



Dear Postdocs and Colleagues

We hope you are enjoying this warm beginning of spring! Are you taking Easter vacations? Maybe you will find a nice time to read this issue's "Did you know?" section. In this issue our speaker, Doris Schneller, writes about a hot topic - The anti-vaccination movement (p2). Moreover, you will find a section dedicated to the last Research Lounge written by Christos Patsis (p4).

We are also delighted to share the career paths of DKFZ alumni, Jennifer Neumann and Mohanachary Amaravadi. Furthermore, this issue also informs about opportunities for advanced training for postdocs (p7-9). In addition, learn how to deal with stressful situations, with valuable information from DKFZ aktiv (p10). Also, please find information about the upcoming Career day on Medical Physics and Contact job fair (p13, 14).

Have you heard about the pdn-friends@dkfz.de mailing list? This list is intended to be a communication route for current and former postdocs, not only at DKFZ, but also in the whole Heidelberg area. Through this channel activities and information of wider interest can be announced and shared. This includes announcements of the monthly get-together, flats, scientific events, sports, and any subject you think might be interesting for postdocs.

In this issue we also welcome our new PDN members, Ruzhica Bogeska and Alexander Tolkachov. Finally we would like to invite you to contribute to the Postdoc Network. Join us in our biweekly meetings on Monday at 17:00, in room H1.00.028 and find out how you can help the postdoc community. We hope you enjoy our spring issue, and wish you a happy Easter!

Nádia Correia, Deblina Chakraborty, and Angela Riedel

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Did you know?

Text by Doris Schneller, PDN

The Anti-vaccination movement and its link to new outburst of old diseases

Vaccines are one of the most important measures of preventative medicine to protect the population from diseases and infections. They have contributed to decreasing rates of childhood diseases and, in some cases, have even wiped out some maladies that were common in past years, such as smallpox, rinderpest, and have nearly eradicated malaria and polio. However, there has been a recent rise in anti-vaccination attitude due to beliefs that vaccines cause more harm than benefits to the health of the children who receive them. This has caused vaccination rates to sustain a surprising drop in some Western countries.

Fear of vaccines and myths against them are not a new phenomenon. Opposition to vaccines goes as far back as the 18th century, when vaccines were accused as an attempt to oppose God's punishments upon man for his sins. However, opposition against vaccines was not only manifested in theological arguments, many also objected to them for political and legal reasons. The mandatory vaccination of children in the mid-19th century was seen as an insult on the liberties of the people. Eventually, penalties for not abiding by vaccination laws were removed and parents who did not believe vaccination was beneficial or safe were allowed to not have their children vaccinated.

The anti-vaccination movement was most strongly rejuvenated in 1998 after the publication of a paper in The Lancet by a former British doctor and researcher, Andrew Wakefield, which demonstrated a connection between the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine and development of autism in young children. Several studies published later disproved a causal association between the MMR vaccine and autism. Wakefield was severely criticized for his flawed and unethical research methods. A journalistic investigation also revealed that there was a conflict of interest with regard to Wakefield's publication because he had received funding from litigants against vaccine manufacturers, which he obviously did not disclose to neither his co-workers nor medical authorities. The Lancet fully retracted the study in 2010, and its editor declared it "utterly false". The damage, however, was already done and the myth was spread to many different parts of the world, even after later studies explicitly and thoroughly debunked the alleged MMR-autism link, the drop in vaccination rates persisted. As a result, multiple breakouts of measles have occurred throughout different parts of the Western world, infecting dozens of patients and even causing deaths. Additionally, some other preventable diseases make a vicious return, like mumps, whooping cough or chicken pox. Recently the anti-vaccination movement was boosted by the election of Donald Trump, who has shown support for the theory that vaccines cause autism.

When it comes to vaccines, the false information is plentiful and easy to find. Many parents lack basic knowledge of how vaccines work, as well as access to accurate information explaining the importance of the process. To combat the anti-vaccination movement, there must be a strong emphasis on helping parents develop trust in health professionals and relevant authorities, educating them on the facts and figures, debunking the myths spread by the anti-vaccination movements, and even introducing legislation that promotes vaccination.

