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Yasmine Belkaid wins Emil von Behring-Prize 2017

American Immunologist honored for Microbiota-Research.

Dr. Yasmine Belkaid, Immunologist at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), was honored with the Emil-von Behring Prize of Philipps-University Marburg. The ceremony was held on March 31st 2017, the 100 year anniversary of Emil von Behring's death, in the Old Auditorium of Philipps-University. With its monetary reward of 20,000 Euros, donated by the pharmaceutical company GSK Vaccines, the Behring-Prize is one of the highest endowed German awards in medical science. This year, for the first time in its 36-year tradition, 447.55 Tm[aw]17(ards)-4(i)5(n)8(mv307.1.cn)8(3m307.10 0

basic and applied research. "Yet another reason I am tremendously pleased we are able to bestow this honor upon Yasmine Belkaid for her exceptional and future-oriented work in the area of mucosal immunology".

Furthermore, the President expressed her delight about GSK Vaccines continuous monetary support of the Emil von Behring-Preis 2017. Jochen Reutter, Marburg Site Manager and Director of GSK Vaccines GmbH stated, „At GSK, supporting science is a high priority, as only the latest scientific findings ensure progress as well as the approval and production of innovative vaccines”.

Yasmine Belkaid was born in Algiers in 1968. In 2005, she started working for the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), a department of the National Institute of Health (US m (Umost complicated immune system, the mucus membranes.

” Ulrich Steinhoff from the Institute for medical Microbiology of Philipps-University praised the recipient. „The fact that the intestines do not only produce the immune defense against pathogens but also the immune tolerance for nutrition and our microbiota has enormous implications.”

In her acceptance speech, Yasmine Belkaid expressed her gratitude for receiving the Emil von Behring-Prize. „This i