**PhD-Student-Retreat**

**“Molecular Medicine 2.0 – Concepts in Pipeline”**

**Kleinwalsertal, Austria**

**June 13-15, 2016**

The PhD-Student-Retreat is an annual event, where PhD students from the International Graduate School in Molecular Medicine of Ulm University can exchange ideas with each other and get advice on special topics from senior scientists in a relaxed natural environment outside Ulm. This year 18 PhD students from Ulm University and 6 senior scientists from Ulm and Innsbruck University spent three days full of exciting talks and interesting discussions at the House Bergfelder in the Kleinwalsertal, Austria.

The main focus of the dense program was laid on the talks of the students and senior scientists, where they presented their research topics including special methods and new concepts in the field of scientific research. Based on the title of this year’s retreat “Molecular Medicine 2.0 – Concepts in Pipeline”, the talks included a large variety of scientific research fields, such as neurobiology, trauma, transgenic animal models, nucleic acids but also solid-state chemistry and electron microscopy. Especially, the students benefited from this interdisciplinary atmosphere by intensive discussions and consequent exchange of knowledge and new ideas.

Among the talks and during several sportive activities, such as mountain biking, archery and hiking the participants had the possibility to continue with their animated conversations and to get to know each other better in a pleasant atmosphere.

This year’s retreat was supported by SoS (Students on Sports) Events that took care about food and drinks and arranged the housing as well as the exciting leisure activities. Both the participants and the organizers were satisfied with the course of this retreat and thus the next PhD-Student-Retreat will be in the pipeline…

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