



Invitation

Honorary Doctorate
Award Ceremony and
Symposium

Prof. Dr. Eric Westhof

06. Oktober 2026
09:00 a.m.

**FACULTY OF BIOLOGY AND
PRECLINICAL MEDICINE**



Universität Regensburg

Regensburg Center for Biochemistry (RCB) - Faculty of Biology and Preclinical Medicine

The Faculty of Biology and Preclinical Medicine and the Regensburg Center of Biochemistry cordially invite you to the Symposium:

„RNA Structure, tRNAs and Ribosomes“

on the occasion of the conferral of an Honorary Doctorate upon

Prof. Dr. Eric Westhof

Tuesday, 6 October 2026

09:00 a.m.

Lecture Hall H51

Faculty of Biology and Preclinical Medicine

Please register by October 2nd

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Your registration would be greatly appreciated, as it will help us ensure the smooth planning and organization of this important event.

Photographs will be taken during the event and will be made available afterwards

Special thanks to **ONI**

09:00 Opening Remarks

Prof. Dr. Neva Caliskan, *Chair of Biochemistry III*

09:05 Welcome Remarks

Prof. Dr. Astrid Ensslin, *Vice President*

09:15 Welcome Remarks

Prof. Dr. Till Rudack

Dean of the Faculty of Biology and Preclinical Medicine

09:25 Scientific Talks

Prof. Dr. Sebastian Leidel, *Universität Bern*

“RNA modifications, translation and the (Westhof) codon wheel”

Prof. Dr. Utz Fischer, *Universität Würzburg*

“tRNA-based chaperoning of protein assembly: a non-canonical activity with impact “

Dr. Redmond Smyth, *IBMC-CNRS Strasbourg*

“Probing the structure and function of long viral RNA”

10:55 Coffee Break, Biology Building Foyer

11:35 ONI-Seminar, Super -resolution imaging

11:45 Scientific Talks

Prof. Dr. Mark Helm, *Johannes-Gutenberg-Universität Mainz*

“Chemical damage to RNA components of the translation apparatus”

Prof. Dr. Zoya Ignatova, *Universität Hamburg*

“Beyond translation: the expanding therapeutic repertoire of tRNAs”

Prof. Dr. Javier Martínez, *Max Preutz Labs, Vienna*

A “non-Nobel” side of siRNAs helps to solve pre-tRNA splicing in human cells

13:15 Lunch, Foyer Neubau Biologie

14:15 Laudatio

Prof. Dr. Neva Caliskan, *Chair of Biochemistry III*

Prof. Dr. Gunter Meister, *Chair of Biochemistry I*

14:45 Award Lecture

Prof. Dr. Eric Westhof, *IBMC-CNRS Strasbourg*

“From nucleosides to ribosomal decoding”

15:45 End of the Symposium