Literature:

The Anti-vaccination Movement: A Regression in Modern Medicine

Hussain A., Ali S., Ahmed M., Hussain S. Cureus. 2018 Jul 3; 10(7):e2919. doi: 10.7759/cureus.2919.

Send us your 'Did you know' contributions to d.chakraborty@dkfz-heidelberg.de

Welcome and Get-together

Text by Neda Yahoo, PDN

Dear postdocs and friends,

My name is Neda and I am one of the new organizers of get-together events on behalf of PostDoc Network. Mine Özcan and I are organizing social activities with the goal of getting postdocs together in a friendly environment. This is also a very good opportunity to relax after a hard working day, meet new people and get to know what other labs are working on.

In January, we had dinner at the Red restaurant. It was very nice to exchange happy memories of Christmas holidays while enjoying the diverse buffet. The postdocs from various departments enjoyed this easygoing dinner where we could get to know each other during a nice evening.

The invitation to the get-together events is sent around through the mailing list pdn-friends@dkfz.de. Please do not hesitate to invite new postdocs who joined your lab recently and are not yet registered in the mailing list. This list includes not only postdocs from DKFZ, TP3 and TP4, ZMBH and NCT but also postdocs from other institutes in Heidelberg. If you are not in the mailing list and wish to attend our get-together events, please send an email to n.yahoo@dkfz-heidelberg.de or m.oezcan@dkfz-heidelberg.de.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next get-together!!



A glimpse of get-togethers through the years

Strong comeback for Research Lounge in 2019!

Text by Christos Patsis, PDN

The first Research Lounge of 2019 was crowned with success! On February 20th, the main topic presented at the Research Lounge was a recurring, although very often unaddressed issue, which troubles many of us graduate students and young researchers: How can I make it in the “tough” world of academia? Which are the most important milestones that I have to achieve in my academic career so I can increase my chances of becoming a junior group leader? Or as our invited speaker, **Duncan Odom**, put it in a nutshell in his talk “**Strategies to survive the academic career path**”: “What do you want to be when you grow up and why?”



Duncan Odom, the group leader of the newly-formed Division of Regulatory Genomics and Cancer Evolution at the DKFZ, took us on an exciting and thought-provoking journey through his up-and-coming scientific career, spanning his early PhD years at Caltech up to group leader positions at the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute, Cancer Research UK and the DKFZ. During his informative, yet highly entertaining, energetic and interactive talk, Duncan touched upon several subjects relevant to the modern-day academic career path and shared useful tips and guidance on how to approach your PhD project (and supervisor),



plan your next steps as a postdoc and eventually obtain your own funding and establish your own research groups. Moreover, Duncan answered critically and with humor numerous burning questions from the advice-thirsty and fully-engaged audience in the crammed IIC/ATV seminar room (**more than 70 attendees!**). After the end of the talk, a fervent conversation ensued at the ATV foyer, where participants had the chance to discuss about their personal experiences and challenges with Duncan and their peers, as well as network with fellow students and researchers over pizza and drinks.

For those who unfortunately missed the Research lounge or those who wish to have a summary of the talk's key points, you could go through the following two commentaries in Genome Biology by Duncan Odom on choosing wisely your next steps for your research career:

(1) "How to evaluate a graduate studentship, or choosing the right doctoral advisor"

<https://genomebiology.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/gb-2013-14-4-114>

(2) "Survival strategies for choosing the right postdoc position"

<https://genomebiology.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/gb4163>

Research Lounge is organized by the PostDoc Network with the aim of bringing DKFZ researchers of all levels together for interesting and resourceful discussions on diverse aspects of research life. We would like to thank you for your active participation and we hope to see many of you again at the upcoming Research Lounge. **And do not forget:** if you would like to give a talk, send us an email at pdn-committee@dkfz.de.

Career Paths of DKFZ Alumni

Jennifer Neumann, PhD - Project Team Lead in Clinical Oncology Support EMEA at Illumina, UK

Research background?

I did my PhD in the Division of Immunogenetics in the group of Prof. Krammer. My direct supervisor was Dr. Min Li-Weber and we were investigating the molecular mechanism of how the natural anticancer compound rocaglamide kills cancer but not normal cells.



