



The LSM News is a newsletter written by the LSM council for the LSM doctoral students. It includes news from the faculty and the student council.

## Goodbye Francisca and Marc! Thank you for everything.

This summer we had to say goodbye to our coordinator Francisca Mende and speaker of LSM Prof. Marc Bramkamp. On June 13th we had a nice farewell barbecue with both of them. For their future in Konstanz and Kiel we wish them all the best!



## Welcome Nadine and Christof!

But since every ending is a new beginning, we would like to welcome Nadine Hamze as our new coordinator and Christof Osman as our new speaker of LSM!

We asked both of them to introduce themselves to us:



My name is Nadine Hamze, originally Lebanese and a mother of two boys. Upon completing my MSc. studies in Biochemistry and Cell Biology at the LMU in 2015, I joined the LSM coordination office as a trainee. One year later, I moved to the Graduate School of Systemic Neurosciences (GSN) where I

was part of the coordination team involved in organizing many aspects of the graduate program. At the LSM, I am able to be involved in diverse projects from organizing events, workshops, students' counseling, and all the way to public outreach. Having started my career at LSM, makes taking over the Coordinator position feels like going back home to my family.



I studied biology in Bonn and later in Cologne, where I focused on molecular cell biology. After completing my undergraduate studies, I joined the graduate school in Genetics and Functional Genomics in Cologne. I performed my graduate work in the lab of Thomas Langer, where I

developed a deep interest and curiosity about mitochondrial biology, which has never left me since. I moved to the US to join the lab of Peter Walter for my postdoctoral studies at the

## Upcoming

**24.9.2019**

Annual general meeting (AGM) of LSM from 12:00-13:00 pm (G00.001)

## Courses

**16.-20.09.2019**

Statistic R course  
with Dr. Axel Strauß (BMC, N02.008)

**26.-27.09.2019**

Adobe Illustrator  
with Dr. Binder (Biocenter, G00.037)

**11.-12.12.2019**

Self and Time Management  
with Sabine Lerch (BMC, N02.011)

**16.-17.01.2020**

Getting published and peer review  
with Dr. Cusack (BMC, N02.011)

## Social activities

**23.09.2019** Oktoberfest



University of California, San Francisco. I continued to work on mitochondrial biology and became fascinated with the question how the mitochondrial genome is preserved and inherited by cells, an essential process for all eukaryotic life.

I returned to Germany and started at the LMU back in August 2017, using an ERC starting grant to establish my own research group at the Biocenter. The research of my lab continues to revolve around the question how cells maintain and organise their mitochondrial genome. Although we mainly work with budding yeast, the ultimate goal and dream is to transfer our findings to higher eukaryotic organisms to understand and also combat diseases that are caused by defects in mitochondrial DNA.

I have plenty of great memories of my time in the Graduate School in Cologne. In particular, I always enjoyed and valued the international spirit, the scientific exchange and the like-minded community of the graduate school. I still maintain friendships and connections to my former class mates. Therefore, I am excited to support the Graduate School Life Science Munich in the upcoming years and look forward to be working with students and faculty to help the school thrive.

Currently, I live in Stockdorf, south of Martinsried. When you can't reach me, I'll be likely hiking and exploring the mountains with my wife, our two sons and our dog.



## **Congratulations to Roman Herzog for winning the 2018 publication prize!**

Roman Herzog won our Publication Prize at Open House day for his paper on: "Three autoinducer molecules act in concert to control virulence gene expression in *Vibrio cholerae*. *Nucleic Acids Res.* 2019 Apr 8;47(6):3171-3183.  
doi: 10.1093/nar/gky1320"

## **Mentoring – new link collection on the website**

In addition to the possibility to contact our mentors in person, our mentoring website now also offers an overview of the most important info points in and around Munich in case you need help when struggling with a difficult situation in private or working life. All offers are free of charge and also available in English.

For more information visit:

<http://www.lsm.bio.lmu.de/doctoral-students/lsm-mentoring/index.html>.

## **Annual general meeting (AGM) of LSM**

On 24th of September the AGM takes place at 12pm in G00.001. There will be a wrap up what happened throughout the past year as well as the election of the new LSM council members.

## **LSM council is looking for new members**

The LSM student council represents all graduate students within the LSM. Currently we are 14 members in 5 committees. 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!

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## Alumni Interview

Starting with this issue, we will give an insight into the daily professional life of our alumni after graduating from LSM. We are also asking them about the benefits they gained during their time in LSM and their recommendations for the current students.

We hope this will give you some inspiration for your time in the LSM and the time afterwards! Should you have more questions to our alumni please do not hesitate to contact the newsletter team!



### Dr. Jeffrey Zielich

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

I am working as an Account Manager at Thermo Fisher Scientific within our Business Development subdivision. I am responsible for customers from biopharmaceutical industry. I am basically the single-point-of contact when it comes to products like high-resolution Mass Spectrometry, HPCL and UHPLC as well as CDS Software. My role is very cross functional and includes several strategic approaches.

**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?**

The LSM enabled me to conduct several very useful courses during my doctoral studies e.g. GMP course, Business Basics (LMU career service) and Project Management (LMU carrier service). Learning all about cutting-edge methods at the LMU helped to understand the potential direction for the market.

**What is your general advise for current LSM students?**

If you plan to start a carrier outside academia I recommend to conduct as many courses and trainings relevant for your new role to stand out from the crowd. Try to find someone, a friend who is one step ahead e.g. working in pharmaceutical company and ask this friend for tips and tricks. Ask about the selection process or how work is in general.

**What is your motto of life?**

There is no reason why I would not be able to do something that someone else has already done before.