

# ZINF YOUNG INVESTIGATOR GROUP LEADERS ALUMNI

Since the founding of the Research Center for Infectious Diseases, many former Young Investigator group leaders have been appointed to highly competitive positions at various universities and industrial companies.



## HEIDRUN MOLL

### Former position (retired):

C3-Professorship at the University of Würzburg,  
Institute of Molecular Infection Biology (IMIB)

### Research at the ZINF:

1993 - 1998  
Pathogenicity of *Leishmania*



## MICHAEL LANZER

### Current position:

C4-Professorship at the University of Heidelberg,  
University Hospital Heidelberg,  
Center for Infectious Diseases, Parasitology Unit

### Research at the ZINF:

1994 - 1999  
Pathogenicity of human malaria parasites



## JOACHIM REIDL

### Current position:

Vice-Rector for Research, Professorship at the  
University of Graz, Institute of Molecular Biosciences

### Research at the ZINF:

1996 - 2003  
Virulence of Gram-negative bacteria



## JOACHIM MORSCHHÄUSER

### Current position:

C3-Professorship at the University of Würzburg,  
Institute of Molecular Infection Biology (IMIB)

### Research at the ZINF:

1997 - 2000  
Pathogenicity of *Candida*



## KATJA BECKER

### Current position:

C4-Professorship at the University of Gießen,  
since 2020 President of the German Research  
Foundation, Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft

### Research at the ZINF:

1999 - 2000  
Malarial parasites as targets for the  
development of antiparasitic drugs



## KLAUS ERB

### Current position:

Sen. Project Manager, Boehringer Ingelheim Pharma,  
Dept. of Cancer Immunology & Immunomodulation,  
Adj. Prof. at the University of Würzburg

### Research at the ZINF:

1999 - 2004  
Immunology of intracellular pathogens  
and allergic disorders



## MATTHIAS LEIPPE

### Current position:

C4-Professorship at the University of Kiel,  
Institute of Zoology

### Research at the ZINF:

2001 - 2003  
Molecular parasitology



## CHRISTOF HAUCK

### Current position:

W3-Professorship at the University of Konstanz,  
Cell Biology

### Research at the ZINF:

2001 - 2006  
Pathogen-host communication



### SVEN HAMMERSCHMIDT

**Current position:**

W3-Professorship at the University of Greifswald, Interfaculty Institute of Genetics and Functional Genomics

**Research at the ZINF:**

2003 - 2007  
Pathogenicity of *Streptococcus pneumoniae*



### UTE HENTSCHEL HUMEIDA

**Current position:**

W3-Professorship at the University of Kiel and the GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel, Marine Symbioses Research Unit

**Research at the ZINF:**

2004 - 2008  
Novel antiinfectives



### GABRIELE PRAEDEL

**Current position:**

W2-Professorship at the RWTH Aachen University, Cellular and Applied Infection Biology

**Research at the ZINF:**

2005 - 2011  
Malaria: Transmission blocking strategies



### ANN-KRISTIN MÜLLER

**Current position:**

Lab Operations Manager at BioLabs Heidelberg

**Research at the ZINF:**

2007 - 2008  
Biology of rodent malaria parasites



### SVEN KRAPPMANN

**Current position:**

W2-Professorship at the University Hospital Erlangen, Institute of Microbiology, Clinical Microbiology, Immunology and Hygiene

**Research at the ZINF:**

2007 - 2012  
Aspects of *Aspergillus fumigatus* pathogenicity



### DANIEL LOPEZ

**Current position:**

Tenured Scientist Group Leader, Spanish National Research Council (CSIC), Spanish National Centre for Biotechnology (CNB), Dept. of Microbial Biotechnology

**Research at the ZINF:**

2010 - 2015  
Bacterial cell differentiation



### CYNTHIA SHARMA

**Current position:**

W3-Professorship at the University of Würzburg, Institute of Molecular Infection Biology (IMIB), Chair of Molecular Infection Biology II

**Research at the ZINF:**

2010 - 2016  
Deep sequencing approaches to pathogenesis



### ANA EULALIO

**Current position:**

Principal Investigator at the University of Coimbra, Center for Neuroscience and Cell Biology (CNC)

**Research at the ZINF:**

2012 - 2017  
Host RNA metabolism



### NICOLAI SIEGEL

**Current position:**

W2-Professorship at the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Biomedical Center Munich (BMC), Experimental Parasitology

**Research at the ZINF:**

2012 - 2017  
*Trypanosoma* gene regulation