



# DZD-NEWS 1/2013

## Dear Readers,

We are pleased to present the first issue of DZD-NEWS, a newsletter designed to keep you up to date about the German Center for Diabetes Research (DZD).

The focus of this issue is on the DZD Young Scientists' Training & Education Program with which we want to initiate an interdisciplinary dialogue between young physicians and scientists. We invite you to read more about the funding programs, events and courses for young scientists of the DZD, which are offered in close cooperation with the graduate schools of the DZD partner institutes. We also take the opportunity to look back once again at 2012. In the satellite workshops and training courses many exciting research projects were presented and new cooperative projects were initiated. They offered a unique opportunity to exchange ideas in the laboratories and lecture halls as well as during informal get-togethers during the evenings.

This issue also highlights a calendar of events, activities and projects planned for the coming months. We hope you enjoy reading DZD-NEWS and welcome your comments or feedback.

Best regards, Your DZD Newsletter Team

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## DZD Award 2012: Eleven Young Scientists Honored

In 2012 the DZD Award for the best presentation by young scientists was conferred for the first time. Eleven young scientists received the award for the best presentation of outstanding research results at important international diabetes conferences.



DZD award winners and the scientific head of the T&E program, November 2012

## Satellite Workshops Attracted More Than 120 Participants

The three satellite workshops that were held in 2012 in Tübingen, Dresden and Munich were a success story – more than 70 lectures and posters were presented.

Altogether over 120 students and young scientists from all partner sites participated. One of the participants was Tomas Jelenik, a postdoc at the DDZ Düsseldorf. "For me, these workshops are

always a good opportunity to meet leading experts in the diabetes field and to benefit from discussions with other young scientists," Jelenik said.

## Technical Training Courses in Advanced Research Techniques

Also very popular are the three- to five-day technical training courses offered by the individual partner institutes in which young DZD scientists can learn modern methods and techniques of diabetes research.

Mika Scheler, a graduate student at Helmholtz Zentrum München, took part in the Rainbow Course in Düsseldorf last year. There four experts gave lectures on modern methods of protein analysis.

In the subsequent practical part of the course the participants were given the opportunity to measure samples on their own and to practice new techniques under professional supervision.

The courses shall also aid young scientists in building up a network and help them develop ideas for new projects with their colleagues.

For Scheler the course resulted in a new collaborative project with the Düsseldorf research group headed by Stefan Lehr. "It's important to register for the course you want early," Scheler said. "The courses fill up quickly, so it is best to enroll as soon as possible."



## Launch of DZD Diabetes Research School

A major highlight of 2013 is the first DZD Diabetes Research School, which will take place in Barcelona on November 6, 2013.

It is open not only to the young scientists of the German Center for Diabetes Research and its partner institutes, but also to other aspiring young scientists. An application to the research school is worthwhile for several reasons, because on this day the internationally renowned diabetes researchers Ronald Kahn (USA), Emmanuelle von Obberghen (France), Domenico Accili (USA) and Morris White (USA) will present the hottest topics and key challenges in diabetes research to the 60 participants and discuss these with them. The following days – November 7th to 9th – the young scientists will have the unique opportunity to participate in the 12th International Symposium on Insulin Receptors and Insulin Action. Here you can not only present your work, but also make contacts with well-known diabetes researchers.

**Registration:** [www.dzd-ev.de/diabetes-research-school](http://www.dzd-ev.de/diabetes-research-school)





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## Activities in 2013

Christian Herder, Jan Rozman, Annette Schürmann, Stephan Speier and Cora Weigert, the scientific head of the Training & Education Program, created the program for 2013. Detailed, up-to-date information and the registration forms can be found at DZD PartnerNet.



### How to Apply for the 2013 DZD Award:

Young scientists who are making exciting findings in basic or clinical research and plan to present their results at one of this year's diabetes conferences should apply with their poster or presentation for one of the ten DZD Awards, each endowed with 1,000 euros. Again this year the DZD will honor the ten best scientific presentations of outstanding results in the field of diabetes research. The award ceremony will take place during the DZD Workshop in Tübingen on March 23-25, 2014.

**Requirements:** The applicant must be under 40 years of age, belong to one of the DZD partner institutes, and have presented his/her research findings at a national/international diabetes conference in 2013.

**Application deadline:** The application forms must be sent to [DZDAward2013@partnet.dzd-ev.de](mailto:DZDAward2013@partnet.dzd-ev.de) by December 31, 2013.



### DZD Grants 2014: Specifically for projects of young scientists

It is a top priority of the DZD to give young scientists sufficient support to develop new ideas, so that they can become independent in their research at the earliest possible stage. With the DZD grants, excellent new cooperation projects will be funded.

Special attention will be paid to the translational aspects of the proposals. The evaluation of the submitted proposals will be made by the Scientific Advisory Board of the DZD.

**Grant amount:** max. EUR 50,000/grant

**Application deadline:** October 1, 2013

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## Dates for Technical Training Courses, Workshops and More

### April 4-5

Prediabetes, Diabetes and Secondary Complications, DIFe-Symposium Potsdam

### April 15-17

11th German Pancreatic Islet Workshop, Dresden (supported by the DZD and the Competence Network Diabetes)

### June 10/11

4th DZD Satellite Workshop at the DDZ in Düsseldorf

### June 17-21

FELASA Course at the DIFe Potsdam

### August 9-23

Rainbow Workshop, MALDI Spectrometry at the DDZ in Düsseldorf

### September 16/17

Human Imaging at the IDM in Tübingen

### September 22 -24

1st Annual Helmholtz Nature Medicine Diabetes Conference, Helmholtz Zentrum München

### October 1

Deadline DZD Grants 2014

### October 7-11

Metabolic Tools for Diabetes Research: The Hungry Brain, Helmholtz Zentrum München, HELENA

### October 14/15

5th DZD Satellite Workshop at the DIFe in Potsdam

### October 21-25

Methods in Metabolic Research at Helmholtz Zentrum München, HELENA

### October 28-30

Live Cell Imaging of Pancreatic and Beta Cells at the Paul Langerhans Institut Dresden

### November 6

DZD Diabetes Research School in Barcelona

### November 20

Live Imaging in Stem Cells at Helmholtz Zentrum München, HELENA

### December 31

Deadline DZD Award 2013