

# Old Herborn University Seminar

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### THE BIOLOGICAL EMPIRE OF THE BACTERIOPHAGE

**June 18, 2020**  
**Hohe Schule, Herborn-Dill**  
**Germany**

Presented by the Old Herborn  
University Foundation  
Herborn-Dill, Germany



Old Herborn University

## Old Herborn University Foundation

### History

The Old Herborn University was founded in 1584 by William I. The Silent, Prince of Orange and Count of Nassau, and his brother, Count Johann VI. of Nassau-Dillenburg-Katzenelnbogen. The structure of the Schola Johannea was oriented at the organisation of the universities in Geneva and Strasbourg. In addition to a Schola privata, comparable to a college of our times, a Schola publica, the university, was built. Faculties in theology, philosophy, jurisprudence, and medicine were installed. As the first reformational university in Germany, the Alma Mater Johannea, the “Hohe Schule”, did not only attract numerous students, among them Jan Amos Comenius, but also supported important scholars, as Althusius, Olevian, and Piscator. Many of such influential scholars exerted considerable effects upon historical developments in Germany, the Netherlands, Switzerland, England, eastern and northern Europe, and North America. The small town of Herborn in Nassau became well renowned throughout Europe during 1584 and 1630. War and political changes, however, reduced the importance of the academy more and more, until it was ordered to be closed by Napoleon in 1812 and consequently ceased to exist in 1817. The only remainder of the four faculties is a theological seminary, which now occupies the Castle of Herborn.



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In honour of the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Alma Mater Johannea an International Symposium on Intestinal Microecology was held at Herborn 1984. This special meeting initiated the revival of academic activities at the „Hohe Schule“ in the medical field and life sciences. The remarkable symposium stimulated some distinguished ideas and generated the plan to install a series of seminars with a new scientific format at the Old Academy of Herborn.

The Old Herborn University Seminar series started in 1986 and became a splendid success recognized worldwide. The academic activities resulted in the establishment of an independent „Old Herborn University Foundation“ in 2003. This non-profit institution is dedicated to the promotion of science and research, in the field of medicine, biomedical and life sciences, respectively. The 24<sup>th</sup> seminar on the „Development of Strategies to Overcome Barriers to Effective Mucosal Immunization of Infants in Developing Countries“ in 2010 was supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and PATH, a global health organization. The 2020 topic is “The Biological Empire of the Bacteriophage” reflecting a fascinating development in life sciences.

All information upon the Old Herborn University Foundation is accessible via internet, as well as all monographs subsequently published following the individual seminars.

## Public Presentations

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### THE BIOLOGICAL EMPIRE OF THE BACTERIOPHAGE

#### 34<sup>th</sup> Old Herborn University Seminar June 18, 2020

07:30 – 08:00 **REGISTRATION**

08:00 – 08:15 **Introduction – A Short History  
of the Old Herborn University**  
Volker Rusch

08:15 **SESSION 1: BACTERIOPHAGES:  
MEDICAL APPLICATIONS**  
Chairman: Peter Heidt

08:15 – 08:45 **Bacteriophage Therapy: Clinical  
Experience and Current Developments**  
Mzia Kutateladze

08:45 – 09:15 **Developing Clostridium difficile Phages  
as Therapeutic Agents**  
Martha Clokie

09:15 – 10:45 **Bacteriophage Therapies for  
Mycobacterial Infections:  
Opportunities and Challenges**  
Graham Hatfull

10:45 – 11:15 **COFFEE BREAK**

11:15 **SESSION 2: PHAGE-HOST  
INTERACTIONS**  
Chairman: Colin Hill

11:15 – 11:45 **Filamentous Bacteriophage and  
their Impact on Mammalian Immunity  
and Chronic Infections**  
Paul Bollyky

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- 11:45 – 12:15 **Bacteriophage-Bacteria-Epithelial Interactions as a Model of Phage Immunity**  
Jeremy Barr
- 12:15 – 13:45 **LUNCH**
- 13:45 **SESSION 2 CONTINUED: PHAGE-HOST INTERACTIONS**
- 13:45 – 14:15 **Bacteriophages Dynamically Modulate the Gut Microbiota and Metabolome**  
Georg Gerber
- 14:15 **SESSION 3: PHAGE GENOMICS**  
Chairman: John Bienenstock
- 14:15 – 14:45 **Genomics of Bacteriophages Infecting Lactic Acid Bacteria**  
Douwe van Sinderen
- 14:45 – 15:15 **COFFEE BREAK**
- 15:15 – 15:45 **Turning *In Silico* Phage into *In Vivo* Phage – the crAssphage Story**  
Colin Hill
- 15:45 – 16:15 **Phages and Satellite Phages Shape Plasmid Transmission**  
José Penades
- 16:15 – 16:45 **General Discussion**
- 16:45 – 17:15 **Academic Ceremony**
- 17:15 – 18:00 **Courtyard Reception**
- 20:00 **DINNER**

## Seminar Moderation

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## Internal Discussion

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Structured discussion among the faculty only:  
“The Biological Empire of the Bacteriophage”

### **Seminar Discussion**

**June 19, 2020**



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## Travel

Herborn is located approximately 100 kilometers to the northwest of Frankfurt at the base of the Westwood Forest between Wetzlar and Siegen. Herborn is conveniently accessible by railway or Autobahn. The airport of Frankfurt offers worldwide airline connections. The airports Köln/Bonn and Düsseldorf provide further access.

