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Words of welcome to be published on the webpage of the symposium

**“deLIVER 2017 – Technology in Hepatology”**

organized by the Collaborative Research Centre (SFB) 974 “Communication and System  
Relevance in Liver Injury and Regeneration”

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Success in medical research is no coincidence. This becomes again clear at events such as the symposium deLIVER 2017. Alongside outstanding scientists who carry out research at the Collaborative Research Centre "Communication and System Relevance in Liver Injury and Regeneration" enthusiastic junior researchers develop and promote their own scientific fields. An integrated graduate school, which is an impressive example and stands out for the excellent promotion of young scientists at a multidisciplinary level, provides the basis for their work. And quite obviously, the organizers of this symposium know how to make use of this basis. From 28 to 29 September renowned speakers will be present at the site in Düsseldorf discussing current issues and new findings in hepatology. Accordingly, young scientists will be assuming responsibility early on and ensure that their field of research is given further impetus.

The research projects focus on the regeneration potential of the liver and the systems relevance during liver damage and regeneration. In fact, they deal with questions all of us might be concerned with at some stage. This is the reason why there has to be an immense societal interest in further advancement in this field. With delight I am acting as a patron for this conference and would like to wish all participants productive and stimulating consultations.

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