

The first meeting of the scientific network URoBody took place in Darmstadt, Germany on June 13th to 15th 2016. The core group participants are Bigna Lenggenhager, Oliver Christ, Robin Bekrater-Bodmann, Claudio Castellini, Strahinja Došen, Risto Kõiva, David Abbink, and Philipp Beckerle. Max Ortíz Catlan and Joseph Wiemeyer as well as Betty Mohler and Christine Sutter took part as keynote and guest speakers, respectively. Furthermore, five doctoral students presenting posters and five to ten students and members of TU Darmstadt joined the meeting. The meeting was supported by the German Research Foundation DFG and the Forum for Interdisciplinary Research (FiF) of Technische Universität Darmstadt.

During the meeting, the goals of the network were presented by the organizers and the participating core-group members presented their work in short presentations. Based on knowing each other's research from the introductory talks, future research and further activities were discussed. Through the keynotes and guest talks, the perspective of the meeting was broadened (e.g., with respect to osseointegration and serious games). The support from FiF helped to invite the doctoral students presenting posters. By identifying promising research directions and envisioning future projects, the core group set a strong basis for intensive collaboration in the future.