

New Student Welcome 2014

In view of the start of the new group of students of the IRTG1673, a small program was officially organized to welcome these young doctoral candidates to the BRIDGE program. Prof. Lothar H. Wieler, speaker of the program, gave the welcome speech and briefly described the functioning of the International Research Training Group 1673. Dr. Martina Van de Sand, Managing Director, Dahlem Research School, gave an overview about the Dahlem Research School, while Dr. Herbert Grieshop, Managing Director, Centre for International Cooperation, gave a very interesting talk about internationalisation at the Freie Universität Berlin.



Other guests like Mr. K. V. Sharma, Science Counsellor, Indian Embassy Berlin and Dr. Elke Löschorh from the International Office, FU were also present at this occasion!

Future Events

- Workshop: Getting started with the doctorate
- Workshop: Time management in doctoral research
- "Workshop: Presentation skills"

Prof. Lothar H. Wieler at the FU Liason Office in New Delhi

Prof. Wieler, speaker of the BRIDGE program visited the FU Liason Office in New Delhi in December 2013. The Liason office run by Dr. Ulrich Podewils is the program's link to the DFG office in New Delhi as well as to other important contacts in India.

Prof. Wieler gave a very interesting lecture on "How genomics change our understanding of infectious diseases" at the IIC Delhi.



2013: Reflections!

2013 was filled with a number of activities and events and was very busy for the IRTG1673.

- DWIH New Delhi – Excellence on Tour 2013

Some members of the IRTG participated in the German House of Innovation and Research (DWIH) Excellence on Tour held in April 2013 and represented the IRTG1673. This was a platform for young graduates to get to know of various Indo-German connections!

- Assessment Centre 2013

This was an important event to the IRTG where more than a hundred applicants from all over applied for a doctoral fellowship within the program. A face to face interview was organized in June 2013 to recruit young promising doctoral students.

- Scientific Workshops

A number of workshops including "Scientific proposal writing", "Preparing for the PhD viva defence" and "Introduction to German academic culture" were organized for the students. In addition individual career coaching for female doctoral students who are finishing up their thesis was also organized successfully.

- Annual Retreat

The annual retreat 2013 was once again held at Berlin-Schwanenwerder. Interesting discussions were an important focus at the retreat. Some of the new students were also present!



BRIDGE Colloquium

THURSDAYS, 10am

In 2013 we invited many renowned speakers to speak at our BRIDGE colloquium. We encourage doctoral students to invite and host speakers of their choice! This exposure will go a long way with their scientific careers.

International Research Training Group

"Functional Molecular Infection Epidemiology" (GRK 1673)

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