Integrating information obtained at many different levels and scales for improving human and animal health and for securing plant growth and yield is a major challenge in medicine and biology of today and will become even more important in the future. Particularly, the molecular function of individual effector molecules, their interaction with inhibitors and modulators, as well as their function in protein networks, cells, organs, organisms and crosstalk between organisms need to be understood and exploited.

We envision that an interdisciplinary approach involving biochemists, cell biologists, chemists, computer scientists, mathematicians, physicians, physicists, plant biologists and structural biologists from several faculties of RWTH Aachen University, the Joint Research Center for Computational Biomedicine and different departments of Forschungszentrum Jülich can help to understand such multi-scale systems. Common research questions and technologies are, e.g., structure analyses, molecular design and synthesis, modelling, simulation, different screening approaches and appropriate assays.

We cordially invite you to join the multi-disciplinary platform “Multi-scale Biology” and to take part in this colloquium with renowned colleagues from academia and industry.

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PROGRAMME

10:00-10:30  Registration - Coffee
10:30-10:45  Rudolf Mathar, Vice-Rector for Research and Structure RWTH Aachen University
            Welcome and Opening
10:45-11:15  Rainer Fischer, Fraunhofer IME Screeningport
            From conventional to knowledge based drug discovery
11:15-11:45  Robert Klein, Bayer CropScience AG, Frankfurt/M
            Virtual screening in crop protection research
11:45-12:15  Bert Klebl, Lead-Discovery-Center Dortmund
            From hit to drug candidate - Identification & optimization of small molecule ligands
12:15-13:45  Poster-Lunch
13:45-14:15  Joe Lewis, EMBL Heidelberg
            A decade of academic screening at EMBL: lessons learned and future perspectives
14:15-14:45  Henning Steinhagen, Grüenthal GmbH, Aachen
            Identification and optimization of novel lead structures
14:45-15:15  Johannes Zuber, Institute of Molecular Pathology, Wien
            Finding and probing leukemia drug targets using advanced shRNAmir technology
15:15-15:30  Closing

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