What is your current position and what do you like about it?

After my PhD I moved to London where I started a position at Illumina, which develops and markets life science tools and integrated systems for large-scale analysis of genetic variation and function. I started in the technical support team where I learned the technology and gained experience in working with customers. After 1.5 years, I moved into the role of a Field Application Scientist (FAS). As a FAS, I was responsible for training customers, assisting their experimental design planning and troubleshooting instrumental or assay related issues of customers. After 2.5 years, I specialized into a Clinical Oncology FAS role. I focused on oncology applications and provided scientific and oncology assay specific support. I thoroughly enjoyed this role as I could use my scientific background when troubleshooting oncology related applications. I also enjoyed educating colleagues who didn't have an oncology background which was another part of the role. In 2019, I moved into a Project Team Lead role to support the collaboration of Illumina and Bristol-Myers Squibb on developing and commercializing companion diagnostics to support BMS' oncology drug pipeline. I am now leading a team of FAS and we are responsible for supporting customers who adopt the companion diagnostics assay. The team consists of senior FAS as well as colleagues who just finished their PhD or moved from a postdoc position to industry. My role now is to coach and develop them in their FAS roles. I also like the project management part of the position where I need to oversee the implementation of the assay at many different customer sites.

What skills have been useful in obtaining your new job?

About 1-2 years ago I realized I wanted to move into a management role and have since worked towards it. I was involved in different projects where I could gain leadership experience as well as deepen my project management skills. Having had exposure to essential skills needed in my current role have been important in obtaining it.

What is your tip for DKFZ Postdocs and PhDs that are interested in a similar job?

The most important part is knowing what your strengths are and what you like to do. Working in customer support can be demanding but even more rewarding. If you enjoy working with people, being a technical expert, solving problems and giving training, working in technical support or as a field based FAS is a great role. Skills from PhD and Postdoc positions are very applicable to these types of roles. If looking for a Team Lead role then experience in leading people and projects is important.

Mohanachary Amaravadi, PhD - Postdoctoral Scientist, McGill University, Canada

Research background?

During my Master's in Animal Biotechnology at the University of Hyderabad, India, I studied the effects of endocrine disruptors on the hypothalamic–pituitary–gonadal axis in catfish. The project involved the use of basic molecular biology techniques to study *in vivo* gene dysregulation in presence of endocrine disruptors. I then moved to Germany for my PhD at DKFZ. I worked in the division of functional genomics, under Dr. Joerg Hoheisel, to identify pathogenic viral sequences in pancreatic cancer. Taking inspiration from Prof. Harald zur Hausen's work on genomic hybridizations to identify pathogenic nucleic acid sequences in tumors, we improvised representational difference analysis to specifically enrich differential sequences that are present only in the tumor genome but not in healthy pancreatic tissues. We also used next generation sequencing to identify pathogenic sequences at micro RNA level which led to the identification of a few viral sequences in pancreatic cancer. After my PhD, I moved to the U.S.A for a short period of postdoctoral training at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. During this period, I learned what “*bench to bedside*” really meant. Later, my postdoctoral work was at the Genome Quebec Innovation Center, McGill University in Canada. This training was in the field of the core functional omics of kidney cancer. I worked on the projects related to the regulation of RNA-binding proteins and micro RNA in the progression of kidney cancer.



What is your current position and what do you like about it?

Currently, I am doing a postdoctoral fellowship at the McGill University Health Center. I am trying to identify novel circulating gene markers for metastatic prostate cancer in liquid biopsies of patients. Coming from an applied science background, working at this health center is giving me great exposure to translational research. This is my first time working with patients' blood samples (Biobank) to correlate their treatments with the gene expression in their blood, in a longitudinal disease trajectory (over a period of ten years)!

What skills have been useful in obtaining your new job?

Technical skills related to my research topics such as qPCR, immunoblotting, next generation sequencing, etc., were very useful. However, soft skills such as effective oral and poster presentation skills, project designing and planning that I learned at DKFZ and other institutions, were also extremely helpful. Negotiation skills are especially important when I am now trying to transit from academia to the industry.

