



Dear colleagues,

The tradition of an annual meeting of the PhD students of the Innsbruck Medical University began almost six years ago. This year's meeting will be the first one to merge PhD-Students of the Medical University with PhD-Students of the Life Science Disciplines of the Leopold-Franzens-University.

Furthermore we would like to take this opportunity to introduce our current team which consists of students from different programmes and the three elected ÖH representatives. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or face any problem concerning your PhD studies (phd@i-med.ac.at).

Daniela Trimmel: Aging of Biological Communication Systems

Krista Trappi: Gene Expression and Biocenter students' representative

Martin Bodner: Genetics & Genomics

Peter Knetsch and **Dominik Pesta:** Image Guided Diagnosis and Therapy

Alejandra Rosales and **Jörn Schönlaub:** Infectious Diseases

Katherin Patsch: Molecular Cell Biology

Gurjot Kaur: Molecular Cell Biology and Oncology (MCBO)

Lára Hánnesdóttir: Molecular Oncology

Barbara Meissner and **Celine Ullrich:** Neuroscience

We are still searching for speakers of the programme Muskuloskeletal Sciences and representatives of the Life Sciences of the Leopold-Franzens-University.

We would like to invite you to the **6th Meeting of Doctoral Students**, which will take place November 24th. We are proud to announce **Prof. Winfried Pickl** from the Medical University Vienna as this year's speaker for the plenary lecture. The poster sessions of the meeting should give you the chance to present your work to a broad audience of students, group leaders and professors. Out of all participants a jury will select the best posters which will be awarded respectively.

The deadline for **abstract submission** is October 29th, 2009. For details concerning abstract and poster guidelines or any further questions visit our homepage www.i-med.ac.at/oeh/phd. Please add the name of your programme and supervisor and submit your abstract to phd@i-med.ac.at. We are looking forward to your participation.

With kind regards, for the organizing committee:

Daniela Trimmel, Dominik Pesta and Peter Knetsch