2:50 pm – Dr. Bill Sugden
*How Epstein-Barr Virus Sustains its Associated Cancers*

Dr. Bill Sugden studies the molecular biology of the human tumor virus, Epstein-Barr virus (EBV). EBV is a herpesvirus that causes the common, benign infectious mononucleosis, as well as lymphomas such as Burkitt’s Lymphoma, most B-cell lymphomas in immunocompromised hosts, and nasopharyngeal carcinoma. His group studies EBV both to understand its contributions to these diseases molecularly and to develop rational means to treat them. Bill Sugden is Professor of Oncology at the McArdle Laboratory for Cancer Research of the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

3:25 pm – Dr. George Klein
*Towards a genetics of cancer resistance*

Dr. George Klein, professor emeritus and research group leader for the Microbiology and Tumor Biology Center in Stockholm, Sweden. A well-known scientist and author in Sweden, Klein’s special interests are in the fields of tumor immunology, cancer cell genetics and tumor virology. Klein earned his medical degree from the Karolinska Institute in 1951, where he spent his entire professional career. He was a professor of tumor biology and head of the department of tumor biology until he retired in 1993.

4:00 pm – Prof. Dr. Harald zur Hausen

4:45 pm – Reception in the Neue Universität (in front of the Alte Aula)

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January 16th, 2009, 9:00 am
Heidelberg University – Alte Aula
11:25 am – Dr. Charles Rice  
*Towards preventing liver cancer: New insights into the hepatitis C virus lifecycle*  
Dr. Rice’s laboratory focuses on understanding the mechanisms of viral replication and on developing vaccines to fight HCV and other viral diseases such as yellow fever. Dr. Rice is scientific director of the interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Hepatitis C, a center established jointly by The Rockefeller University, New York-Presbyterian Hospital and Weill Medical College of Cornell University in New York City.

12:00 am – LUNCH BUFFET

1:00 pm – Dr. Bernard Roizman  
*Targeting herpes simplex viruses for treatment of malignant glioma*  
Bernard Roizman is considered to be the world’s foremost expert on the herpes simplex virus. Roizman has spent his career trying to understand just how the herpes virus uses its 84 genes to hijack a human cell. Bernard Roizman, ScD, is Joseph Regenstein Distinguished Service Professor in the departments of molecular genetics and cell biology and biochemistry and molecular biology at the University of Chicago.

1:35 pm – Dr. Moshe Yaniv  
*The multiple facets of the Papillomavirus E2 protein*  
Moshe Yaniv studies the interplay between transcription factors and chromatin remodelling in controlling gene expression in mammalian cells. He investigates several families of transcription factors that govern cell growth, differentiation and organogenesis. Finally his work on the papillomavirus E2 protein has implications for the understanding of the viral life cycle, malignant transformation and the development of antiviral drugs. He is Emeritus Professor at the Pasteur Institute in Paris.

2:10 pm – Coffee Break