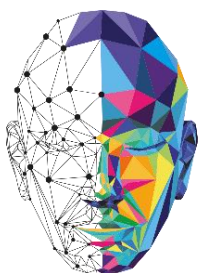
What is your tip for DKFZ Postdocs and PhDs that are interested in a similar job?

In my opinion, clinical research is turning more multi-dimensional every year. So, my advice is to develop and hone skills that give you the competitive edge on your peers. This not only helps you to look at cancer from a better perspective but also provides a comprehensive knowledge about the disease. For example, I feel I would have been at a better vantage point if I had more experience in bioinformatics or statistics and clinical research.

Information for Postdocs

Text by Philipp Gebhardt, DKFZ International Postdoc Program and DKFZ Clinician Scientist Program

The new “Pocket Guide for Postdocs” – an information resource for new and experienced Postdocs at the DKFZ



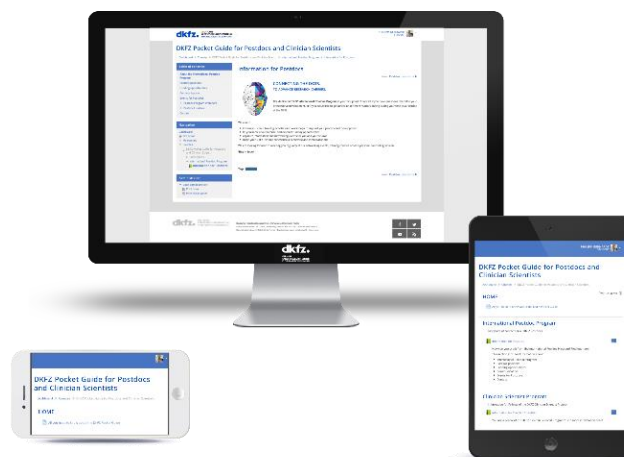
The DKFZ Pocket Guide for Postdocs and Clinician Scientists is intended to provide information about the DKFZ International Postdoc Program, the DKFZ Clinician Scientist Program and associated support programs in a nutshell. It contains tailored general information, direct links to more specific sources of information on the DKFZ Intranet and contact details of DKFZ colleagues in supporting roles.

This resource is not meant to replace any of the official web pages on the DKFZ Intranet or Internet presence. However, it will give you a quick overview about the most relevant points concerning your career stage and will tell you where to turn for more comprehensive information.

In addition to actively supporting the onboarding phase of postdoctoral researchers and Clinician Scientist Fellows entering the DKFZ, the Pocket Guide should become part of your information portfolio and help you maintain your orientation throughout all stages of your career at the German Cancer Research Center.

No matter if you are new to the DKFZ or have been working at the center already for a longer time, you can always come back to this resource and revise the information listed in the Pocket Guide.

Due to its responsive design, the DKFZ Pocket Guide Web App will adapt to your needs and can be viewed on different devices – even if you are on the go!



How does it work?

You can access the DKFZ Pocket Guide for Postdocs at: www.dkfz.de/postdoc/pocketguide

- Simply login in with your DKFZ login credentials to access the Pocket Guide information from your computer or mobile device and get relevant information whenever you need it.
- You can stop reviewing content at any time and come back later. A tick next to a content page may be used to indicate when you have completed it.
- The Pocket Guide is meant to be your mobile companion during your time at the DKFZ. Come back from time to time and check for new content.

What's in there for you?

At the moment, the DKFZ Pocket Guide contains information for Postdocs and Clinician Scientist Fellows. Compact information on funding opportunities for different career stages, mailing lists and events for postdoctoral researchers are presented along information on Career Service, Advanced Training, the Postdoc Network, on Good Scientific Practice and much more. In addition, you will find a compilation of links directing you to other central departments at the DKFZ, contact persons and important documents. The FAQ section is the place to find answers to your most frequently asked questions – a resource which we envisage to grow over time with your help!

CONTRIBUTE!

We very much value your feedback on the content provided in this DKFZ Pocket Guide!

