



## **Excellence Initiative Newsletter from 7 July, 2015**

Dear readers, colleagues and students,

In keeping with tradition, TU Dresden was once again the largest co-host of this year's Long Night of the Sciences: almost 280 events were held on the central campus, on the campus of the School of Medicine in Dresden's Johannstadt, and in Tharandt. A large number of Excellence Institutions took part. Read our Excellence newsletter to find out about what else has been happening.

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## **New Brochure on Institutional Strategy's Support Services**

A new brochure on the Institutional Strategy's Support Services provides an overview of all services of the Excellence measures that are still available until the end of the project in 2017. The brochure is aimed at the following target groups in particular: prospective doctoral candidates, doctoral candidates, post-docs, (early-career) researchers, Schools, Faculties and Central Academic Units, visiting researchers, non-academic staff and DRESDEN-concept partners.

More information at: [http://tu-dresden.de/exzellenz/newsletter\\_downloads](http://tu-dresden.de/exzellenz/newsletter_downloads)

## **OTTP Bedbugs Lecture**

The lecture series of the OpenTopic Professors will continue on Wednesday, 5 August, in the Sächsische Landes- und Universitätsbibliothek (*Saxon State and University Library* - SLUB). The lecture by zoologist Professor Klaus Reinhardt deals with bedbugs: "Auf die Wanzen geschaut: aus dem Bett ins Labor" (*Taking a look at bugs: from bed to lab*).



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The first two lectures in June were given by media scientist Lars Koch and professor of mechanics Daniel Balzani.

More information at: <http://tu-dresden.de/ottp>

## **Project Scouts Organise “Ideenstudio” on the City of the Future**

The Project Scouts are organising an “Ideenstudio” entitled “City of the Future: Urban Space – Mobility – Health”, to be held on 22 July at the Leibniz Institute of Ecological Urban and Regional Development. The idea is to invite participants to share thoughts on aspects related to urban space, mobility and health, and to generate new research topics or future projects.

More information at: [www.tu-dresden.de/projectscouts](http://www.tu-dresden.de/projectscouts)

## **Graduate Academy Holds First Summer Party**

The Graduate Academy will be having its first summer party on Wednesday, 8 July. Information booths (DAAD, DFG, foundations and service providers of TU Dresden, among others) will provide doctoral candidates and those interested in starting a doctorate with the chance to find out about topics such as funding opportunities, help with applications, family friendliness, services for junior international researchers, career advice, publishing services and more. The day will also feature the first GA science slam.

More information at: <http://www.tu-dresden.de/graduierenakademie>

## **Lunch for DRESDEN Fellows and Trefftz Professors**

The international visiting professors who are working at TU Dresden this year as DRESDEN Fellows and within the Eleonore Trefftz Programme for Visiting Women Professors will be officially welcomed by the Rectorate at a Get-Together on 22 July.

More information at: <http://www.tu-dresden.de/ddfellows>



## **First SprInt Programme Participants Cross the Finishing Line**

Certificates for participation in the SprInt Programme were issued for the first time in June. Heike Menzel and Angela Heller are the first participants to complete all the required courses of the programme, and have now received their "Basis" and "Spezial" Sprint Certificates respectively. Heike Menzel would like to upgrade her Sprint "Basis" Certificate to the "Spezial" Certificate with a stay in Scandinavia next year. She is responsible for the administrative supervision of the LL.M. post-graduate programme, International Studies in Intellectual Property Law at the Faculty of Law, and often has dealings with international students. Her colleague Angela Heller works as a secretary for the International Relations Officer at the Faculty of Civil Engineering, and deals on an almost daily basis with international students, international universities and Dresden students who are planning a stay abroad on the ERASMUS programme.

Reports of the experiences of SprInt participants and insights into fellow employees' stays abroad are available on the SprInt Programme's website at: [www.tu-dresden.de/sprint](http://www.tu-dresden.de/sprint).

## **"I Exist Thanks to Quix": Initiative Presents Work Exhibition**

The "Quix" initiative will be presenting projects on improving the environment for studying from 5 p.m. onwards on 15 July, in the *Festsaal* on Dülferstraße. The projects include landscaping, facilities for parking bicycles, seating and a planned keep-fit trail. Altogether, 250,000 euros from Institutional Strategy funds have been made available for the "Quix" campaign.

More information at: <https://www.stura.tu-dresden.de/quix>

## **9th CRTD Summer Conference on Regenerative Medicine**

More than 200 members of staff from the CRTD network's research groups took part in the CRTD's 9<sup>th</sup> summer conference on 5 June 2015. Prof. Magdalena Götz from the Helmholtz-Zentrum Munich and Prof. Jürg Kesselring from the ETH Zurich gave the keynote lectures. Afterwards, Dr. Andreas Dahl and Dr. Marcus Burkhardt presented current developments of two important technology platform institutions (Deep Sequencing Facility and Light Microscopy). CRTD's newly appointed Prof. Sebastian Zeißig presented the main areas of his research. This year's poster prizes, sponsored by the Center's



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Friends and Patrons, went to Dr. Judith Konantz (CRTD), Prayag Murawala (CRTD) and Lisa Kube (MFD).

More information at: <http://www.crt-dresden.de>

## **DRESDEN-concept Managing Director Steps Down**

Dr. Manuel Joiko, previously managing director of DRESDEN-concept, gave up his position as of 1 July to pursue new career opportunities. More information about DD-concept at: <http://www.dresden-concept.de>

With kind regards,

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