Dear friends, colleagues and guests,

It’s a pleasure for me to invite you to the 31st meeting of the Working Group on Prolamin Analysis and Toxicity to be held in Minden, Germany, from 28 to 30 September 2017. I am very grateful to our hosts Markus Brandt and Georg Böcker from Ernst Böcker company. Special thanks also to Judith Glöggler from the German Coeliac Society (DZG) for managing the registration process. Last but not least I want to thank the sponsors that make this meeting possible. Except the executive part, the entire meeting is open for all invited speakers, guests and sponsors.

Please find enclosed the programme and information on location, hotel and travel arrangements, and please respond to the registration office in time using the registration form enclosed no later than 15th June 2017. Please note that registration is limited to 55 participants and that it is only valid after the registration fee has been paid before this registration deadline.

The Prolamin Working Group will take up discussions on analytical and clinical issues of gluten and coeliac disease as well as legal issues and the control of gluten-free food for people with gluten hypersensitivities. There will also be the possibility to visit the Böcker sourdough factory.

We shall have a symposium on “The role of intestinal microbiota in celiac disease” with three presentations from recognised experts in this field of research. In addition, there will be presentations on the state-of-the-art in liquid chromatography/mass-spectrometry in gluten quantitation.

All speakers should bring an electronic manuscript of their presentation in Word-format* (4 to 6 pages) to be included into the proceedings, which will be published as a full book. Many thanks to Dr. Schär for supporting the book!

Looking forward to meeting you all in Minden!

Freising, March 2017

Peter Koehler

* Template provided by the chairman of the Prolamin Working Group (peter.koehler@tum.de)
**Programme**

**Saturday, 30 September 2017**

**09:00 Symposium**
“The role of intestinal microbiota in celiac disease”
Chair: Fernando Chirdo, La Plata, Argentina

**09:05 Role of bacterial metabolism in gluten peptide modification**
Elena Verdú, Hamilton, Canada

**09:45 Gut microbiome trajectory and celiac disease risk**
Yolanda Sanz, Valencia, Spain

**10:25 Influence of diets on the microbiome from patients with NCGS**
Walburga Dieterich, Erlangen, Germany

**10:45 Coffee break**

**11:15 Discussion of current developments concerning gluten analysis, clinical and legal aspects**
Statements by participating organisations, representatives from industry, and guests

Outline:
action plan 2018 of the Prolamin Working Group

**13:00 Lunch and farewell**

**Afternoon**
Extra time for informal meeting and additional Prolamin Working Group meeting concerning action plan (hotel lobby)

For participants staying until Sunday:

**17:00 Guided tour of Minden and joint dinner**
(not included in registration)

**Sunday, 1 October 2017**
Departure of the Prolamin Working Group

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**Meeting Venue and Accommodation**

**Lindgart Hotel**
Lindenstraße 52, 32423 Minden, Germany

E-Mail: info@lindgart.com
Phone: +49 571 87060; Fax: +49 571 8706160

**Travel**

Please arrange your travel individually. The Lindgart Hotel can be reached by air, train or car. Travel expenses will be reimbursed to group members and invited speakers by the chairman (economy fares only).

**Access by air**
From Hannover Airport (HAJ), take the S-Bahn 5 to Hannover main station (Hauptbahnhof), change here the train as described in access by train.

**Access by train**
There are direct IC/ICE connections from Hannover, Amsterdam, Berlin, Cologne and Dresden to Minden. From Hannover Hauptbahnhof take IC (direction Köln Hbf or Amsterdam Centraal) or WFB (directions Bielefeld, Minden, Rheine) or S1 (Minden). The train station is around 1 km from the hotel. You can use the buses 6/10/509/605 to ZOB Minden (central bus terminal). The hotel is within three minutes walking distance from ZOB.

**Access by car**
From the direction of Hannover/Hamburg: Exit the A2 at Bad Eilsen West (30). Then take the B83 in the direction of Bad Eilsen West/Bückeburg/Minden. From the B83 take the B65. On the B65, head towards Minden until you reach the exit for the direction of the PW-Neesen/Mi-Zentrum. Take the exit and follow Hausberger Straße. Then turn left, cross the bridge over the river Weser and turn left onto Portastraße/Klausenwall turn right to Schwichowwall then turn right to Lindenstraße.

From direction Bielefeld: Exit the A2 at the Porta Westfalica (33). Then take the B482 towards Porta Westfalica/Minden. Follow the road towards Minden. Then turn left, cross the bridge over the river Weser and turn left onto Portastraße. Then left to Schwichowwall then turn right to Lindenstraße.

Detailed information on location and access route can be found on [http://www.lindgart.com](http://www.lindgart.com). GPS: Lat.: 52.28496; Long.: 8.91407. Parking fee is 8 €/day. A chargepoint for electric cars is available on reservation.

**Registration**

The registration fee is **420 Euro**. It includes participation at the conference, free copies of the conference proceedings, accommodation in the Lindgart Hotel for **two nights**, free meals during the conference and the joint dinner on Friday night. For participants who want to stay for **three nights** the registration fee is **500 Euro**.

Please don’t forget to fill in and submit the registration form (see enclosure) by e-mail, fax, or regular mail to the local organizer **no later than 15 June 2017**! Please note that registration is limited to 55 participants and that it is only valid after the registration fee has been received before registration deadline! After the registration fee has been paid a confirmation of participation and accommodation will be sent by the local organiser.

**Registration Office**

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