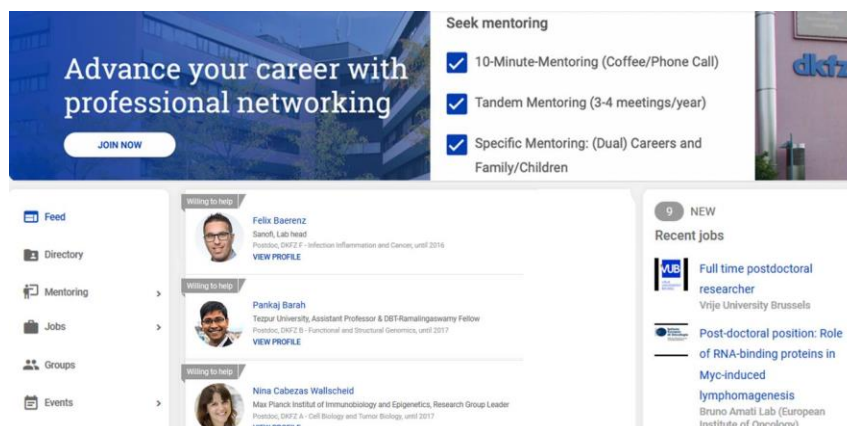
This is your chance to shape the experience for new and experienced researchers at the DKFZ. Let us know if you think that essential information is missing. Feel free to submit your feedback from within the Pocket Guide pages ("Feedback" section). We will make sure to review your request and try to add the requested information to the Pocket Guide pages in due course.

Let's grow together and make sure that the Pocket Guide will further adapt to your needs!

DKFZ Career Center

Text by Marion Gürth

www.dkfz-connect.de - Relaunch with new MENTORING function



We are happy to announce that in spring 2019 our DKFZ online platform www.dkfz-connect.de will be relaunched. You will experience a completely revised layout, improved features and new options to accelerate your career by professional networking with peer postdocs and more than 1600 DKFZ Alumni. One major element will be our enhanced **mentoring** feature – more than 800 Alumni on the platform are willing to mentor from which about 200 did a Postdoc at DKFZ.

In order to benefit optimally make sure to edit your profile on DKFZ Connect and add a) *Seek Mentoring* options b) *Career Interests* c) *Industry* of interest. As part of our relaunch preparation we will ask the Mentors to do the same and will let you know when enough Mentors have updated profiles.

Seek Mentoring	Career Interests
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10-Minute-Mentoring (Coffee/Phone Call)	<input type="checkbox"/> Academic Research and Teaching
<input type="checkbox"/> Tandem Mentoring (3-4 meetings/year)	<input type="checkbox"/> Clinical Research
<input type="checkbox"/> Specific Mentoring: (Dual) Careers and Family/Children	<input type="checkbox"/> Data Science / Engineering
	<input type="checkbox"/> Drug Approval and Production
	<input type="checkbox"/> Entrepreneurship, IP and the Business of Science
	<input type="checkbox"/> Marketing and Sales
	<input type="checkbox"/> Research in Industry
	<input type="checkbox"/> Science Management and Project Management
	<input type="checkbox"/> Science Writing and Communication

Based on these updated settings, as well as your Background and Location, DKFZ Connect and the Career Center can support you in suggesting suitable Mentors. Of course you can also search for a Mentor by using even more specific search filters e.g. a concrete institute, company or job function. More importantly: think of which S.M.A.R.T. question you want to address together with your Mentor as part of your Career Development. Feel free to make an appointment with the Career Service (also possible via phone) to discuss your options.

After identifying a question and a potential mentor you can take the first step and send the person a mentoring request and then take your mentoring relationship into real life. Of course you are also welcome to “give back” and offer mentorship yourself. The ones who have attended the DKFZ Career Toolkit training know how powerful peer mentoring with other Postdocs can be, and you can also gain leadership skills by mentoring younger Researchers.

DKFZ aktiv! - How to Deal with Stressful Situations?

