**Big Changes Concerning the LSM**

The existing study regulations changed and we explain in the following how...

The students of the LSM now have to be registered in the “Promotionsstudien-gang-LSM” for at least six semesters. If you have not done so yet, then contact Francisca.

Concerning the TAC Meeting guidelines TAC members must foster interdisciplinarity (see table). Furthermore, a fourth TAC form for the completion of the disputation is required to be handed into the LSM office.

Following complaints about the lecture attendances, the rule was made more flexible. The number of lectures we need to attend is still 40, but now the LSM students have to visit 15 LSM lectures, 15 external ones and can choose for the remaining 10.

The changes also include the opportunity for LSM students to practice their important talks. Upon request at the student council, the students can present within the LSM lecture series before attending a conference or their disputation.

Due to the collaboration with different SFB’s (see LSM homepage for further information), it is now possible to exchange one LSM retreat with two SFB retreats. However, at least one LSM retreat has to be attended.

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**About the LSM**

The Graduate School Life Science Munich (LSM) is an international doctoral programme at the LMU which includes the Faculties of Biology, Chemistry, Biochemistry and Pharmacy and more than 40 research groups. For more informations, you can visit www.lsm.bio.lmu.de.

**Numbers about the LSM**

Currently, there are 46 students in the LSM, 57 % of which are female and 52 % come from outside Germany. The LSM includes students from 17 different countries. 48 students have graduated from the LSM since 2011 to date.

**News and Informations**

- The LSM is currently creating an Alumni network with the hope of having a LSM event and keeping in touch with its former students.
- The newsletter will be released once a year to both its members and Alumni.
- The LSM participates in the Munich Graduate School Network, which is a network created by and for doctoral students from all of the surrounding programmes.
- Once again two full scholarship were granted for 2017 and 2018 by the DAAD-GSSP programme. These are scholarships for international students to complete their doctoral studies. They include a 1-4 years of full financial support. For further information see website.
- The winner of the 2015 LSM publication prize was Christina Bielmeier for her paper “Interface Contractility between Differently Fated Cells Drives Cell Elimination and Cyst Formation” published in Current Biology in March 2016.
- Don’t forget to apply for a LSM travel grant, for your next scientific travelling. Information about possible travel grants can be found at the LSM website.

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Did you publish something special? Then apply for the new LSM publication prize! Submit your publication together with a small paragraph (in PDF form) to the LSM Office (lsm@bio.lmu.de), where you explain what you did, why it is important and special in your own field of biosciences. The publication date has to be within 2016. Application deadline is March, 31st 2017. The LSM publication price is notated with 400 € and the winner will be announced at the next Biocenter Open house day in July 2017.

For more informations: http://www.lsm.bio.lmu.de/news.html

Publications
Publications of LSM students in the last 12 months:

Student Council
This year we welcomed to the Student council a lot of new members, among them Laura Besora Casals, José Antonio Villaècija Aguilar and Susanne Leidescher in the social committee, and Jennifer Sacher in the newsletter team. If you want to join us, the council is voted during the annual general meeting. You can contact any of us for more information, our contacts can be find on the LSM website.

Go Team LSM!
Dear all,
I am looking for team members to take part in this year’s XLETIX challenge (http://de.xletix.com/).
The challenge is a mud run ca. 6 km with 15 barriers, such as walls, ice water, nets and much more. It will take place at the 24th of June. I know there are some “hard core guys” in the LSM. I would like to attend this challenge with a LSM-team just for the fun of it and of course to prove that, “Yes, we can”!
In principle your fitness level does not matter, I would be happy to organize some training sessions during lunch breaks or after hours to get us into shape.
At the moment the attendance fee is 50 € (the earlier we register, the cheaper it is) but should we reach enough participants ca. 15 people the price also improves!
Having said this, I would also like to bring to your attention that the LSM would support us financially in taking part as GO TEAM LSM.
What better way to release stress than to have another challenge? If we can accomplish this, we WILL accomplish our THESIS!
I look forward to your replies! You can accomplish this, we WILL accomplish our THESIS!
I look forward to your replies! You can send me a mail until 24th of February 2017 to christina.nagler@palaeo-evodevo.info.