



PhD Retreat – “Growing up in Science”

Doctoral Program Molecular Plant Science – Year 2023

Dates: 5-6 June 2023

Location: Youth Hostel, Davos

Organizes: Cristóvão De Jesus Vieira Teixeira and Joop Vermeer, University of Neuchâtel

Speakers: Michael Raissig, University of Bern, Switzerland.
Heike Lindner, University of Bern, Switzerland.
Stan Oome, HZPC, Netherlands.
Ulrich Hammes, TUM, Germany

Description:

The road to earning a PhD is often long and requires significant effort. It can be challenging to prepare for this academic journey, whether one wants to stay in academia or move to other fields. The advice and guidance of colleagues who have chosen different pathways in life and their careers is extremely valuable. This may help in navigating through the PhD and facilitate decision-making regarding which path to take after completing the PhD trajectory.

For the 2023 CUSO PhD retreat, we propose bringing in speakers from the Molecular Plant Science-related fields (Academia and Industry) to share their choices and experiences in their careers. The meeting will take place in a relaxed and informal environment, and topics such as dealing with expectations, impostor syndrome, luck, rejections, and work-life balance will be included in the speakers' broader narrative. Additionally, participants are required to prepare posters and give short talks about their projects.

The event is scheduled for the 5th (half-day) and 6th (full-day) of June in Davos – (Davos Youth Hostel).

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5th of June:

- 13:00 – Opening session by Prof. Dr. Joop Vermeer
- 13:15 – 14:00 Dr Stan Oome (HZPC, NL) “Why working in Industry beats working in Academia” – 30 min talk + 10 min Q&A
- 14:00 – 14:15 Coffee break
- 14:15 – 15:00 Dr. Michael Raissig and Dr. Heike Lindner (Uni of Bern) "Together, we are stronger - a family business approach to running a research lab" – 30 min talk + 10 min Q&A
- 15:00 – 16:00 Student flash talks (5 min presentations, 11 students)
- 16:00 – 17:00 Round-Table (The many roads after finishing your PhD)
- 17:00 – 18:00 Poster session and aperó
- 18:00 – 19:30 Dinner
- 20:30 – Aperó with canapés

6th of June:

- 7:00 – 9:00 Breakfast
- 9:15 – 10:00 Dr. Michael Raissig and Dr. Heike Lindner (Uni of Bern) "Making better pores - decoding the form-function relationship of grass stomata" – 30 min talk + 10 min Q&A
- 10:15 – 10:30 Coffee break
- 10:30 – 11:45 Student flash talks (5 min presentations, 10 students)
- 12:00 – Lunch
- 13:00 – 13:45 Dr. Ulrich Hammes „Moving around: My scientific journey - transport of metabolites, hormones, and family members“– 30 min talk + 10 min Q&A
- 13:45 – 14:00 Coffee break
- 14:15 – Final discussion and closing remarks