017**

9:30 – 10:00 h  **Arrival**

10:00 – 10:15 h  **Welcome**
Christian G. Bien, Martin Holtkamp

**Greetings**
Prof. Dr. Matthias Endres, Director, Department of Neurology, Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin
Pastor Ulrich Pohl, CEO, Management Board, v. Bodelschwinghsche Stiftungen Bethel

10:15 – 11:45 h  **Scientific Session: Epidemiology of epileptic seizures and epilepsies**
Incidence and prevalence of epilepsies – impact of age, sex and socioeconomic status
Ettore Beghi, Milano
Long-term seizure outcome of generalized genetic epilepsies
Bernd Vorderwülbecke, Berlin
Acute symptomatic seizures and epilepsy after acquired brain injuries
Martin Holtkamp, Berlin

11:45 – 12:00 h  **Coffee Break**

12:00 – 13:00 h  **Scientific Session: Pharmacotherapy of epilepsies**
Rational approaches towards pharmacogenetic testing
Christian Brandt, Bielefeld
Risks of generic substitution of antiepileptic drugs
Emilio Perucca, Pavia

13:00 – 14:00 h  **Lunch Break**

14:00 – 16:00 h  **Scientific Session: Surgical therapy of epilepsies**
Attitudes of adult patients towards epilepsy surgery
Ettore Beghi, Milano
Barriers for patients with intractable epilepsy to presurgical monitoring and resective surgery
Mirko Stenbrenner, Berlin
Epilepsy surgery of the Insula
Marek von Lehe, Bochum
Long-term seizure outcome in extra-temporal epilepsies
Christian G. Bien, Bielefeld

16:00 – 16:30 h  **Coffee Break**

16:30 – 18:30 h  **Teaching Course – two parallel sessions**

Session 1
Paroxysmal events in sleep – how to differentiate epileptic seizures from non-REM parasomnias?
Paolo Tinuper, Bologna
Neuropsychological tests in clinical practice – what should epileptologists know?
Philip Grewe, Bielefeld

Session 2
Semiology of epileptic seizures in infants – what can we take for sure?
Tilmann Ploüz, Bielefeld
Management of seizure disorders in patients with mental retardation – what is different?
Hans-Beatus Straub, Bernau

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**Saturday, September 30, 2017**

9:45 – 10:00 h  **Arrival**

10:00 – 11:30 h  **Scientific Session: Epileptic encephalopathies**
Concept and pathophysiology
Rino Guerini, Florence
Genetics
Sarah von Spiczak, Kiel
Pharmacological and surgical management
Federico Vigevano, Rome

11:30 – 12:30 h  **Poster Session**

12:30 – 13:30 h  **Lunch Break**

13:30 – 15:00 h  **Scientific Session: Borderland of epilepsies and sleep disorders**
Epilepsy and sleep disorders – comorbidity and overlap
Michele Terzoghi, Pavia
Novel understanding of the pathoclinical spectrum of parasomnias
Pascal Gross, Berlin
Nocturnal frontal lobe epilepsy – genetics, clinical characteristics, treatment
Paolo Tinuper, Bologna

15:00 – 15:30 h  **Coffee Break**

15:30 – 16:00 h  **Platform presentations**

16:00 – 17:00 h  **Key Note Lecture**
Epilepsy management in children and adults – a global challenge
Emilio Perucca, Pavia

17:00 h  **Farewell**
Christian G. Bien, Martin Holtkamp
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