

the heiligendamm round table



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**botulinum toxin: its intriguing
interactions with subcellular
structures**



invitation

botulinum toxin has come a long way from a deadly poison to a highly precise research tool and - most recently- a novel therapeutic agent with a fascinating multitude of clinical applications.

all this became possible only because of a highly complex molecular mechanism of action.

professor montecucco is one of the best known scientists working on botulinum toxin and its intriguing interactions with subcellular structures.

we are keen to learn his views on botulinum toxin's molecular mechanisms of action.

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cesare montecucco

born in 1947 in trento, italy, professor montecucco graduated from padova university in chemistry and biology where he is currently professor of general pathology and vice director of scuola galileiana.

his scientific research is focussed on the molecular and cellular pathogenesis of diseases. he elucidated the function of the snare proteins and discovered their blockade by botulinum toxin. he also enhanced our understanding of botulinum toxin's binding and transmembrane transport.



heiligendamm

In 1793 friedrich-franz I, duke of mecklenburg schwerin, took his first bath in the sea at 'heiligen damm' and this marked the birth of the first german seaside resort. between 1793 and 1870, the architects von seydwitz, severin and demmler created a unique ensemble of bathing and lodging houses. nearby, the first racecourse on the european continent was opened in 1823.

since its foundation, heiligendamm was the most elegant seaside resort in germany. european aristocracy, including the tsar's family, used to spend their summer vacations here. heiligendam remained an exclusive spa into the 1930's. after extensive renovations heiligendamm was re-opened as a luxury hotel and spa in 2003.



meeting details

date

June 23rd, 2006, 17:00 s.t.

venue

kempinski grand hotel heiligendamm
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a light buffet will be served after the meeting

the number of participants is limited
confirmation of attendance until June 15th 2006 is advised

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