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Dear Colleagues,

From September 2009 the NIHR Cambridge Biomedical Research Centre has been hosting a monthly lecture, with each theme inviting a speaker in turn. These take place in the evening, starting at 5.00 pm at the lecture theatre in the CRUK Cambridge Research Institute and are followed by a drinks reception.

The Musculoskeletal team will be holding their lecture on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2010. Professor Georg Schett, Executive Director of the Department for Internal Medicine (Rheumatology, Immunology and Oncology), University of Erlangen, Nuremberg will deliver the talk entitled "Arthritis, Synovitis and Osteitis- Different Aspects in the Pathophysiology of Joint Inflammation".

Prof. Schett, who currently heads the Division of Rheumatology and Immunology at the University of Erlangen, was previously at the University of Vienna where he worked with Prof. E.F. Wagner whose early use of gene targeted mice shed light on many aspects of musculoskeletal biology. His work has concentrated on the involvement of cytokines in both joint and bone disease, with a particular interest in RANK ligand, the critical factor in osteoclastogenesis, and its natural antagonist, OPG. His interest in RANK ligand led to a period as a senior scientist with Amgen at Thousand Oaks where the company has developed the antibodies against this cytokine which are now in clinical use. He has wide-ranging interests across the whole spectrum of inflammatory and autoimmune diseases, and has also contributed to the cardiovascular field (OPG levels correlate with cardiovascular risk factor), and has published ~150 papers in the last 5 years.

Professor Juliet Compston, Professor Hill Gaston and Dr John Bradley would like to invite you to join them for this event, on behalf of the NIHR Cambridge BRC. In order to have a good turnout for this event and make this a success, we would really welcome your support in passing this invite on to all relevant staff members in your department.

Yours sincerely,



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