



NEWSLETTER

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AGM Announcement

Our annual general meeting (AGM) will take place on 2nd June, 2021. The AGM is our chance as LSM students to present our progress within the graduate school, but also to address problems and suggestions for improvement. Anyone who wants to contribute a topic is welcome to do so. Just send an email to Annabel, Robert or Nadine.

The new president of the LSM student council will also be elected at the end of the AGM. So be sure to come in large numbers!

The Speaker's Address

Prof. Dr. Christof Osman

Dear LSM students,

I hope that all of you have had successful past months in the lab! From my own experience I know that this is not always the case and that there are times during a doctoral project that can be frustrating and unrewarding. In the recent year, such periods must have been particularly tough, when distractions in other areas of everyday life were missing and failed to balance out the stress that some of you may



On March 25 and 26, the campus wide virtual symposium on responsible research took place, which was co-hosted by the LSM. For two days, numerous questions concerning the reproducibility of data, conflicts of interest, preprint publishing, open science as well as mental health and its effects on responsible research were tackled by various speakers from different fields. LSM would like to thank again all those who participated in the event and made it such a great success!

have experienced in lab. Now, that the Covid cases are decreasing in numbers, there appears to be a light at the end of the tunnel. I'd like to give a big shout-out to all of you who have made it through those difficult months!!! Given the restrictions you faced, I was all the more impressed that you managed to offer and participate in online gatherings, ranging from the retreat to cooking events. Such efforts are invaluable, because they help you to get the most out of the graduate school. The networks that you build today will benefit you for many years to come!

Upcoming LSM Courses:

All courses are online!

17-18 June 2021

Grant Proposal Writing by
Brian Cusack

**6 September - 8 September
2021**

LSM Retreat

20-23 September 2021

Good Manufacturing Practice
(GMP) (English)

**27 September-1 October
2021**

Good Manufacturing Practice
(GMP) (German)

4-5 October 2021

Scientific Writing by Brian
Cusack

11-12 November 2021

Effective Visual Communi-
cation of Science

ALUMNI INTERVIEW

Dr. Lisa-Marie Schmid

Where are you working now? Could you please shortly describe your current position?

After finishing my PhD in Molecular Plant Sciences, I started my new position at LOEWE® Biochemica. LOEWE® is a small company specialized in producing a range of different diagnostic reagents and kits for the detection of plant pathogens (e.g. viruses, bacteria, fungi). As part of the production and R&D team, I develop a variety of new molecular diagnostic kits (PCR/RT-PCR/qPCR), I produce antigens for antibody production (ELISAs), and I optimize and establish new laboratory methods. I changed from basic research during my PhD to applied research now

which is as exciting and challenging as before. I really enjoy the diversity of tasks and projects and I constantly keep learning more and more about the fascinating world of plant pathogens.

How did being part of the LSM help you find or adjust to your current position? How can you apply the experiences gained throughout your doctoral studies?

Looking back, LSM helped me a lot in staying open-minded and curious about science beyond the "narrow" specialized topic of my PhD. Regarding what is especially helpful for my new position, I would say that the courses I took during my LSM time were indeed useful, I was even asked during my job interview to describe some of them. Of course, also my lab skills and especially the ability to self-organize and manage different projects at a time which I acquired during PhD are essential for my current position.



What is your general advice for current LSM students?

Use the great network within the LSM graduate school, get inspired and have a look beyond your "little lab bubble". And do not forget to make use of all the support LSM offers, especially regarding the courses and our great coordinators. By the way - the job advertisement for my current position was sent to me by our former coordinator Francisca - so read your emails from LSM ;-)

What is your motto of life?

Have courage and be kind.

LSM council is looking for new members

The LSM student council represents all graduate students within the LSM. In our monthly meetings we discuss news concerning the LSM curriculum, organize social activities and keep you all updated with this newsletter. New members are always welcome to the student council any time!

For more information contact: annabel.mechela@campus.lmu.de

Call for publications

On the LSM website you can find a list of all publications of LSM students.

In case your publication is not listed yet, please send it to:

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LSM Alumni group

Feel free to join our new LSM Alumni group on LinkedIn! In this group, all LSM students can stay in touch and exchange ideas about career, PhD and other topics. This is not only good for professional networking, but also for our growing LSM community.

If you have any interesting content that you want us to share, please send it to: m.barth@lmu.de