

Dear friends and colleagues:

Since many important events have taken place since our last newsletter in July 2010, we would like to take this opportunity to give you a brief update on our **"International Master/PhD Program in Biomedical Sciences" (IMBS)**.

Class 2011- Summer School in Freiburg

In July 2010, the students of the class 2011 arrived in Freiburg and since then, they have successfully completed the 8 modules of the Summer School.

Interestingly, this year the Molecular Oncology module was taught in the context of our **1st 'Comprehensive Cancer Research Training Program in Medical Oncology'** (CCRTP-MO Meeting) **in Hinterzarten** (Black Forest), organized by our Hematology and Oncology Department **in collaboration with the University Medical Center in Tübingen**. That was undoubtedly a very unique opportunity for our students to listen to excellent presentations and also for an individual and personal exchange with experts in various fields of hematology and oncology, amongst others specialities.

The reciprocal evaluation of students and modules/teachers deserves a crucial role and helps us to further improve our program. At the end of the Summer School, we received the evaluation forms from both sides and carefully analyzed them, thereby trying to consider and implement, as far as possible, our student's suggestions and comments.

On request of our students, we additionally organized this year a 2-day **long 'Core facility Course'** for them with the kind collaboration of Dr. Marie Follo, Dr. Stefan Zimmermann, Dr. Dominik von Elversfeldt and Dr. Dietmar Pfeifer. **We would like to thank them once again for their helpfulness and support.**

Students of the class 2011 are presently performing the 2nd month of their lab rotation. The farewell party of the first students leaving Freiburg took place on the 4th of November in the well-known 'Feierling brewery', including an interesting guided tour through the brewery.

The IMBS Freiburg Delegation in Buenos Aires

From the 9th to the 17th of October, the IMBS Team Freiburg and German Professors met in Buenos Aires, where they had an intensive week with presentations and fruitful discussions with the **UBA Administration and Deans**, representatives from the **DAAD**, the **German-Argentine University Center** and the **German Embassy** in Buenos Aires, with a very positive feedback to our program and the promising possibility for a further financial support of the IMBS Master/PhD Program and our students through scholarships.

New interesting ideas have emerged from these meetings, such as the establishment of an 'IMBS students club' in order to keep in contact with former students after their graduation. Such Alumni meetings, e.g. every 5-10 years are to be scheduled.

We also want to express at this point **our sincere thankfulness to the UBA** administration and Deans for the excellent organization of the week-activities during our staying in Buenos Aires.



IMBS Team Freiburg and Professors



Prof. Robert Huber with IMBS students

Keynote lecture with Prof. Robert Huber

It was a privilege for us to win **Prof. Robert Huber from Munich as our keynote speaker** for the inauguration of the class 2012, where we had the honor to attend a fascinating presentation on '**Proteins and their structures at the interface of physics, chemistry and biology and application in medicine**'. Prof. Robert Huber (Nobel Laureate for Chemistry 1988) has already obtained the honorary professorship from several universities and on this occasion, he also received the *honoris causa* degree of 'Doctor de la Universidad de Buenos Aires (UBA)' in Argentina. Prof. Huber also met with the UBA and ALU Professors and the IMBS Team expressing his strong support to our program. Afterwards, the IMBS student class 2010 and 2012 likewise had the unique opportunity to meet and discuss with Prof. Huber face to face.

3rd IMBS Symposium (Part A) in Buenos Aires: 'Master Thesis Symposium 2010'

On the 13th and 15th of October 2010 the **Master Thesis Symposium and the graduation** of the class 2010 students took place. All students held outstanding presentations of their master thesis and we were really proud of their excellent performance. The diplomas are currently being elaborated at the University of Buenos Aires. As soon as they are finished, we will begin with the necessary steps in order to achieve the recognition of the diploma also in Germany. **Congratulations to all our first graduated students!**



'Master Thesis Symposium 2010' in Buenos Aires. IMBS class 2010 with IMBS Professors from Freiburg and Buenos Aires

3rd IMBS Symposium (Part B) in Freiburg

On October the 27th, the **3rd IMBS Symposium** Part B was held in Freiburg. It was a pleasure for us to welcome Prof. Dr. Alberto Boveris, Dr. Ricardo Gelpi, Dr. Gabriel Gutkind and Mrs. Ana Villafañe. The main purpose of the 3rd IMBS Symposium was the presentation of the master projects. Students of the class 2011 were then evaluated by the Argentinean and German professors in terms of project design, way of presentation and performance at the discussion. We were positively surprised by the quality of the presentations. After the symposium, we had a round table discussion with the students on October the 29th, where they received the results of their evaluation, having also, the opportunity to ask for an individual feedback from our side.



3rd IMBS Symposium in Freiburg. IMBS Class 2011 and Members of the IMBS-Team Freiburg and Buenos Aires.

During our stay in Buenos Aires, we had the opportunity to get to know the 17 new IMBS students class 2012, which have already started with the first module on October the 18th and will be arriving in Freiburg in July 2011.

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