18th EMBL PhD Symposium

Life by Numb3rs
Towards Quantitative Biology

17th-19th November, 2016
EMBL Heidelberg, Germany
Europe's Flagship Laboratory for the Life Sciences

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The EMBL PhD Symposium is organized annually by first-year PhD students. Participants from all over the world gather in Heidelberg, Germany, for a three-day event with talks by both top-level scientists and PhD students themselves. Additionally, participants have the opportunity to present posters of their work and to take part in informal blackboard talks given by the keynote speakers, offering an exciting means to discuss the topics directly with leading experts.

Abstract

Current research in biology demands an increasingly quantitative focus where system-wide approaches and theoretical modelling play a central role. Modern techniques allow the collection of vast amounts of data, yet analysing the underlying mechanisms and rules from this data remains challenging. This is further complicated by the fact that many of these processes are inherently stochastic and rarely accompanied by exact functional descriptions. Faced with these challenges, we still need to find ways to draw accurate conclusions and gain a higher-level understanding. The aim of this conference is to highlight recent advances and applications of quantitative research. In addition, we hope this symposium will inspire young researchers to see the implications of their work beyond a single process or correlation. This may help us get closer to predicting biological behavior by well-established principles comparable to those found in fundamental physics. At the core of this idea stands an interdisciplinary approach, which is also an integral part of the research here at EMBL. Finally, the symposium will consider quantification across multiple scales of biology, ranging from the sub-cellular to the multi-cellular level. We hope that an increased focus on quantitative and interdisciplinary approaches will help us reveal underlying mechanistic principles in complex biological systems.
Confirmed Speakers

Prof. Raymond E. Goldstein
University of Cambridge, UK

Prof. L. Mahadevan
Harvard University, USA

Prof. Luis Serrano Pubul
Centre for Genome Regulation (CRG), Spain

Dr. Timothy A. Ryan
Weill Cornell Medical College, USA

Prof. Dr. Dagmar Iber
ETH Zürich, Switzerland

Prof. Lucas Pelkmans
University of Zurich, Switzerland

Dr. Leila Perie
Curie Institute, Paris

Prof. Dr. Paola Piccotti
ETH Zürich, Switzerland

Dr. Katy Wolstencroft
Leiden Institute of Advanced Computer Science, The Netherlands

Dr. Peter de Peinder
VibSpec, The Netherlands

Prof. Leonie Ringrose
IRI for Life Sciences, Berlin

Dr. Irene Miguel-Aliaga
Imperial College London, UK

Mr. Russ Hodge
Max Delbrück Center for Molecular Medicine

Mr. Jonas Hartmann
EMBL Heidelberg, Germany

Mr. John Liebler
The Art of The Cell, USA
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