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## Dear Colleagues,

We are happy to invite you to attend the European Retina Meeting 2009 (ERM 2009), which will be held in Oldenburg, Germany, from October 8-10, 2009.

ERM 2009 will focus on early visual processing in the vertebrate retina, including anatomical, physiological and modelling approaches.

The meeting will include five symposia on different aspects of retinal processing:

*S1: Retinal Circuits and Adaptation*

*S2: Photoreceptors and Color Vision*

*S3: Development and Plasticity*

*S4: Neural Computations in the Retina*

*S5: Synaptic Organization of the Retina*

For each symposium, one outstanding scientist will give a keynote lecture and additional speakers will be selected from submitted abstracts.

Poster sessions will be held with no conflicting events on two of the conference days, covering various aspects of retina research, including the topics of the symposia. Single-track oral and poster sessions enable all presented work to be highly visible.

The ERM will bring together retina specialists from Europe and overseas to facilitate a wider exchange of ideas and concepts and to invoke stimulating discussions about the complex mechanisms that underlie retinal processing.

We look forward to your participation, and hope to see you in Oldenburg!

Reto Weiler

*University of Oldenburg*

Maarten Kamermans

*Netherlands Institute for  
Neuroscience*

*- Heads of the Scientific Organizing Committee*

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## Call for Participation – Open from May 1 till June 28, 2009

For space reasons the **number of participants is limited to 200**. Early registration is therefore highly recommended.

**Registration is open from May 1 - June 28, 2009.**

To register, please complete the registration form provided at the meeting home page

<http://www.retina-meeting.eu>

and email it to [info@retina-meeting.eu](mailto:info@retina-meeting.eu)

or fax it to +49 (0) 441 798 3250.

*Please note that registration is valid only after receipt of full registration fee!*

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## Call for Abstracts – Open from May 1 till August 23, 2009

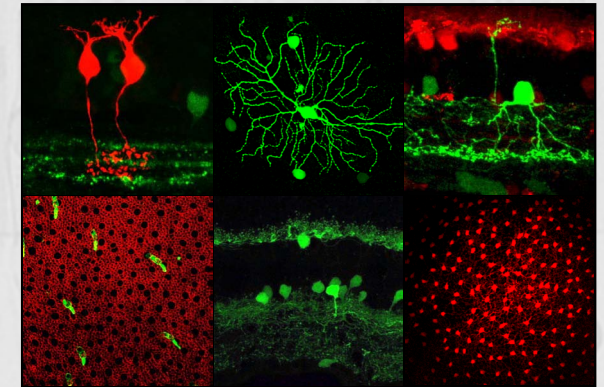
Researchers are invited to submit abstracts for posters or conference talks which will be reviewed by the scientific organizing committee.

**Abstract submission is open from  
May 1 - August 23, 2009.**

To submit an abstract you must register for the meeting at the meeting home page. Please send your abstract as a pdf file to [info@retina-meeting.eu](mailto:info@retina-meeting.eu) and indicate your preference of oral versus poster presentation.

If you are interested in giving an oral presentation during the course of one symposium, please assign your abstract to one of the symposia topics (S1-S5). For each symposium, three to four speakers will be chosen from the applicants.

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## Invited Speakers

E. J. Chichilnisky  
*Systems Neurobiology and Sloan-Swartz Center,  
The Salk Institute, La Jolla, CA, USA*

John E. Dowling  
*Department of Molecular & Cellular Biology,  
Harvard University, MA, USA*

Marla B. Feller  
*Department of Molecular & Cellular Biology, University  
of California, Berkeley, CA, USA*

Ronald Gregg  
*Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology  
University of Louisville, Louisville, KY, USA*

Gerald H. Jacobs  
*Department of Psychology, University of California,  
Santa Barbara, CA, USA*

Andreas Reichenbach  
*Paul Flechsig Institute of Brain Research, Leipzig,  
Germany*

Botond Roska  
*Neural Circuit Laboratories, Friedrich Miescher Institute  
for Biomedical Research, Basel, Switzerland*

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