RTG 2408 | Maladaptive processes across physiological barriers in chronic diseases

Career RETREAT 2026

Nov 10–12

USEFUL INFORMATION

VENUE & ACCOMMODATION

Hotel Laupheimer Hof

Rabenstraße 13

88471 Laupheim

TIMES

Check-in:	Day 1 from 15:00
Check-out:	Day 3 by 11:00
Breakfast:	6:30–9:30

BUS TRANSPORT

Meeting point: Nov 10, 2026, 8:40-8:50. Parking lot behind House 33

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PROGRAM

Day 1 | Nov 10, 2026

16:30 **Estimated arrival at hotel**

Session 1	**Overview of Boehringer Ingelheim**
17:00–19:00	**Sharing of key facts/insights (Task A, all)** Briefly research Boehringer Ingelheim as a company, e.g., have a look at: corporate structure, global presence, core research and therapeutic areas, company culture. **Output:** 1-2 key facts or insights that you found particularly interesting or relevant. **Presentation of welcome pitch (Task D, Lea & Nina)** Prepare a short, proactive welcome pitch (and a short handout) to represent our group upon arrival. **Output:** Pitch and handout focusing on who we are (Uni MD/RTG), our research profile (microenvironment), and why we are visiting.

19:00–20:00 **Dinner**

Session 2	**Preparation of questions**
20:00–21:00	**Presentation of department overviews and technical questions (Task B)** Prepare the scientific sessions according to the information Boehringer Ingelheim provided: **Group 1: Arun, Kashod, Sandra, Sohail** Biotechnology | Process Engineering Development | Chemistry, Manufacturing, and Controls (CMC) **Group 2: Hanna, Lukas, Tanja** Discovery Research: Cardio-Renal-Metabolic Diseases **Group 3: Lea, Nina, Nora, Shivani** Discovery Research: Immunology & Respiratory Diseases **Output:** Overview of what these specific departments do (including current topics/trends) + draft of targeted technical questions for the speakers. **Discussion of HR questions (Task C, all)** Review the Boehringer Ingelheim careers portal and the open roles. **Output:** Define open points and draft specific questions, e.g. regarding entry roles for PhDs, application processes, career pathways etc.

21:00 **Informal discussion**

PROGRAM

Day 2 | Nov 11, 2026

9:45 **Bus ride to Boehringer Ingelheim, Biberach**

Excursion	**Boehringer Ingelheim**
11:00–15:30	See the separate program organized by Boehringer Ingelheim. Please note: The program content of the Boehringer Ingelheim excursion is confidential. Do not share the document outside of the RTG.

15:30–16:15 **Bus ride back to hotel**

Session 3	**Reflection and comparative discussion**
16:30–19:00	Open feedback round: first impressions, highlights, and unexpected takeaways Expectations vs. Reality: How did the site visit match your expectations? Industry vs. Academia: Discussion on the differences, similarities, pros, and cons of working in pharmaceutical industry R&D versus academic research.

19:00 **Dinner + informal discussion**

Day 3 | Nov 12, 2026

9:00 **Bus ride back to Magdeburg**

During travel	**CV feedback and preparation for career planning workshop**
	Prior to travel: Pair up with a partner and share your current CV in advance. **On the bus:** Review each other's CVs, applying your insights gained from our visit to industry. **Focus points:** How can your current academic skills and methods be translated into industry language? Which key skills are missing or need clearer highlighting? What questions and aims do you have for the upcoming career planning workshop?

17:00 **Estimated arrival in Magdeburg**