



Irish Neurological Association Meeting 2022.

President: Dr. Paul Crowley

Ormonde Hotel, Kilkenny, Ireland

Multiple Sclerosis Symposium

Chair: Dr. Brian Sweeney

Guest Speaker: Professor Martin Weber, Professor for Translational Neuroinflammation
Institute of Neuropathology and Department of Neurology, Universitätsmedizin
Göttingen

Current position and status: Head of the interdisciplinary “Clinical Multiple Sclerosis
Center“ of the Universitätsmedizin Göttingen

Professor for “Translational Neuroinflammation“ at the Institute of Neuropathology

Lecture Title: *“The role of B (and T) cells in multiple sclerosis – lessons learned in the anti-
CD20 journey”.*

Biography

I am a classical clinician scientist with the goal to translate high-class basic science into new therapeutic approaches for treatment of multiple sclerosis (MS). In Göttingen, I am blessed with a unique setting to pursue this vision; as tenured associate professor, I am heading an entirely independent, large research group of scientists and physicians at the world renowned Institute of Neuropathology; here we develop the experimental basis for a continuous improvement of therapeutic options for MS. On the clinical side, I am heading the section of inflammatory central nervous system (CNS) disorders at the Department of Neurology including a large outpatient clinic, a specialized MS day clinic and an independent laboratory for CSF analyses, where we are providing first-class MS patient care for the entire region of southern lower Saxony. Within the last year, we now established an interdisciplinary Clinical MS center at the University of Göttingen, which bundles scientific and clinical institutions working in the field of MS and related diseases. As the newly appointed head of this center I am now in the privileged position to develop a clinical program, in which we will directly trial promising new therapies deriving from our own laboratory as well as from the extended, traditionally strong neuroscientific environment in Göttingen.