



Marie Curie Actions

IDP BRIDGES: Annual Meeting 2016, ETH Zurich, Zurich

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Project acronym: IDP BRIDGES

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Project full title: IDP Bridging Plant Science and Policy

Wednesday, October 26

8:30	Arrival of PIs, APs
9:00 – 9:15	Welcome
9:15 – 10:00	Key note talk by Chrissie Rey, University of the Witwatersrand (Chair of Retreat Part 1) 45 minutes (30 minutes presentation plus 15 minutes discussion)
10:00 – 11:00	PhD Retreat Part 1: 15 minutes each: 10 minutes presentation plus 5 minutes discussion <i>Engineering durable resistance to viral diseases in cassava for sustainable industrial production in Southern Africa.</i> Devang Mehta <i>Diversity and primary productivity in subtropical forests – fixing carbon to mitigate climate change.</i> Yuanyuan Huang <i>Arabidopsis guard cell carbon metabolism in response to drought stress.</i> Arianna Nigro <i>Developing starch diversity in the orphan crop tef.</i> Wuyan Wang
11:00-11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:30 – 12:15	Key note talk by Kebebew Assefa, Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research (EIAR) (Chair of Retreat Part 2) 45 minutes (30 minutes presentation plus 15 minutes discussion)
12:15-13:45	PhD Retreat Part 2 15 minutes each: 10 minutes presentation plus 5 minutes discussion <i>Molecular breeding strategies to control pollination for improved forage and turf grass breeding.</i> Timothy Sykes

	<p><i>siRomics for universal diagnostics of plant viral disease and virus diversity studies. Silvia Turco</i></p> <p><i>Using epigenetics to help improve plant breeding in organic farming. Michael Thieme</i></p> <p><i>The use of PGPRs and mycorrhizae as biofertilizers on marginal land in India. Lukas Schütz</i></p>	
13:45-14:30	Lunch	
14:30-15:15	<p>Key note talk by María Elvira Zúñiga Hansen, Centro Regional de Estudios en Alimentos y Salud, CREAS (Chair of Retreat Part 3)</p> <p>45 minutes (30 minutes presentation plus 15 minutes discussion)</p>	
15:15 – 16:30	<p>PhD Retreat Part 3</p> <p>15 minutes each: 10 minutes presentation plus 5 minutes discussion</p> <p><i>Growth and bioactive properties of native potatoes under drought stress. Guillaume Lacavé</i></p> <p><i>Seasonal effects of drought on the productivity and fodder quality of temperate grassland species. Claudia Hahn</i></p> <p><i>Modelling alternative agroforestry scenarios to improve sustainable land use. Charlotte Pavageau</i></p> <p><i>Gene Silencing of powdery mildew genes for the improvement of quantitative disease resistance in wheat. Luisa Schäfer</i></p>	
16:30 - 17:00	Coffee break (change to the locations)	
17:00 – 18:00	APs, PIs: Supervisory Board Meeting	Fellows: IDP Bridges meets Mercator – Introducing new PhD students to the Science and Policy Program (Mentoring)
19:00-	Joint Dinner	

Contents:

PhD Retreat

All ESRs present and discuss progress and results of their PhD projects together with all supervisors, APs and peers in the light of the interface of science and policy-making. The focus of this presentation will be

- Networks and impact achieved (draw a map of your network, including partners, stakeholders or other collaborators)
- Scientific results
- Outreach and dissemination (plans)

The expertise of the APs will play a pivotal role.

IDP Bridges meets Mercator:

Aim: In summer 2016, 4 new Mercator fellows will join the PSC as well as the PhD program Science and Policy. The PSC wants to invite these new fellows as well as alumni of the Science and Policy program to get together and meet each other. The idea of the event is

- a) To have the new fellows introducing themselves and projects to their advanced colleagues in the program
- b) To share ideas and advice about the program, the courses, etc.
- c) Highlight challenges and opportunities

Supervisory Board Meeting

Strategic objectives of the program are discussed among PIs and APs.

