OpenIRIS@BUA: OpenIRIS in Practice

How Berlin's research facilities share instruments and services. Join us for an afternoon of real examples and conversation.

We cordially invite you to OpenIRIS@BUA, an afternoon showcase and networking event on how research facilities across Berlin use OpenIRIS. The event is organised jointly by the OpenIRIS coordinators of the four Berlin University Alliance institutions.

When: 26 November 2026, 14:00–18:00 (doors open at 13:30)

Where: Seminar Room 142, Charité Campus Mitte, Virchowweg 24, 10117 Berlin

Registration

What is OpenIRIS?

OpenIRIS is a Research infrastructure and services booking and management platform that helps Research facilities and institutes make their instruments and services visible, bookable and easier to manage. Researchers can find equipment and expertise across institutions, see the terms of use and book directly. Infrastructure administrators get one place to manage bookings, access and billing. As part of the Berlin University Alliance Sharing Resources objective, OpenIRIS has been rolled out across all four Berlin University Alliance institutions, so that institutes, facilities and research groups can share their resources and services across institutional boundaries.

Who is it for?

Everyone interested in sharing instruments and services: infrastructure administrators, core/shared facility staff, researchers, research support staff. You don't need any OpenIRIS experience. If you're curious about getting started, this event is for you.

What to expect

- Real examples from core facilities and institutes at Charité, TU Berlin, MDC and BIH, plus the BUA strategy for sharing research infrastructure.
- A panel discussion where you can put your questions directly to the people who run OpenIRIS at their institutions.
- Networking over coffee and drinks, to meet colleagues from across the Berlin University Alliance.

Program (provisional)

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER
13:30	Arrival	
14:00	Welcome	Robyn Brackin-Helmers, OpenIRIS Project Lead, Charité
14:10	BUA strategy for sharing research infrastructure	Ricarda Keenan / Dr Manuel Ehling, BUA Management Unit 5: Sharing Resources
14:20	TU Berlin ZeLMI and BUA Alliance Center for Electron Microscopy	Dr Dirk Berger, Head of the Center for Electron Microscopy
14:40	MDC ALM Technology Platform	Dr Robert Zinzen, Head of the Advanced Light Microscopy Technology Platform
15:00	Coffee break	
15:45	How OpenIRIS is used at BIH	Andrea Claes, Scientific Coordinator Data Management and Information Systems at BIH
16:05	Charité AMBIO Core Facility	Dr Stefan Donat, Lead Imaging scientist at Advanced Medical BIOimaging Core Facility
16:25	Ask the Experts: panel Q&A	All speakers
17:05	Closing	Florian Buhl, OpenIRIS Co-ordinator TU Berlin
17:15	Networking and social	