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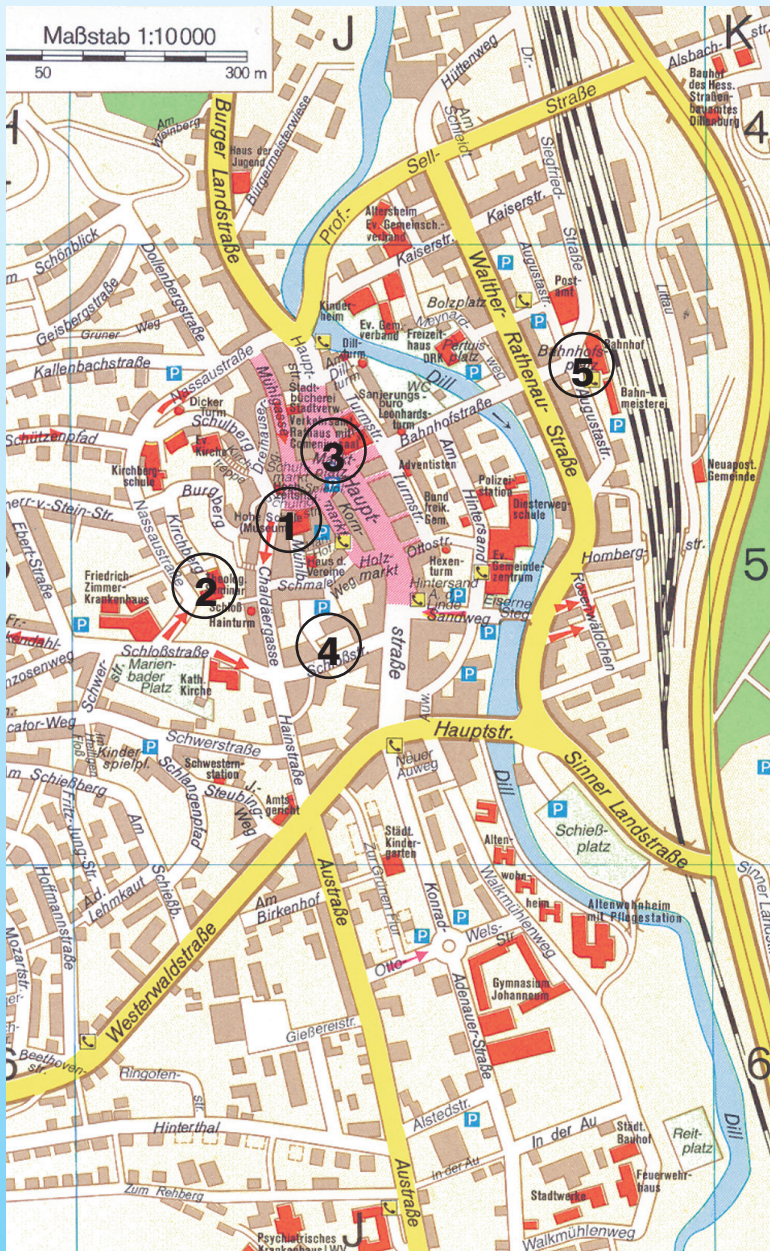
## Accommodation

Rooms have been reserved in different hotels in Herborn. To make your reservation, please indicate the preferred room reservation in the registration request form and mail to:

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### Hotels and other institutions of interest:

- 1 Old Herborn University  
Hotel/Restaurant Hohe Schule  
Telephone +49 2772 92790  
Museum
- 2 Herborn Castle with Theological Seminary
- 3 Town Hall
- 4 Schloß Hotel  
Telephone +49 2772 7060
- 5 Railway Station



# Location Germany



# Registration Request

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

EUR-Zip Code      City      US State      US Zip Code

Country      Postal Code

Speciality      Degree

Type of work \_\_\_\_\_

The registration fee is € 100,-. Please remit payment with your registration. Make checks payable to Old Herborn University Foundation  
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# Hotel Accommodation

Hotel single room ☐      Hotel double room ☐

Arrival \_\_\_\_\_

Departure \_\_\_\_\_



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