

Press Invitation – Save the Date

Dresden- and London-based scientists bid defiance to BREXIT

Invitation to the press conference and exhibition opening in London

Science is international. Ever since the creation of transCampus in 2015, scientists from King's College London (KCL) and Technische Universität Dresden (TUD) have proven time and again that this is not merely a slogan.

Initially started as a co-operation between the Schools of Medicine of the two universities, the partnership has been extended to further fields of research and now also comprises institutes of the DRESDEN-concept research alliance.

A visible manifestation of this partnership is the Science Exhibition, which last year was on display in front of the Dresden Frauenkirche and will now be held at KCL starting on 3 May 2017. The DRESDEN-concept exhibition will present selected, internationally renowned research projects. Throughout May, the exhibition will be accompanied by a series of events organised by London- and Dresden-based scientists.

Journalists are cordially invited to attend the opening event, which will take place on 3 May @noon at KCL's Guy's Campus (Memorial Arch).

Prior to the opening event, a press briefing will be held at 11am in the Small Committee Room (Hodgkin Building, Guy's Campus). The participants include TU Dresden Rector, Prof Hans Müller-Steinhagen; the Saxon State Minister for Higher Education, Science and the Arts, Dr. Eva-Maria Stange and Prof Peakman, KCL's Head of Division - Diabetes and Nutritional Sciences.

Organisational details:

Interviews with the following interlocutors can be arranged prior to or on 3 Mai 2017:

Prof Hans Müller-Steinhagen, Rector TU Dresden

Prof Manfred Curbach, TU Dresden and Future Award laureate

Prof Gianarelio Cuniberti, TU Dresden

Prof Frank Fitzek, TU Dresden, Chair of Mobile Communications

Prof Stefan Bornstein, Dean of transCampus

Prof Gerhard Rödel, Vice-Rector for Research TU Dresden

Prof Hans Georg Krauthäuser, Vice-Rector for Academic and International Affairs TU Dresden

Dr. Ivan Baines, Max Planck Institute of Molecular Cell Biology and Genetics

Peter Sängler, Green City Solutions

Press photographs of the exhibition opening will be available on 3 May 2017 from 2pm on.

Please pass this information on to your London-based press correspondents.

The **transCampus** initiative – the first of its kind in Europe – is a unique partnership between two of Europe's leading academic institutions, King's College London and Technische Universität Dresden.

The bundling of competences and resources of both universities furthers the promotion of cutting-edge research, making transCampus a magnet for scientists and students, far beyond the European borders. It is a trailblazing model for other large universities. The first successes were achieved in Medicine: The transCampus London-Dresden is one of the largest transplant centres in the world when it comes to islet cell, kidney and bone marrow transplantations. The next step is the strategic development of further projects in medicine and biotechnology,

engineering, natural sciences and humanities. Furthermore, the London colleagues are enthralled by DRESDEN-concept's basic principle of combining university and non-university research institutions with partners from the world of arts and culture. This spirit is also applied to transCampus.

DRESDEN-concept is an alliance of 24 partners from the worlds of science and culture. The co-operation within DRESDEN-concept aims at generating and utilising synergies in the fields of research, education, administration and transfer. The DDC partner institutions co-ordinate their science strategy and identify areas where Dresden is an international leader. Apart from TU Dresden, DDC partners are the University Hospital Dresden, several Dresden-based Fraunhofer, Leibniz and Max Planck institutes, two Helmholtz institutions, the Dresden State Art Collections and further cultural partners.

<http://transcampus.eu/>

<http://www.dresden-concept.de/de/wissenschaftsausstellung/kings-college-london.html>

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