

Welcome to Bochum

2009

The Ruhr is the largest economic region in Europe. It is also a region that has one of the highest concentrations of institutions of higher education. Thirty years ago the region lived from coal. "Brains are in, brawn is pretty much out" aptly summarizes the structural changes which have occurred over the last several years in this once industrial city. Now the service industry and the knowledge economy has found its home here. One of the motors of this remarkable transformation is the Ruhr-Universität Bochum (RUB), which became the first new university to be built in the Federal Republic in the 1960s. The steel and concrete campus is today one of Germany's largest and most diversified educational facilities, attracting technology companies and students from the entire region and beyond.

Bochum has a surprisingly green side as well, and more than half of the city is covered in woods, fields and spacious parks. The city offers a great variety of cultural and leisure facilities, such as the city's theatre (Schauspielhaus) which is one of the best of all German-speaking theatres. The German Mining Museum (Deutsches Bergbau-Museum), the largest of its kind anyway, gives the visitor a unique impression of how mining has developed over the centuries. The refurbished and extended Century Hall (Jahrhunderthalle Bochum) is one of the most imposing cathedrals of industrial history anywhere.

Its wealth of culture, the sum of attractive recreational facilities and the "Bermuda Triangle" (Bermuda-Dreieck) - the most popular "in" meeting place in this part of the country - makes Bochum a lively city at the heart of the Ruhr.



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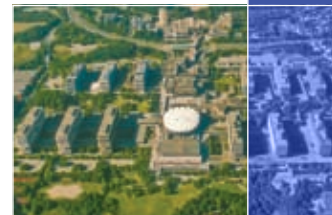
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Topics

Microbial Cell Biology
Green Microbiology
Host-microbe Interaction
Sensory and Regulatory RNA
Applied Microbiology
Developmental Microbiology
Microbial Communities

Plenary Speakers

David Archer, Nottingham (GB)
Jay C. Dunlap, Hanover (USA)
Leo Eberl, Zürich (CH)
Enrico Flores, Sevilla (E)
Bärbel Friedrich, Berlin (D)
Werner Goebel, Würzburg (D)
Alfred Goldberg, Cambridge (USA)
Dieter Haas, Lausanne (CH)
Hauke Hennecke, Zürich (CH)
Scott Hultgren, St. Louis (USA)
Nancy Keller, Madison (USA)
Sabeeha Merchant, Los Angeles (USA)
Nikolaus Pfanner, Freiburg i.Br. (D)

Call for Abstracts

Authors are invited to submit abstracts, related to one of the conference topics or other relevant fields of microbiology. The abstracts will be published in BIOSpektrum.

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