10 YEARS ANNIVERSARY

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Finishing year PhD: 1991

MolTag PI since: 2011

Institution: Faculty of Life Sciences, University of Vienna

Main research area within MolTag: Pharmacoinformatics

Number of supervised MolTag students: 7 finished, 3 ongoing

Number of co-supervised MolTag students: 4 finished

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How do you experience the development of the students during their time in MolTag?

MolTag is a fantastic opportunity **to get exposed to other disciplines and to work on joint interdisciplinary projects**. With the lab rotations and the internships abroad they build a strong national and international network which will last for a very long time.

What distinguishes students who are members of an interdisciplinary DK like MolTag from other doctoral students?

With the standardized recruitment process, MolTag students form **a cohort of excellent young scientists**, which stays for the whole training program and beyond. They **regularly receive feedback** from our PIs and SAB members, which prepares them for all the challenges ahead.

Did you keep in touch with your former MolTag students?

Of course I follow the further career paths of our students. Its nice to see that **they get good positions in pharmaceutical industry, SMEs, and prestigious institutions** such as the FDA. We meet regularly at theses defenses of current students, and also at conferences.

What is the most important advice you want to give to current MolTag students?

Enjoy these **exciting times of being dedicated solely to research**! Leverage all the opportunities MolTag provides you with, and make the best out of it. **Go for the high hanging fruits, build your international network, and stay connected** to the MolTag family.

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