

DINI Newsletter

Dear doctoral researchers,

We hope you are all well and healthy. Welcome back at the center to our wet lab colleagues! And those of you who are still at home: hang on there! Hopefully, we all meet up again soon!



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Online HELENA courses

June 18th [Translational Medicine Seminar](#)

Did you take any online courses during home office? Did you take courses that you have not registered with HELENA yet?

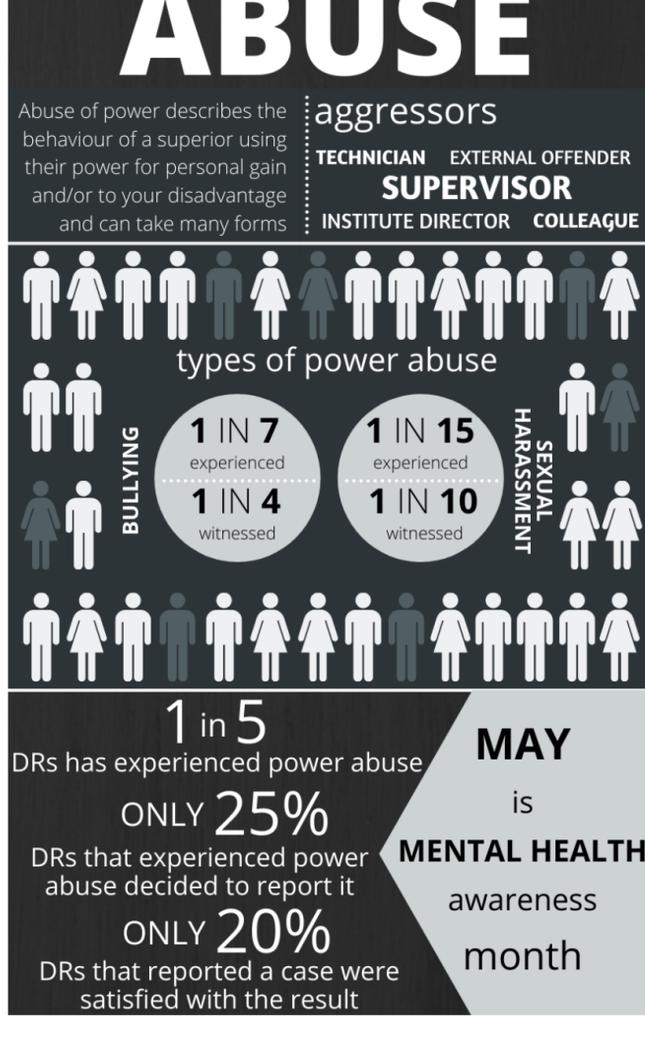
When taking internal or external courses, you are eligible for HE credit points. To access the webpage with detailed explanation, click [here](#). Go and check out the attendance forms on the right side of the webpage and have a look at the Professional Skills section to stay up to date.



Doctoral Researchers Survey 2019 by HeJu

The results just rolled in! This year, 16 out of the 19 Helmholtz Centres participated in this first-ever Helmholtz Juniors' survey in the framework of N2, with a total participation rate of 29.6% after data cleaning (1287 participants). Thank you all! The results provide a valuable insight into your lives and help to improve our working conditions. You can access the full report [here](#), or peek at the attached summary.

This year, we look closely at the topics mental health and power abuse. Work ethics is an integral part of every workplace. One in four respondents have witnessed bullying at their workplace and one in ten has witnessed sexual harassment. These findings emphasize the need for structures to prevent power abuse, protect victims, implement an arbitration of conflicts by an independent committee and implement consequences for offenders as already postulated in the N² [power abuse position paper](#). We need an open discussion to change the academic system to prevent power abuse.

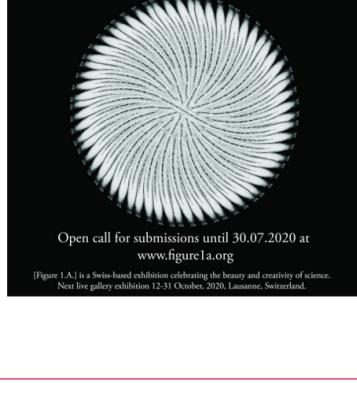


[FIGURE 1A]

[Figure 1.A.] is a scientific art exhibition celebrating the beauty and creativity of science. Submit inspiring images of your scientific work or tell us your story of how you are dealing with science in isolation.

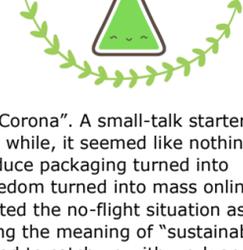
World-wide submission open until **30th July 2020**. The 30 best images will be selected by a jury of museum curators, scientists, and artists, and will be featured in a gallery exhibition in Lausanne, Switzerland from 12th to 31st October 2020. Read more [here](#).

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2020 Sustainability Series

In isolation: A small break from sustainability?



In the past months, we heard about nothing else but "Corona". A small-talk starter, an ice breaker, the last sentence in every conversation. For a while, it seemed like nothing else mattered. Fridays for future: cancelled. The idea to reduce packaging turned into hoarding of packaged and processed goods. Home boredom turned into mass online shopping like it's Christmas. Some of the news celebrated the no-flight situation as a great opportunity to reduce carbon emissions, forgetting the meaning of "sustainability" and the necessity of a long-term solutions. Then, we had to catch up with work and there was no more time to think about our planet.

Until... Until a terrible event happened. And the whole world is talking about social justice. Don't forget, social justice and ethics is an inevitable part of sustainability. We cannot introduce zero-waste, circular economy, zero emissions, etc. without creating a fair environment for every human on this planet. In every country.

We will be back with the next chapter of the 2020 Sustainability Series next month.

Stay safe and healthy!

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