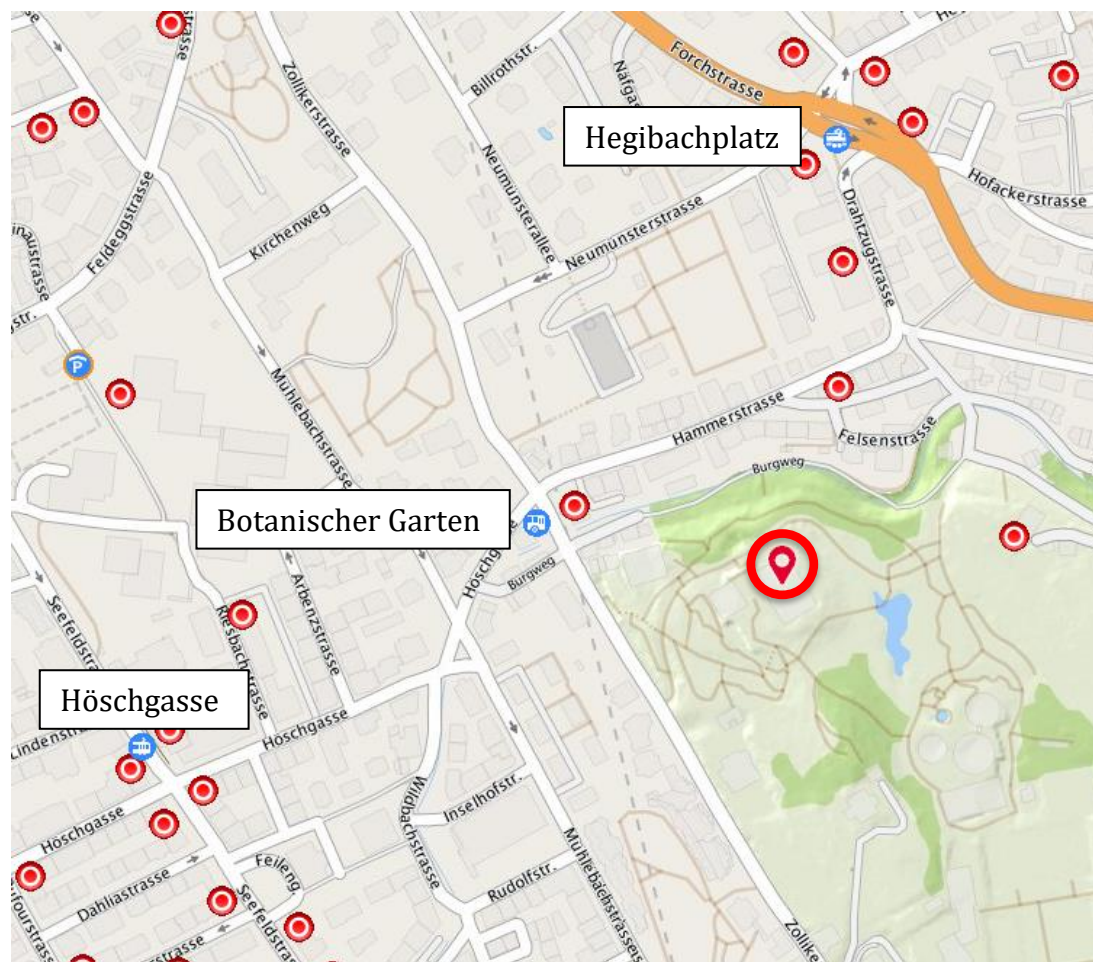
Individual Thesis Committee meetings

Every ESR organises his/her thesis committee meeting individually. Please make sure that you take advantage of the availability of the PIs and APs and that your thesis committee meeting takes place at the latest on October 30; any earlier date is possible. Attendance of Associate Partners via Skype is possible.

The venue:

University of Zurich
Botanischer Garten/Botanical Garden
Zollikerstr. 107
8008 Zürich

How to get there (nearby bus and tram stops):



<http://www.systbot.uzh.ch/de/Location.html>

Next tram or bus stops:

Tram Nr. 11 to Rehalp, stop "Hegibachplatz" or
Tram Nr. 2 / 4 to Bahnhof Tiefenbrunnen "Höschgasse" or
Bus 33 to Bahnhof Tiefenbrunnen "Botanischer Garten"

Location in the building: Kleiner Hörsaal (above the mensa),

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