

VDS PhaNuSpo Newsletter September 2024



Dear PhaNuSpo community,

Summer is slowly coming to an end and the new semester is just around the corner. We hope you had a great holiday full of exciting adventures and relaxing days, and that you are now ready for all the new challenges!

We would like to share with you the amazing achievements, travel experiences and other PhaNuSpo holiday highlights. Enjoy!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

- [Cancelled Retreat](#) - we are working on a replacement programme and/or alternative date. Please be patient and check your email regularly for more information.
- [Christmas party](#) - we know the date for this year's Christmas party: **4 December 2024**, Aula am Campus. Save the date!
- [Completion grant](#) - the next call for proposals will be published **in October**.
- [Public presentation \(FÖP\)](#) - dates for the winter and summer semesters are online. The next presentations are **on Tuesday, 12 November 2024**.
- [Time-Management and Wellbeing](#) - dates for group coaching sessions for winter semester are online.

PHANUSPO EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



LifeSciences ScienceLife

The PhaNuSpo Podcast

Our amazing podcast has not one, not two, but already four episodes!

- [Ep. 1: Bioplastics](#)
- [Ep. 2: Long covid and exercise](#)
- [Ep. 3: Drug development, AI and saying no](#)
- [Ep. 4: Building bridges through bioengineering](#)

Do you want to join the podcast team? Contact [us!](#)



Research Data Management Course

23-24 October 2024

If you need help managing your data, this course is the right place for you! Through a combination of self-study and interactive workshops, you will learn about data organisation, documentation, data security and much more. [Register now!](#)



Lecture series "Meet the Expert"

Winter semester 2024/25

Registration for "Meet the Expert" scientific lecture series is now open! Find out who this year's Experts are and register [here](#).

PHDs AND PIs IN THE SPOTLIGHT

We are very proud of all our talented PIs and PhD students and their wonderful achievements! Congratulations!



Manuela Schmidt

NASA's STAR program

Our PI [Manuela Schmidt](#) (Pharmaceutical Sciences) has been selected to be a part of NASA's Spaceflight Technology, Applications and Research program (STAR)! Her field of study is vertebrate nociception and pain and she will focus on how spaceflight might alter pain perception and the pharmacology of pain medications.



Hari Baskar Balasubramanian

ÖAW DOC Fellowship

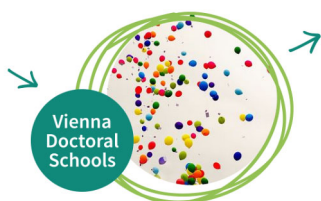
Our PhD student [Hari Baskar Balasubramanian](#) (Pharmaceutical Sciences) was awarded a prestigious scholarship from the Austrian Academy of Sciences (ÖAW) to pursue his PhD project "Identification of the metabolites associated with a dietary intervention that protect against hypertension-induced cerebrovascular injury".



Marietta Zille

City of Vienna Award in STEM Category

Our PI [Marietta Zille](#) (Pharmaceutical Sciences) won the City of Vienna Award in the STEM category! She studies the aetiology and pathophysiology of neurodegeneration, cerebrovascular disease and brain ageing.



Public defences

Congratulations to our PhD student on the successful completion of her public defence!

- **Theres Eva Friesacher** (Pharmaceutical Sciences) - defended on 13 August 2024.

And our fingers are crossed for those, who will be defending in September:

- **Silvia Weiss** (Pharmaceutical Sciences) - 24 September 2024.
- **Dragana Rajčić** (Nutritional Science) - 24 September 2024.
- **Rebeka Fejes** (Nutritional Science) - 27 September 2024.



Welcome on board!

Welcome to our new PhD students:

- **Anna Lena Aufschnaiter** (Nutritional Science) in Karl-Heinz Wagner's group.
- **Laura Bocanegra Gomez** (Pharmaceutical Sciences) in the group of Manfred Ogris.
- **Daniel Harrison Foil** (Pharmaceutical Sciences) in Johannes Kirchmair's group.
- **Nafeesah Noorwali** (Nutritional Science) in Ina Bergheim's group.
- **Katharina Riffelsberger** (Pharmaceutical Sciences) - in the group of Verena Dirsch.
- **Iliia Steshin** (Pharmaceutical Sciences) in Anna Weinzing's group.

We wish you success in your studies!



Travel grants: Our PhDs on the road

Even in the summer months, our PhD students attended conferences and summer schools to gain new experiences and learn more about their field of research!

- [Tibor Stöffel](#) (Nutritional Science)
- [Sigrid Adelsberger, Christine Coffey, Elisabeth Eichenauer and Martina Redl](#) (Pharmaceutical Sciences)



New publications

Stay up to date and read new publications from our PhD students!

- Rebeka Fejes - [Effects of increased nitrate intake from beetroot juice on blood markers of oxidative stress and inflammation in older adults with hypertension.](#)
- Sarah Stellnberger - [Investigating experimental vs. Predicted pK_a values for PET radiotracer.](#)

GRANTS & FUNDING

PhaNuSpo grants:

- [PhaNuSpo Travel Grant](#) - application on a regular basis, but at least 2 months in advance.
- [PhaNuSpo Mobility Grant](#) - next application deadline on 15 October 2024.
- [PhaNuSpo Completion Grant](#) - the next call for proposals will be in October 2024.

Circle U. Seed Funding 2024:

- Do you have an innovative project in mind involving students, researchers or academic staff from at least three Circle U. universities? This call supports projects

- across the Circle U. institutions.
- [Details and application](#) until 15 October 2024.

TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS FOR DOCTORAL CANDIDATES

The University of Vienna is committed to supporting the personal and professional growth of its doctoral candidates. It offers a comprehensive training programme, specifically tailored to their needs, focusing on developing essential transferable skills to enhance career development. Click [here](#) to find out more!

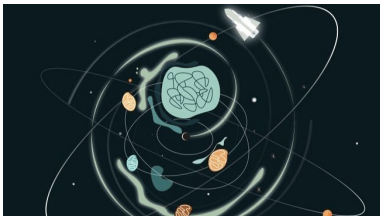
EVENTS @UNIVIE AND PARTNERS



PhD Orientation Week

2-4 October 2024

Are you a new PhD student? Do you need help navigating around or do you just want to meet new colleagues? Come to the [PhD Orientation Week 2024!](#)



Vienna Biocenter PhD Symposium

7-8 November 2024

This year's theme, 'Into the Unknown', focuses on exploratory science that enables our understanding of the mechanisms that govern life. Sounds interesting? The [registration](#) deadline is on 7 October 2024.

The newsletter lives from your news! If you have something you want to share with our community - a prize, a grant or a publication - please, [let us know!](#) We look forward to hearing from you.

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