

Michael Sieweke awarded one of the first Einstein BIH (Berlin Institute of Health) Visiting Fellowships

The prestigious German award “Einstein BIH Visiting Fellow” recognizes international top researchers with the aim to foster closer interactions with the research landscape in Berlin and make the fellows’ expertise available to the local scientific community.

Michael Sieweke was appointed Einstein BIH Visiting Fellow on September 22nd and will receive a three year grant (with possible extension) from the private Charité foundation from January 2015 on. The funds will support collaborations with Professor Klaus Rajewsky, and other researchers at the Max-Delbrück-Center for Molecular Medicine in Berlin-Buch and the Charité hospital Berlin. The researchers will study the function of macrophages and their influence on different degenerative diseases of the lung, heart and central nervous system. Macrophages are white blood cells, which are of central importance for the immune defense and tissue regeneration. Dr. Sieweke is working at the interface of immunology and stem cell research at the Centre d’Immunologie de Marseille-Luminy in Marseille, France, and will expand with this fellowship his already existing cooperations in fundamental and clinical research with colleagues in Berlin.

The Einstein BIH Visiting Fellow Program is a cooperation of the Charité Foundation and the Berlin Einstein Foundation. The endowment is provided by the private excellence initiative of the German businesswoman Johanna Quandt, who has committed up to 40 Million Euros until 2022 to the Berlin Institute of Health. The aim of the initiative is to provide the best possible working and research conditions for BIH scientists and to attract international top researchers.

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About of research team « Stem cell and macrophage biology »

Created at the CIML in 1999 by Dr. Michael Sieweke, CNRS research director and EMBO member, the "Stem cell and macrophage biology" laboratory studies the differentiation and self renewal mechanisms of blood stem cells and macrophages.

The joint research group of CIML and MDC Berlin-Buch since 2012, has made several important recent contributions to the field [[Sarrazin S. et al., Cell, 2009](#) ; [Aziz A. et al., Science, 2009](#) ; [Mossadegh-Keller N. et al., Nature, 2013](#)]

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More information : <http://www.ciml.univ-mrs.fr/science/lab-michael-sieweke/home>

About CIML

Founded in 1976, the Centre d'Immunologie de Marseille Luminy is a research institute internationally renowned in its discipline. From the point of view of its organization, its practices and its architecture, the CIML is designed and managed to foster the freedom, curiosity and creativity of its researchers.

From worm to man, from molecule to the whole organism, from the physiological to the pathological, the CIML addresses, over numerous models and scales, all fields of contemporary immunology: the genesis of numerous cell populations; their modes of differentiation and activation; their role in cancer, infectious disease, inflammation and metabolism, the mechanisms of cell death and the foundations of regenerative medicine.

Located on multidisciplinary campus in the heart of the calanques national park and directed by Professor Eric Vivier, the CIML is a joint research unit of the CNRS, Inserm and Aix-Marseille Université and a founding member of the groundbreaking cluster Marseille Immunopole. The CIML is a federation of teams, with a staff of 250 members, including 185 scientists, students and post-doctoral students of over 20 nationalities who share ideas, resources and technologies.

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