

**GRK 1673 congratulates the first graduates of the program**

This spring, the first doctoral students graduated from our program with a Dr. rer. nat. We proudly congratulate Dr. Thomas Horn from the lab of Prof. Hartmut Kühn (Charité), Dr. Ervinna Pang, supervised by Prof. Thomas Mayer at the MPI for Infection Biology, and Dr. Annesha Lahiri from the group of Dr. Astrid Lewin in the RKI. We further congratulate Dr. Nishant Nandanwar, who was associated to GRK 1673 and supervised by Prof. Lothar Wieler (Freie Universität Berlin). We wish our alumni all the best for their private and professional future!

**Future Events**

- > Workshop: “Essential Bioinformatics Resources for Protein Sequence-Structure-Function Analyses” by Kunchur and Lalitha Guruprasad, 10. - 11.09.2014
- > GRK 1673 Retreat on Schwanenwerder, 03. - 04.11.2014

**International Conference on Host Pathogen Interaction in Hyderabad, 12.-15.07.2014**

Some members of GRK 1673 visited the ICHPI conference in Hyderabad, organized by the National Institute of Animal Biotechnology. Prof. Lothar Wieler was invited as a keynote speaker at the inauguration ceremony and gave a talk on “Phylogenetic Molecular Typing: Basis and Framework to Understand Host-Pathogen Interactions”. Prof. Hartmut Kühn presented data on “Eicosanoid Signaling in Host-Pathogen Interactions”. The coordinator, Dr. Elisabeth Otto, was also invited to the conference to present the GRK 1673.

As always, the German researchers enjoyed their visit and the outstanding hospitality in Hyderabad. The meeting was also a great opportunity for networking - conference guest Prof. David Hume from Edinburgh will visit us in October to give the first lecture in the BRIDGE seminar series of the winter term 2014/15.

**DFG Evaluation****08. – 09.09.2014**

After four years of successful education and research GRK 1673 will be evaluated by the DFG in September. We hope our program will convince the DFG reviewers and GRK 1673 will be funded beyond March 2015, until September 2019. All members of the program, both from India and Germany and also the alumni are invited to support us during the assessment.

**Dr. Niyaz Ahmed Head of Biotechnology Department**

We congratulate our speaker in India, Dr. Niyaz Ahmed, who was appointed head of the Department of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics at the University of Hyderabad.

**New coordinator**

GRK 1673 coordinator Dr. Esther-Maria Antao is on maternity leave since April 2014 and will come back June 2015. Until then, Dr. Elisabeth Otto will replace her.

**Prof. Dr. Seyed Hasnain awarded German Federal Cross of Merit**

Seyed Hasnein, professor at the Indian Institute of Technology in New Delhi, was one of the initiators of GRK. After moving to Delhi in 2011 he remained associated to the program. In March he was awarded the German Federal Cross of Merit (Bundesverdienstkreuz), to acknowledge his outstanding contribution in promoting the scientific relations between Germany and India. GRK 1673 congratulates!

**BRIDGE Colloquium**

Starting **30<sup>th</sup> October**, THURSDAYS, 10am

In the past years we invited many renowned speakers to speak at our BRIDGE colloquium. We encourage doctoral students to invite and host speakers of their choice!

**International Research Training Group****“Functional Molecular Infection Epidemiology” (GRK 1673)**

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