



How to establish a scientific network while preparing a pizza: The TUM Graduate School Kick-Off Seminar at Abbey Frauenwörth

A small island in the midst of Chiemsee lake, nestled with just some thirty houses and a beautiful abbey plus a spectacular view of the Alps: Perfect surroundings for one hundred doctoral candidates to take part in the first ever TUM-GS Kick-Off Seminar from November 24th to 27th 2009.

However, there was no time for monastic contemplation: the doctoral candidates – ranging from first to third year and more – joined for enthusiastic discussions, useful suggestions and professionally guided insights into personal career planning.

A “marketplace” full of ideas for a better organization of the individual doctoral phase and an evening with self-made pizza connected architect to chemist, mathematician to sports scientist. Deepened over table-soccer tournaments or a wine in the abbey’s cellar vault, scientific and personal networks were developed across faculties of the TUM. During the day, seminars like “Upward management”, “Scientific writing and publishing”, “Time and self management”, just to name a few, were of acknowledged help to all doctoral candidates.

All guest speakers, among them TUM Graduate Dean Prof. Ernst Rank, TUM Vice President Prof. Liqiu Meng and Prof. Patrick Dewilde of the TUM Institute for Advanced Studies (IAS), were available to consider the candidates’ questions and suggestions.

Four inspiring days, a great atmosphere and many valuable new contacts – your next chance to share the experience: March 2010!

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