



**Virus and Vaccine Research Technical Seminar**  
**Wednesday, May 6, 2015**  
**10:00 – 15:00 hrs**  
**Margarethenhof, Königswinter**

**Program Schedule:**

*Please note that presentations will be held in English. Subsequent discussions and product demonstrations will be in English and German.*

9:30 Arrival and Registration

10:00 Welcome by **Dale Tasharski, Minister Counselor for Commercial Affairs, U.S. Embassy Berlin**

10:05 – 10:15 Welcome by **Craig Hoechstetter, ViroCyt**

10:15 – 10:45 **Dr. Sandra Balkow, I&L Biosystems GmbH**

Subject: *Welcome and Introduction to Virocyt and I&L Biosystems in Germany*

Dr. Balkow completed her Ph.D. at the Max Planck Institute for Immunobiology in Freiburg/Germany on the topic of Viral Hepatitis and Virus Replication Control with LCMV Infections in 2002. After a Postdoc period in Freiburg she worked as laboratory director at the universities of Muenster and Mainz. In 2009, Dr. Balkow joined the team of I&L Biosystems, first as Product Specialist Cell Biology and since 2015, as Scientific Director, Sales and Marketing.

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 11:30 **Dr. Mike Olszowy, ViroCyt**

Subject: *Virus Quantification - Challenges and Opportunities*

Dr. Olszowy earned his Ph.D. degree in Experimental Pathology and Immunology from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. After a postdoctoral fellow Dr. Olszowy joined Pfizer as a Senior Research Scientist, and later Caltag Laboratories where he served as the Director of R&D. In 2004, he joined Invitrogen where he became the Product Manager for Flow Cytometry. Dr. Olszowy is currently Chief Technology Officer at ViroCyt where he is responsible for establishing and executing the Company's technical vision.

11:30 – 11:45 Questions & Answers

11:45 – 13:00 Lunch

13:00- 13:30 **Dr.-Ing. Jana Rödig, IDT Biologika GmbH**

Subject: *Vaccinia virus quantification by VirusCounter analysis*

Dr. Rödig earned her Ph.D. degree at the Max Planck Institute for Dynamics of Complex Technical Systems /Otto-von-Guericke University Magdeburg. In 2013, she joined IDT Biologika GmbH in Dessau as a scientific researcher; her current focus is on methodology in the department of virological quality control.



**13:30 – 14:00 Dr. Fabian Deutskens, MSD Animal Health**

Subject: *Benefits of viruscounter 3100 for aquatic animal health vaccine development*

Dr. Deutskens received his Dr. vet. Med. from Justus-Liebig-University, Giessen, Germany, on “Investigations in the etiology of bovine neonatal pancytopenia”. In 2012 he became Project Leader in Research and Development at MSD Animal Health in Boxmeer, and then moved on to Bioprocess Technology and Support - Viral department, mainly focusing on aquatic animal health vaccines.

14:00 – 14:15 Coffee Break

**14: 15 – 14:45 Dr. Daniel Vellom, Sanofi Pasteur Biologics**

Subject: *Accelerating Viral Vaccine Development with the ViroCyt Virus Counter*

Currently Sr. Director, Global Technology Innovation, (2010 - Present), Dr. Vellom’s focus includes the pursuit of innovative manufacturing technology through academic and industrial networking and collaboration, product & process improvement; I/O Troubleshooting; New Technologies Scouting, Assessment, and Implementation for all phases of Live-viral vaccines process development. Dr. Vellom is also a lecturer at Oxford University in Clinical Vaccinology Program since 2011. Formerly the founder and head of Process Development, Acambis (2001-2008), Sr. Manufacturing Specialist/Scientist, Wyeth Vaccines, Assistant Professor, Chemistry, CUNY (1994 – 1999).

14:45 Questions & Answers / Hands-on Product Demonstration