

News from the GGNB

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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 (Meeting on 18 October 2022)

- Flexibility for 4+ extensions for unforeseen personal circumstances
 - In extreme personal circumstances, such as being personally affected by the war in Ukraine, exceptional short-term thesis extensions beyond four years can be applied for. Please contact the GGNB Office for further information in case you feel the need for such an extension.
4+ extensions will remain the absolute exception. Medical extensions are not included in this scenario because with a doctor's certificate the time of the doctorate is officially paused.
- Newly admitted faculty members:
 - CVS: Tobias Brüggemann (UMG)
 - PBCS: Christian Tetzlaff (UMG)
- TAC Meetings and thesis defenses in person
 - The GGNB Board encourages all doctoral students and faculty members to hold TAC Meetings in person, and supports the decision by the GAUSS Board that disputations (thesis defenses) in presence should be the rule. In exceptional cases and with good reason, online disputations are possible, but require the consent of the examination board members and approval by the program committee.

News from the GGNB Office

- Doctoral Students' Plenary Meeting, Monday 5 December
 - This year's plenary meeting will take place on 5 December, 16:30h, per Zoom. All doctoral students are cordially invited.
- Election of GGNB doctoral student representatives
 - The doctoral student representatives in the GGNB Managing Board will be elected in December. If you would like to run for office or get more information on the tasks at hand, please contact the current representatives Nilanjan and Robert or the GGNB Office (ggnb@gwdg.de).

- Introductory Workshop for new doctoral students, Wednesday 7 December
 - Antje (PBCS Office) and Kirsten (GGNB Office) will give their introductory workshop on Wednesday, 7 December 2021, 14:00-17:30h (in presence, MPI-NAT). All recently (since July) admitted doctoral students have been invited by e-mail. In case you joined GGNB before that but would still like to take part, send a brief e-mail to ggnb@gwdg.de.
- CMPB Plenary Meeting
 - The CMPB plenary meeting will be held on 20 December, 14:00-15:30h, via Zoom. All CMPB faculty members and students are cordially invited.
- Forum Wissen guided tour
 - The guided tour of the Forum Wissen on 9 December is completely booked out, but we plan to organize another tour in spring. We will keep you posted.
- GGNB Bridging Funds
 - The next application deadline for GGNB Bridging Funds is 31 December 2022. Further information and the application form can be found on the GGNB Internal webpage. The next deadlines are 31 March, 30 June, 30 September.
- GGNB Science Day
 - After a four-year hiatus due to the pandemic, the GGNB Science Day could finally be held on 18 October and was a great success. A big Thank You to all participants, science slammers, poster presenters and alumni at the Experience Fair! See you in 2024!
- GGNB Alumni Mentoring
 - For the first time, the upcoming cycle of the Alumni Mentoring Program (a pilot project of the IMPRS Molbio/Neuro) has been opened to all GGNB doctoral students at an advanced stage of their PhD. The Alumni Mentoring Program is coordinated by the GAUSS Career Service and intended to facilitate meaningful connections with experienced GGNB alumni across a wide variety of academic and non-academic careers and research fields. The mentoring is accompanied by an introductory workshop, individual coaching sessions and a kickoff event.
- RTG *Heart and brain diseases: integrative research across organs*
 - The Research Training Group GRK 2824 *Heart and brain diseases: integrative research across organs* will be funded by the DFG for five years. Congratulations to spokespersons Dörthe Katschinski and André Fischer, and all involved in the funding application! We are looking forward to welcoming the new doctoral students early next year.
- Formal qualification of applicants
 - The GGNB Office would like to remind all faculty members that prospective doctoral students are required to have completed a Master's degree in the natural or life sciences (i.e. not medicine, engineering or other disciplines).

News from the doctoral student representatives

- Doctoral student representatives elections:
 - The following doctoral programs have recently elected new representatives:
 - iRTG 2172 Protect: Moritz Klein and Ying-Yu Chen
 - PTCN: Shashwat Sridhar and Zoe Stawyskyj

- Retreats:
 - The following doctoral programs have recently held their retreats:
 - Biomolecules and Molecular Biology of Cells, Meinhard/Eschwege
 - Microbiology and Biochemistry, Goslar
 - The Molecular Medicine and the Systems Neuroscience programs are planning retreats for 2023. If you would like to help with the organization, contact your student representatives.
- Social activities
 - The Molecular Medicine program recently held a get-together.
 - CSN and SMN students hold monthly get-togethers. Recently, they also organized a social event with the “Neuro-Treff”. For more information, please contact your student representatives.
 - The Neuro Treff is a students’ (and post-docs’) gathering that takes place every month, to talk about science while meeting new people. The focus goes from computational neuroscience to basic neuroscience and besides the University and UMG, partners like the ENI, DPZ, Bernstein Center, MPI and the new Campus Institutes participate. All interested GGNB students are cordially invited – contact neuro-treff-owner@lists.gwdg.de for information.