Text by Gabriele Schulze-König

In a research center of excellence such as the DKFZ expectations upon staff can be quite high. In addition, burdening topics or situations of conflict may arise in your everyday life, which you as a leader or employee may not feel capable of dealing with yourself and where you wish you had support. If you are looking for help or would like to be preventively active, support is available from various coaching services. As employee of the DKFZ and as scholarship holder, you can either refer to Stefanie Fauth from BAD GmbH or to the coaching team at the “Heidelberger Institut für Coaching” (HIC).

Despite different initiators, both services aim to optimize your satisfaction with life and work. The coaching enables you to quickly and effectively receive help to help yourself, so that new solution strategies can be developed – both problem oriented as well as preventive.

Potential coaching topics may be:

- Stress management
- Self-organization; time management
- Conflict management
- Coping with change
- Implications of sickness
- State of exhaustion
- Personal crisis
- Coping with extreme situations
- Issues of addiction
- Compatibility of family and career
- Support in management issues

Coaching is offered in German and English. If needed, contact to further experts can be facilitated. Discretion is guaranteed! Information will only be passed on to a third party if you agree in writing.

This coaching offer is part of *DKFZ aktiv!*, the Corporate Health Management Program (BGM) of the DKFZ. The aim of *DKFZ aktiv!* is to shape your working environment – the framework conditions, structures, and processes – in such a way that they are beneficial for your health. At the same time, you have the possibility to perceive your own individual resources and to strengthen them so that you can develop a self-determined behavior that is healthy for you. Because you are the most important resource for the success of the DKFZ it is of great concern to us that you remain motivated, efficient and committed in the long term!

For all information regarding the coaching offer see the intranet:

Homepage > Administration and Staff Units > Human Resources > The Corporate Health Management Program (BGM) > The Offer from A-Z > [Consulting Service in Stressful Situations](#). If you have any suggestions or questions, please contact *DKFZ aktiv!*, aktiv@dkfz.de, Phone: 1764 / 1769.



DKFZ aktiv! - Breast Cancer Prevention: MammaCare Training in English

Text by Gabriele Schulze-König



MammaCare® is a method to teach and increase your skills how to do a breast selfexamination. The goal of the course is that you get experience in how to do a breast self-examination, how to do it regularly and systematically, and how to document it for a physician.

There are free Spots for the English speaking Training on Monday, May 13, 2019, 9.00-12.30.

For all information regarding the training see the intranet:

Homepage > Administration and Staff Units > Human Resources > The Corporate Health Management Program (BGM) > The Offer from A-Z > Prevention > [MammaCare Training](#)

For registration, please contact Ramona Henrich, r.henrich@dkfz.de, Phone: 2137 or use the Training Portal.

Books, Books, Books

You want to write a book? We at Springer are happy to help you get it published!

Did you know that there are Springer offices here in Heidelberg? Just down the road, along the Neckar?

No? Then it is time to get to know each other! Our book team in Heidelberg has nine members on topics ranging from Cancer Biology to Immunology, Microbiology to Bioinformatics. You have a great idea for a book? Found a niche where you always thought a book is missing? Get in contact and we can help you develop your idea and get you published!



E- mail Ulrike Träger (Ulrike.traeger@springer.com) with your pitch and we will make sure your voice is heard.

Upcoming Career Day:

Medical Physics – May 31st, 2019

SAVE THE DATE!

We would like to cordially invite you to the first Career Day of the year in “Medical Physics” taking place at the DKFZ on Friday, May 31st. This event provides the perfect opportunity for you to get insights into the different career paths from our speakers who have been where you are now. Get to know about the various possibilities in academia, clinics, industry and beyond. Enrich your network in direct conversations during round tables and present yourself at our “Wall of fame”.

