

**Save the date: 21 - 24 May 2014
“XI International Tinnitus Seminar” in Berlin**

More than 500 international tinnitus experts expected

Berlin, 13 January 2014 –From 21 to 24 May 2014, the German Tinnitus Foundation Charité will be hosting the “XI International Tinnitus Seminar” in the scientific metropolis Berlin. More than 500 tinnitus scientists from around the world will be attending the conference to discuss the latest research results and debate about the widespread but still only minimally researched disease. The conference is under the patronage of the Governing Mayor of Berlin, Klaus Wowereit.

It is estimated that in Germany alone around 11 million people suffer from tinnitus. Despite this alarming statistic there is still very little funding available for researching its causes. In order to raise public awareness also in Germany and highlight this dramatic development, Professor Birgit Mazurek, chairwoman of the Executive Board of the German Tinnitus Foundation Charité and President of the ITS14, is bringing the congress, which takes place every three to four years, to Berlin. In the heart of the Berlin medical campus at the internationally renowned university hospital of the Charité, the scientists will spend four days discussing the latest research findings, the newest diagnostic and therapeutic approaches available and where the key to a cure for this widespread disease, sometime in the future, might be found.

“More and more people are suffering from tinnitus – all over the world. For this reason, tinnitus research is of increasing importance to society. The interdisciplinary exchange of knowledge between ENT, neurology, audiology and psychology will contribute towards better understanding the causes of tinnitus, therapeutic approaches to alleviate its symptoms and, in the future, find a cure for it.”- Prof. Dr. Birgit Mazurek.

Further information about the XI International Tinnitus Seminar, the disease tinnitus as well as Berlin as a centre for academic research visit: www.international-tinnitus-seminar-2014.de/en und www.deutsche-tinnitus-stiftung-charite.de/en

About the German Tinnitus Foundation Charité:

The German Tinnitus Foundation Charité was established in 2011 in the conviction that tinnitus and hearing disorders need the best possible treatment and that every individual can do a great deal to protect himself or herself. The foundation has set itself the following tasks: to further research and scientific communication, prevention and diagnostics, and to raise public awareness for the importance of treating one's hearing with care.

The foundation pursues its goals within the framework of its financial possibilities through research projects, education campaigns on the risks of noise and stress, the presentation of awards, and the development of preventive measures. Youth are a major target group for the work of the foundation.

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