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MEDIA RELEASE

Nobel Laureate will discuss protein power

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Australian scientists will have a rare opportunity to learn about the future of biomedicine when Nobel Laureate Professor Robert Huber visits Brisbane tomorrow.

Professor Huber, a world-renowned leader and pioneer in the field of protein crystallography, will visit [The University of Queensland](http://www.uq.edu.au) on Tuesday to give guest lectures and meet with scientists about future collaborations in the area of biochemistry.

Crystallography allows scientists to see molecules in atomic level detail which can help design drugs to block disease-causing proteins.

Professor Huber is the Director Emeritus at the Max Planck Institute of Biochemistry near Munich in Germany.

His public lecture on *Proteins and their structures: from basic science to biomedicine*, will be held in the Queensland Bioscience Precinct ([Building 80](#)) auditorium at UQ St Lucia between 6-8pm on Tuesday.

He will present the studies which earned him the Nobel Prize for Chemistry in 1988 and discuss the future of protein crystallography to reduce several diseases such as influenza and cancer.

Global science and research-based company Bayer is sponsoring the visit as part of the company's commitment to developing innovative solutions to Australia's health and agricultural issues.

"Bayer is particularly excited to be involved in Professor Huber's visit given our current research and development projects in areas such as biotechnology and our commitment to innovation," Bayer Managing Director Sam Howard said.

"His presentation is an absolute must for biochemical students, researchers and enthusiasts," Mr Howard said.

Professor Huber's visit to Brisbane is part of *German Weeks 2006*, a two-month celebration of modern Germany featuring business, science, technology, political, cultural, musical and sports events in Brisbane organised by the German Consulate-General in Sydney.

Visit www.moderngermany.com for more details.

Entry to the auditorium is via Chancellor's Place and parking is available in the Multi-Level Car Parks of the university via Sir Fred Schonell Drive.

Professor Huber will also give a scientific talk about proteases and their regulation.

MEDIA: Professor Huber will be free for interviews between 4.30pm-5.30pm.

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