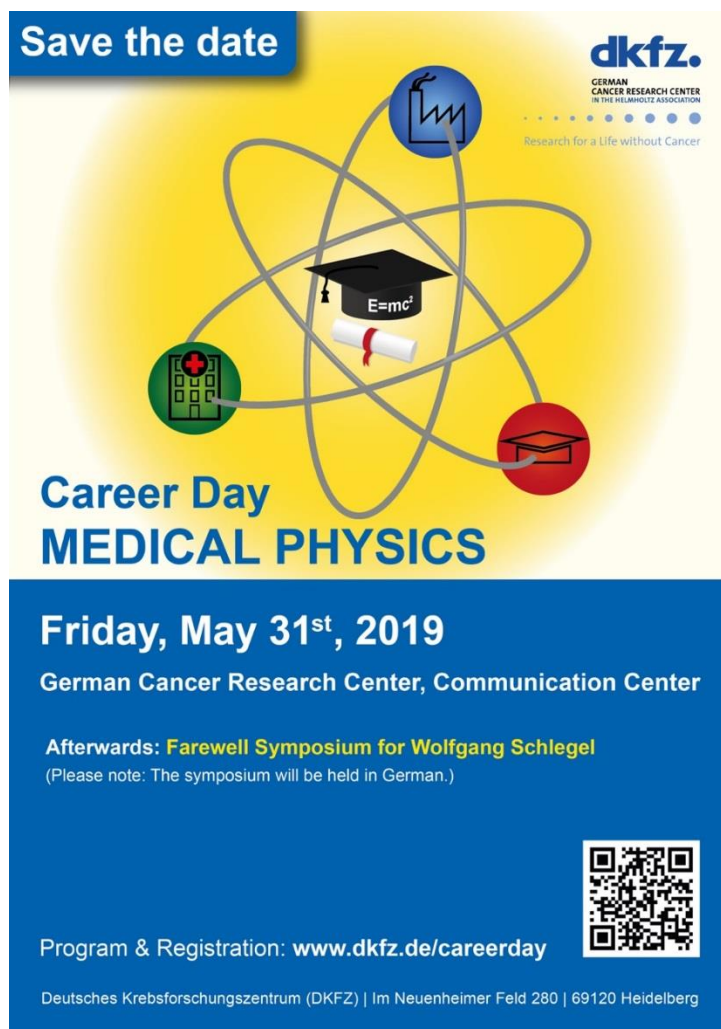
Learn from our DKFZ alumni who we invited as speakers and seize the chance to hear from firsthand about their career paths and previous experiences. Besides rather obvious careers in academia and clinics, you can learn how to become a successful project manager, consultant, or CEO of your own start-up company! Come and join us on Friday, May 31st, for enthusiastic talks and face-to-face discussions to get answers to all the questions on your mind!

And there is more: we are also inviting you for the Symposium for Prof. Schlegel which will take place afterwards (please note that the Symposium will be held in German).

We are looking forward to seeing you at the [Career Day “Medical Physics”](#)!

Öykü Tosun on behalf of the organizing team.

www.dkfz.de/careerday



The poster features a central graphic of an atom with a black graduation cap and a rolled diploma labeled $E=mc^2$ at its center. Three colored circles (blue, green, and red) are positioned around the atom, each containing a different icon: a factory, a building with a red cross, and a graduation cap. The background is a bright yellow gradient. The DKFZ logo and tagline are in the top right corner.

Save the date

**Career Day
MEDICAL PHYSICS**


Friday, May 31st, 2019

German Cancer Research Center, Communication Center

Afterwards: Farewell Symposium for Wolfgang Schlegel
(Please note: The symposium will be held in German.)

Program & Registration: www.dkfz.de/careerday

Deutsches Krebsforschungszentrum (DKFZ) | Im Neuenheimer Feld 280 | 69120 Heidelberg





CONTACT2019

We, BioContact e.V., cordially invite you to our annual job fair the „**CONTACT2019**“, one of the most successful life science job fair in the Rhine-Neckar metropolitan area. We welcome young scientists, physicians, and laboratory technicians from interdisciplinary backgrounds to visit our job fair and meet company representatives from the fields of life science, biotechnology, pharmaceuticals and small startup companies.

The **CONTACT2019** provides the unique opportunity to get in touch with diverse companies, get information about their recruiting policies and job opportunities in a relaxed atmosphere. Furthermore, a wide range of talks as well as numerous workshops (such as a qualified CV check) will be offered. Visit our homepage <https://www.biocontact.info/contact2019> for more information and register for one of the workshops – for free.

Take the chance to find out what an industrial career can offer you! We hope to see you there.

