



Spring Meeting 2026

5 years of KomBioTa - Educate. Empower. Protect.

When? Wed 6th May 2026, 2.00 pm
Where? Stuttgart State Museum of Natural History, SMNS (Löwentor), Main Lecture Hall

Join us for this year's anniversary spring meeting, where we celebrate 5 years of the Center for Biodiversity and Integrative Taxonomy within the State Initiative on Taxonomy of Baden-Württemberg!

Please register by 20th April 2026 via email to kombiota@uni-hohenheim.de.



PROGRAM

Moderated by Prof. Dr. Johannes Steidle,
KomBioTa Board of Directors, Chair

- 2.00 pm **Welcome**
Prof. Dr. Lars Krogmann
KomBioTa Board of Directors, Scientific Director SMNS
- 2.05 pm Prof. Dr. Christoph Schneider
University of Hohenheim, Rector
- 2.15 pm Prof. Dr. Markus Röhl
KomBioTa Scientific Advisory Board, HfWU
- 2.25 pm **KomBioTa image film presentation**
- 2.30 pm **Development of KomBioTa: Where do we come from, where do we go?**
Prof. Dr. Martin Hasselmann
KomBioTa Board of Directors
- 2.45 pm **Diversity in research, teaching and knowledge transfer across the network Part 1: Basic research perspectives**
- 3.35 pm **Poster pitches**
- 3.45 pm **Group photo and coffee break**
- 4.15 pm **Part 2: Practice orientated perspectives**
- 5.30 pm **Farewell**
Prof. Dr. Lars Krogmann
KomBioTa Board of Directors, Scientific Director SMNS
- 5.45 pm **Networking with drinks and snacks**

- 2.45 pm Biodiversity research in the new Clusters of Excellence GreenRobust and TERRA
Prof. Dr. Frank Schurr
- 3.05 pm The genomic architecture of color pattern evolution in birds
Dr. Niloofar Alaei Kakhki
- 3.20 pm Land use and its effects on body size and functional diversity
Simon Müller

- 4.15 pm Phylogenomics and morphometrics reveal new species and signals of an adaptive radiation in Vanuatuan *Strumigenys* trap-jaw ants (Hymenoptera: Formicidae)
Tobias Pfeifer

- 4.30 pm Population demography of wild honey bees (*Apis mellifera*) in Europe
Dr. Patrick Kohl
- 4.45 pm From Science (not) to practice - case example yellow-bellied toad
Prof. Dr. Martin Dieterich
- 5.00 pm Nature-based solutions in higher education
Sri Dhanya Adusumili
- 5.15 pm At the intersection of science, policy and society: Collective action as a basis for tackling invasive *Tapinoma magnum* ants
Amelie Höcherl

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