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

Students gain immensely through exposure to the multidisciplinary and innovative environment of MolTag. The programme really offers them a chance to grow as scientists and provides a wide range of activities through which personal skills are also developed.

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

Quite clearly, our MolTag students are from the beginning made aware of the translational opportunities that their research offers them. This also leads to a different appreciation of Pharmacology and Biology and the opportunities that lie at the interface of Chemistry, as an enabling discipline.

Did you keep in touch with your former MolTag students?

We had in December 2019 our own 10-year celebration – commemorating 10 years of the research group! For that occasion we invited all Alumni back to Vienna and our MolTag students were all there – past and present. It is always great to see how former students develop and it is not unusual that a former (MolTag) student writes to ask for career advice.

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

Be curious, be open-minded and do not hesitate to jump into and learn about areas with which you might not be 100% familiar. The consortium offers you wonderful opportunities to do so. A pharmacologist can do a lab rotation in an organic chemistry lab – actually, something like that just happened and the results were truly excellent!