Save the date

CONTACT2019

What? **Life Science Job Fair**

When? **15th May 2019, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

Where? At the **German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ) in Heidelberg**
in the communication center

Achievements by Postdocs

We are happy to announce new publications of postdocs and awards, grants, fellowships and stipends awarded to them. -Congratulations to everyone-

New Publications

Dr. Doris Schneller (A100)

Schneller D, Hofer-Warbinek R, Sturtzel C, Lipnik K, Gencelli B, Seltenhammer M, Wen M, Testori J, Bilban M, Borowski A, Windwarder M, Kapel SS, Besemfelder E, Cejka P, Habbertheuer A, Schlechta B, Majdic O, Altmann F, Kocher A, Augustin HG, Luttmann W, Hofer E. [Cytokine-Like 1 Is a Novel Proangiogenic Factor Secreted by and Mediating Functions of Endothelial Progenitor Cells](#). Circ Res. 2019 Jan 18; 124(2):243-255.

Dr. Barbara Costa (A100)

Costa B, Eisemann T, Strelau J, Spaan I, Korshunov A, Liu HK, Bugert P, Angel P, Peterziel H. [Intratumoral platelet aggregate formation in a murine preclinical glioma model depends on podoplanin expression on tumor cells](#). Blood Adv. 2019 Apr 9; 3(7):1092-1102

Eisemann T, Costa B, Peterziel H, Angel P. [Podoplanin positive myeloid cells promote glioma development by immune suppression](#). Front. Oncol. March 2019

Dr. Lei Huang (C070)

Huang L, Balavarca Y, Van der Geest L, Lemmens V, Van Eycken L, De Schutter H, Johannesen TB, Zadnik V, Primic-Zakelj M, Mägi M, Grützmann R, Besseling MG, Schrotz-King P, Brenner H, Jansen L. [Development and validation of a prognostic model to predict the prognosis of patients who underwent chemotherapy and resection of pancreatic adenocarcinoma: a large international population-based cohort study](#). BMC Med. 2019 Mar 25; 17(1):66

New Awards and Grants

Dr. Dominic Edelmann (C060)

Dominic Edelmann, postdoctoral fellow at the division for Biostatistics received a DFG-grant ("Sachbeihilfe") for his own position with the title dCortools: Distance Correlation Method for Detecting Nonlinear Associations in High-Dimensional Molecular Data.

Dr. Gianluca Figlia (B140)

Gianluca has been awarded with an EMBO long-term fellowship.

Dr. Sina Oppermann (B310)

Sina, a former fellow of the DKFZ Postdoc Program, recently received an EU-grant for a EU EraPerMed project with the topic “COMPASS: The guide to new therapies for children with cancer”, that she is leading as a scientific coordinator together with Olaf Witt. Furthermore, she is just about to start her own group – Translational Pediatric Pharmacology-, which is part of the Pediatric Oncology (KITZ and DKFZ).

Dr. Lei Huang (C070)

Lei received an Award for Young Investigators at the 13th International Gastric Cancer Congress (IGCC).

In the next newsletter we will again promote achievements by DKFZ & DKTK Postdocs. Name us your publications, awards, and grants!

Send your information to: n.correia@dkfz.de or d.chakraborty@dkfz.de

Vacancies at PDN

We are always happy to welcome new Postdocs to the PDN. If you would like to actively participate and join the committee, we are looking for people interested in helping the **Newsletter team, Research Lounge team and the Lunch Talk organizing team**. If you would like to develop your networking, communication, management and creative skills, these positions are just right for you. Or if you have an idea that PDN could help with, ask us!

Send us an email at pdn-committee@dkfz.de.

PDN: From Postdocs for Postdocs

Making more of your time as a Postdoc at DKFZ

Last but not least, keep an eye on these opportunities/events:

Save the Dates:

Postdoc Retreat!! – 4th - 5th May, 2019, DKFZ Communication Center

Medical Physics Career Day – 31st May, 2019, DKFZ Communication Center

Contact2019 – 15th May, 2019, DKFZ Communication Center

Running Meetup – Every Thursdays at 18:00. Meeting point: DKFZ Main Building foyer
(contact Stefan Kallenberger s.kallenberger@dkfz.de)

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