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**The Eurolife
Distinguished Faculty Lecture Series
Presents:**

„Activation Signals for Humoral Immunity“

by

**Prof. Dr. Jürgen Wienands
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**January 14th at 5 pm
at Innsbruck Medical University
Lecture Hall CCB HS M01.470
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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY

Jürgen Wienands is full professor of Immunology and director of the Institute for Cellular and Molecular Immunology at the Medical School of the Georg August University, Göttingen, Germany.

He graduated in Biology at the University of Cologne in the department of Prof. Klaus Rajewsky. During the early the 1990's he performed his PhD thesis on B-cell biology with Prof. Michael Reth and Prof. Georges Köhler at the Max-Planck-Institute for Immunobiology in Freiburg. As a postdoctoral fellow Dr. Wienands went to Basel where he studied the activation of T-cells and the mechanism of cyclosporin action. He then returned to Freiburg as an assistant professor of Immunobiology at the Albert Ludwigs University. During this time Dr. Wienands discovered key signaling elements in antigen-activated B-cells, which laid the foundation for a better understanding of primary antibody deficiencies in humans. Dr. Wienands became a full professor of Biochemistry at the University of Bielefeld, and since 2004 he holds the chair of Immunology in Göttingen. Using a combination of biochemical and mouse genetic approaches he and his team are aiming at the elucidation of complex signaling networks in B-lymphocytes.

Dr. Wienands has been elected to the *Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Göttingen* and the Henry Kunkel Society of the Rockefeller University, New York. He is vice-president of the German Society of Immunology. As a full member of the German committee on biosafety, Dr. Wienands advises the German government in Berlin. He also acts as a member of the Review Panel Section for Biomedicine of the German Research Foundation, DFG.