

JSMC Newsletter reboot!

This is the first issue of the rebooted JSMC newsletter. At the end of every month, we will send out information on recent news and upcoming events. You can also find the newsletter on the [JSMC website](#)



Be part of the newsletter!

To celebrate the achievements of JSMC members, please let us know about:

- Your upcoming defences
- Exciting new publications
- Pictures of graduation hats
- Won or awarded prizes

Meet our new JSMC Newsletter Team



Anna Möslinger, PhD student at the HKI Department of Microbial Pathogenicity Mechanisms.

My favourite snack while working is chocolate.



Beatriz Cristóvão, PhD student at the HKI Adaptive Pathogenicity Strategies Research Group.

Chocolate is my boost for hard working days.



Christina Wichmann, Post-doc at Institute of Applied Optics and Biophysics

Personalized interdisciplinarity: Master in Microbiology, PhD in Chemistry and now I work in Physics



Sophie Neumann, PhD student at Institute of Applied Optics and Biophysics and Microverse Imaging Center

My favorite snack are the Märchenprinzen (fairytale princess) gummy bears.

JSMC Photo Contest 2024

Congratulations, Sarah and Lena and Vera!



1 Sarah Vielreicher - Long-term incubation of *Serratia* and *Candida* colonies



2 Lena Gauthier - Little ghost cuddles up to epithelial cells



3 Sarah Vielreicher - *Serratia* on agar plate
Vera Nikitashina - Carnival under water

JSMC Supervision Award

JSMC Supervision award to recognize and celebrate exceptional supervisors within the graduate school

Click [here](#) for more information and to vote

**Next Microverse JSMC Early Career Research Seminar,
July 26th at Neugasse 23**

MiCom24: 2nd to 4th of September 2024

**MiCom24: 10th International Conference on
Microbial Communication for Young Scientists**



A great platform to encourage discussions between young scientists and experts from all fields of research related to microbial communication.

Click [here](#) to register

Our new PhD speakers



Simranpreet Kaur

Hello, I am Simranpreet Kaur and I am a first-year PhD student and work in the Jena Microbial Resource Collection (JMRC) group under Dr. Kerstin Voigt. During long work days, I usually like to munch on fruits, especially pears and blueberries, or on reliable protein bars. I especially like being a speaker as it provides me the opportunity to connect with similar like-minded individuals and allow me to explore the vastness of science. As a speaker, I really want to bring the concerns of PhDs and their lives to the forefront and make everyone realize how awesome us young scientists are even when managing the struggles of life ;). In my free time I usually like to read or build legos. Recently, I have also developed a passion for crocheting. For me, it's a good day at work when my fungus decides to stop being sassy and actually decides to grow on the media specifically tailored for it.

Marcel Bäcker

My name is Marcel, and I am in the first year of my PhD in microbial ecology and bioinformatics in Bas Dutilh's Viral Ecology and Omics Group at the Microverse cluster. My project is about how the ecology and evolution of microbial communities are affected by spatial structure. I sustain myself through long workdays with an afternoon bowl of nougat bits (get your vitamins) and plenty of vanilla iced lattes. So far, being a speaker has been great, mainly because the other speakers are so much fun to be around, and the JSMC has a great community spirit. I am looking forward to taking over from the current speakers soon! Being a PhD student or post-doc is hard. As a JSMC PhD speaker, I want to alleviate the pressure we face as much as possible, whether through promoting mental health awareness or organizing social events. I enjoy brunching and spending most of my free time with friends. It's a good day at work when I get some stuff done in between meetings!



Wait for our next issue to learn more about Gaurvanshi and Tom

Recent News

Launch of the New Mentoring Programs for Early Career Research - introducing Intercultural, Doctoral, and Postdoctoral Career Mentoring

Click [here](#) to find out more information or apply as a future mentee or mentor

Upcoming Events at the JSMC

16.-18.09.: German-wide Postdoc Appreciation Week (PAW) at the JSMC (Workshops on Resilience, Job Application using AI, and Real-Talk! with JSMC Alumni about alternative career paths after and with a PhD) Registrations will be open in August

10.-20.10.: German-wide Mental Health Weeks at the JSMC (in the making ...) Registrations will be open in September

You will find more information about these events in our next issue

Events in the upcoming months

05.-09.08.: SPAAM Ancient Metagenomics Summer School 2024

10.-11.09.: WKJ Workshop: Raise your hand! How to follow your path with self-confidence

12.-13.09.: WKJ Workshop: Doing Diversity - Shaping cultural change in science

26.-27.09. 7th International Symposium on Image-based Systems Biology
[Early bird registration until July 31st 2024](#)



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