

Election of the Graduate Student Representatives

Candidates for the term of 2018/ 2019

The election will take place from 3:00 until 3:30 pm on December 4, 2018

Anna-Lena Amend

IEG, Neuherberg



I started my PhD project in December 2017 at the Institute of Experimental Genetics. Right since the beginning I have been part of DINI and I am organizing the monthly get togethers for the PhD students.

For me, exchange and communication with other PhD students about work related interests and problems but also on a social level is essential and enables us to better connect with each other and enhance our working environment.

I would like to continue getting people to connect with each other, learn about problems and try to help improving the situation.

Mohamed Elhadad

EPI, Neuherberg



My connection to Helmholtz started with the application to do a master thesis. I then decided to continue my work and pursue a PhD. My first steps were to look for student activities in the center. By the force of habit, I have been socially active since high school. I participated in activities ranging from political parties to purely social and charitable organizations. This passion led me to DINI, where I met a lot of highly active and motivated PhD colleagues aiming to help their fellow colleagues in all aspects during the course of their PhD.

All student representatives are active DINI members and they used DINI as a platform to connect with other PhD students and to offer them a wide range of extracurricular activities. Their dedication was my inspiration to apply this year.

As a student representative, I would like, together with the other representatives, to get in touch with other graduate students. I am hoping we could, as a team, be able to make PhD life as fun and happy as it could be. I would like to motivate fellow PhD students to be more active, whether in DINI or otherwise. The more of us gets involved, the better the ideas we have and the more we can do to achieve them.

Theresa Kuhl

INET, Neuherberg



In March 2018 I started my PhD at the Molecular Microbial Ecology Group at the Institute of Network Biology (INET). Since May 2018 I am also an active member of the doctoral student's initiative at Helmholtz Zentrum München (DINI).

A PhD is a long and intense process, but a good social network that supports you is the best condition to enjoy the good times between hard work.

As a student representative I would love to shape the best conditions for your network here at the Helmholtz Center Munich and

make you not only surviving the PhD, but also enjoying it.

To achieve the best conditions it is important to stay in contact with every instance involved in the PhD life from supervisors to HELENA Graduate School to the Helmholtz Center's CEO and it is absolutely necessary not only to state your own opinion but also to hear others. I would love to become your Student Representative to be your ear AND your voice in the Helmholtz Center Munich.

Thayssa Schley

BIOP, Neuherberg



One year ago, I started my project at the Institute of Biochemical Plant Pathology. Since the beginning, I've been part of DINI because I think that is important to know our colleagues and understand better about the community in which we belong.

My entire life I have been involved in organizations such as DINI. Now, here in Helmholtz Zentrum München, my main goal is to provide a pleasant atmosphere during the years of our studies.

For that, I want to better welcome the new students, helping in any doubt (personal or

professional) that they might have, and improve our networking and social events in campus.

As a graduate student's representative I would be very happy to listen to you, try to solve your problems, share our experiences and improve our communication. Together we are much better than alone!