

## Welcome to the PhD-Bio Newsletter Welcome to the second edition of our newsletter!

In this space, we aim to keep you up to date with what's happening across the institutes in Freiburg (Biology Faculty, MPI-IE and Uniklinik), alumni news, job opportunities and so much more! We invite contributions from everyone in our community and hope to create a strong network of Biology PhDs in Freiburg.

Hello from our monthly meeting!



## In May we will be electing a new panel of representatives.

**Biology PhD-Reps Annual Election** 

Reasons to get involved: -great opportunity to meet new people and network

Have you ever thought of becoming a Rep?

-work on topics that are close to your heart -improve your leardership skills -gain experience for your CV -it's fun! Even if you don't wish to become an elected member, we still welcome you to join us at the election seminar to see what we've been up to, share your thoughts and importantly, vote for the 2021/22 Representatives!

Any questions? Feel free to email us, or join our monthly meeting for more info! Next meeting: 4th May, 5.30pm (Zoom)

Details for the online seminar and election will be sent by email soon, so watch your



# **Quiz night - online**

UPCOMING

EVENTS



### right skills to become entrepreneur? -Thurs 20th May 13.30: Deep dive into fundraising

From SGBM: the first summer school on Transcription, Epigenetics and early **Development (TED course)** July 12-23, 2021. Limited places. More info

-Thur 15th April 13.30: **Do I have the** 

## Friday 30th April, from 7pm onwards Online. Register here

winning teams!

**Pint of Science** Instead of your favourite bar, this

year's Pint of Science will be held online.

scientists as they explain their research to

17.-19.

Mai '21

From May 17-19th join local Freiburg

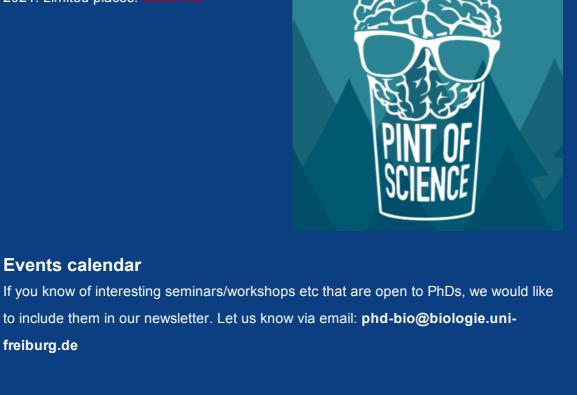
More info and links to talks here

Join us for the second PhD Reps Pub Quiz Meet new people! Attractive prizes for the

a general audience.

**Pint Of Science** 

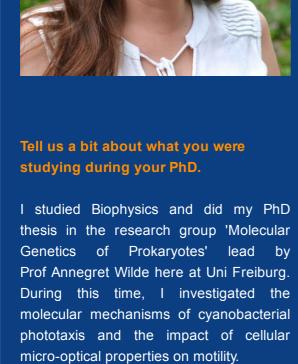
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**Events calendar** 

**Alumni News: where are they now?** 



## market during/after your PhD? I started applying for several positions half

What was your experience with the job

a year before the end of my contract. To be honest, I also applied for one or two positions that I did not find interesting at all in order to gain more experience in job interviews. At first glance, the job market seems to shun recent doctoral graduates and Covid certainly has worsened the situation. However, you should never forget that job advertisements describe an ideal and can sometimes be a little unrealistic. You should not be deterred too quickly if you do not meet every single requirement.

## Where are you now and what do you do? I joined the local biotech startup Opto Biolabs, a spin-off from the University of

Freiburg. We develop and sell illumination

This issue we feature

**Opto Biolabs** 

at local start up company

Dr Annik Jakob Product Manager

devices for optogenetic research. As junior Product Manager, it is crucial for me to understand customer needs in order to improve our products. In this position, I definitely benefit from my previous experience with bacterial photoreceptors and photoswitches, as well as my experience with self-made illumination devices for phototaxis research. Other aspects of the job were completely new territory for me. Most of the time, my learning-by-doing mentality helps me and, of course, the discussions with my colleagues. What message would you like to give to new or current PhD students at the faculty?

Decide early whether you want to go into

industry or stay in academia and start

networking accordingly during your PhD career. It sounds daunting, but it can really make a difference. If possible, you can

also try to find a mentor who can help you with questions about starting a career. **Alumni news** Are you going to graduate soon or know someone who has? We would like to profile recent PhD graduates to inspire and encourage all those who are still in the process of obtaining their PhD. Contact us to see how you can be involved!

Job opportunities

the Institute for Biology III is looking for a Postdoc in Structural and Quantitative Proteomics. The Institute for Prevention and Cancer Epidemiology at the University Medical

The research group of Prof Warscheid at

Center in Freiburg is looking to recruit a Postdoc in Epigenetics. The group of Prof di Ventura is looking for 2 Post Docs in Biological Signalling at the Institute of Biology II/III.

Position in the research group of Prof Lillemeier. More info The research group of Prof Grimbacher at the Center for Chronic Immunodeficiency (CCI) is looking for a Researcher in

Genetic analysis of primary immunodeficiencies. Motivated HiWi wanted for the support of the GAA, up to 60h/month for 12 months, German and English skills required.

The Institute for Biology III searches for a

Research Assistant / Lab Manager

# **Job opportuniites**

**COVID-19 updates** 

Do you have a position to advertise or know of something that could be interesting for Biology PhDs? Let us know via email: phd-bio@biologie.uni-freiburg.de

Find news and info regarding the Uni here and for more info about Germany in general

## (from the RKI) here Produced by the Biology PhD Reps