

IMBS Update July 2010

Dear friends and colleagues:

Today I would just like to give you a brief update on our "**International Master/PhD Program in Biomedical Sciences**" (IMBS).

In May 2010, our IMBS Program was evaluated by a group of **DAAD evaluators**. Two intensive days of presentations, discussions with the members of the UBA and ALU Teams were complemented by strong support of the UBA Administration and Deans, the German Ambassador and other Members of the German Embassy, the Argentine-German Chamber of Commerce, the members of the ARGER Foundation and many others. While we are still waiting for the final report, the impressions of the evaluators were very positive and a vote for continuation of the program was made. **Congratulations to everybody!**



The DAAD Team and Members of the UBA and ALU IMBS Teams

The **class of 2010** is now back in Buenos Aires finalizing their master thesis and preparing for the exam in the week of October 11. Alexandra Ortiz is staying in Freiburg, finalizing her thesis work here and helping us with the arrival of the new students of the class of 2011. Most of the students of the IMBS Program plan to continue with a PhD Program at either University.



Farewell of the 2010 IMBS Freiburg Master Group

The **class of 2011** has finally arrived and, after the initial turmoil, is settling down. The course is taught and organized in a very professional way again. We had our first round table discussion with the students on July 28, clarifying any remaining questions and concerns. Again, it is a wonderful group of interested and bright students

This year we have added to the curriculum two days of **molecular cardiology**, taught and organized by PD Dr. Zirlik from our cardiology department in the week of September 20. For the rest of that week, the oncology module will be run as part as our comprehensive cancer research training program in medical oncology (CCRTP-MO), which will be held in a wonderful little village in the black forrest called Hinterzarten together with approximately 30 German students, junior scientist and doctors. Also, if anybody of you is also interested in joining us for this occasion, please let us know.

The **evaluations of students and modules** will be performed as last year. I have recently mailed the necessary forms to the professors. If there are any problems or questions please don't hesitate to contact us.



Welcome Meeting with the IMBS Class 2011 and Members of the Freiburg IMBS Team

For the **class of 2012** we have received 137 applications. The teams at UBA and ALU have selected 25 candidates, who will be notified about the final decision this week. We do expect the final number to be about 20 students. After the recommendations of the DAAD for this "elite" program and based on our own assessment, 20+/- students are about the maximum, that can successfully participate in the current program.

The program for these students will start in October of this year, so we should be able to meet them during the Milstein-Köhler Symposium in BA in October.

Milstein-Köhler Symposium in Buenos Aires in the week of October 11

Professor Huber from Munich (Nobel Laureate for Chemistry 1988) will be this year's keynote speaker for the inauguration of the class of 2012. The final agenda for the week of October 11 is still not final. We again expect a full program examining the students, giving own lectures and discussing other parts of our program. We plan to fly to Buenos Aires on October 9, returning on the following Sunday, which is October 17, arriving in Frankfurt on Monday October 18. It would be nice, if a number of German **professors would join us for this trip**. A few of them have already let us know they will participate. Please let us know as soon as possible **whether you will be able to join us so we may prepare the necessary paper work etc. For hotel reservation in Buenos Aires please contact: sabine.odenthal@uniklinik-freiburg.de**

Freiburg IMBS Symposium in the first week of November 2010

The Freiburg IMBS Symposium of this year will probably be held in the first week of November. Here the current students will present their master thesis project including their preliminary results. This will be an examination of their performance during their stay in Freiburg (mid-term examination) in addition to the evaluations they are receiving for each module. We anticipate, that, like last year, some of our Argentine and German colleagues will join us for this mid-term examination also with presentations of their own research.

Other events are still in preparation.

Wishing you a wonderful, enjoyable, and successful summer I am

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