

## News from the GGNB

### No. 7, February 2024

Dear GGNB members,

With this e-mail, we would like to keep all faculty members and doctoral students informed about recent developments and upcoming events. If you have any suggestions or comments, we would like to hear from you!

Best wishes,

Markus Bohnsack and the GGNB Team

### News from the GGNB Board (February 2024)

#### 1. GGNB Budget 2024

The GGNB Board has approved the budget for 2024.

In total, 61 stipend months will be available for Bridging Funds in 2024. The application deadlines are 31 March, 30 June, 30 September, 31 December.

For all programs except IMPRS, MolMed and iRTG 2172, there will now be application deadlines for travel grants as well: 31 March, 30 June, 30 September, 31 December. The applications have to be sent to [ggnb@gwdg.de](mailto:ggnb@gwdg.de), and will be forwarded to the respective program for decision.

The budget for travel grants is limited. Only applications for conference visits with an own contribution can be granted (poster or/and talk). For trips costing less than 500 EUR, the full amount may be granted (pending the availability of funds). For trips costing more than 500 EUR, max. 65% of the total costs but not more than 800 EUR/1000 EUR may be granted (depending on the program, pending the availability of funds). Applications from junior research groups may be given priority. The programs are free to set further criteria for travel grants.

#### 2. Save the date: Scientific Advisory Board Meeting and GGNB Science Day, 22 November 2024

The next meeting of the Scientific Advisory Board and GGNB Science Day will take place on 22 November 2024. A poster session is planned for the morning and a Science Slam for the afternoon. In addition, several GGNB alumni will be invited to join (career-related) activities. Further information will follow in due course.

#### 3. Predatory publishing

The GGNB Board stresses that supervisors should raise awareness of problematic publishing practices. Relevant resources should be used to assess if a journal or a conference are trustworthy and adhere to the standards of the field (e.g., <https://thinkchecksubmit.org/> for publications or <https://thinkcheckattend.org/> for conferences).

#### 4. Cumulative thesis

The GGNB Board stresses that in PhD theses, own contributions have to be indicated explicitly and in great detail by the doctoral students. The examination board and especially the supervisor have to verify that there is no overlap with previous (or future) dissertations.

Journals have certain formats for the specification of own contributions to manuscripts. These may serve as templates to specify the doctoral student's own contribution in the dissertation.

## News from the GGNB Office

### 1. GGNB Info Meetings

The next monthly info meetings with GGNB applicants and recently admitted doctoral students will take place on 4 March, 8 April and 6 May 2024, 9:00-10:00h, via Zoom. Write to [ggnb@gwdg.de](mailto:ggnb@gwdg.de) to receive the Zoom link.

### 2. Time between submission of thesis and thesis defense

The GGNB Office would like to point out that the minimum time between submission of thesis and defense is 6 weeks. Please schedule accordingly.

### 3. Talk: “How to publish: insights from an Editor”, 28 May 2024

The GRK 2824 invites you to an exciting lecture: Ulrike Harjes, PhD and former student in the Molecular Medicine Bachelor’s program, is Senior Editor of Nature Medicine. She will be coming to Göttingen on Tuesday 28 May to give a talk about “How to publish: insights from an Editor” (17:00h, HBCG, Robert-Koch-Str. 42, Conference room 2.126/2.130). If you would like to take part, please register with a short email by 26 May at the latest at [grk2824@med.uni-goettingen.de](mailto:grk2824@med.uni-goettingen.de).

### 4. Women’s Careers and Networks Symposium 2025: cancelled

Due to a lack of volunteers for the organization team, the WoCaNet Symposium will not take place in 2025.

## News from the doctoral student representatives

### 1. Doctoral student representatives elections

- a. Doctoral student representatives in the Board: Michaela Vystrcilová and Tariq Ali were elected as doctoral student representatives in the GGNB Board for 2024. Congratulations!
- b. The following doctoral program have recently elected new representatives:
  - i. Biomolecules: Nicola Freyer, Rohan Suresh
  - ii. PTCN: Michaela Vystrcilová, Daesung Cho
  - iii. Genome Science: Nadine Kurz, Clemens Mauksch
- c. *Call for candidates*: the Systems Neuroscience program is looking for candidates who would stand for election. Please contact Stella Mayer or the GGNB Office by 10 March!

### 2. NEURIZONS 2024

“Dear colleagues,

The NEURIZONS 2024 organization team invites you to the 11th International NEURIZONS 2024 Conference, taking place from the 21st to the 24th of May 2024 at the Max Planck Institute for Multidisciplinary Sciences (Campus Faßberg) in Göttingen, Germany. NEURIZONS is a place where graduate students, postdoctoral researchers, and principal investigators gather to listen to renowned speakers from various scientific fields and discuss a wide range of topics within the fascinating field of Neuroscience. This conference is organized by the students of the International Max Planck Research School (IMPRS) for Neuroscience. This year's sessions include:

- Molecular and Cellular Neuroscience

- Clinical Neuroscience
- Cognitive Neuroscience
- Systems and Computational Neuroscience
- Emerging Techniques

For details on our speakers, please visit our website.

Our Career Fair Section on the 21st of May allows NEURIZONS to extend beyond academia, providing young researchers with the opportunity to explore career paths outside of academia, ranging from consultancy and industrial research to science coordination and grant writing. In addition to the academic talks, NEURIZONS 2024 will host a panel discussion. This year's chosen topic is "Integration of Neuroprosthetics into our Daily Lives", and we have invited speakers from diverse backgrounds to foster a stimulating discussion and present multiple perspectives on this topic.

NEURIZONS 2024 eagerly anticipates your participation and research contributions! We are pleased to announce that submitted abstracts can participate in the Young Investigator Contest for the best abstract, and the best scientific poster presented on-site will be awarded the Best Poster Award. For registration and further information, please visit our website: <https://www.neurizons.uni-goettingen.de>

Registration is now open. Abstracts can be submitted until the 15th of March 2024 for a poster presentation during or following your registration. Full conference package is €30 (including abstract submission, meals, and social events). Participants who only wish to watch the lectures can register for free.

For any questions and updates, please follow us on our social media pages (Instagram: @Neurizons Facebook: Neurizons / Twitter/X: @Neurizons / LinkedIn: Neurizons 2024) or contact us via email at [neurizons@mpinat.mpg.de](mailto:neurizons@mpinat.mpg.de). Spread the word and see you all at #Neurizons2024!

With best regards,

The NEURIZONS 2024 Organizing Team”

### 3. Horizons 2024

„Dear all,

The 21st Horizons in Molecular Biology Symposium, organized by the students of our IMPRS for Molecular Biology Program, will take place from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at MPI-NAT, Faßberg campus in Göttingen! Please save the date in your calendars!

For our plenary lectures, we will be joined by speakers from diverse fields such as Structural Biology, Molecular Biology, Cell Biology, and Neuroscience. The conference will also host a career fair event with speakers that excel in fields outside academia.

Furthermore, as every year, we will host Poster sessions and Awarded Student Talks where young scientists get the chance to share their research and interact with their peers.

Stay tuned for our conference poster and other exciting details about this year's keynote speaker and invited guests.

Registration opens on Monday 1st April 2024! Spread the word and don't miss the chance to sign up for this year's Horizons!

We will keep updating our website (<https://horizons.uni-goettingen.de/>) with new information. Follow us on our social media [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and Instagram (horizons.molbio) for more! Don't hesitate to contact us at [horizons@mpinat.mpg.de](mailto:horizons@mpinat.mpg.de) if you have any questions!

We look forward to meeting all of you in person in September!

Best wishes,

Horizons 2024 Organizing Team”