

EES^{LMU} Newsletter

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What's new within EES^{LMU}?

On October 4th, the orientation weeks for the new EES cohort began and we were happy to welcome 18 new students! This is the biggest and probably most diverse cohort to date. The students come from Colombia, Cyprus, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Mexico, Poland, Puerto Rico, Thailand, Turkey, the UK, the US and Venezuela.



We also welcome two new MEME students, who will be here for the winter semester working on projects at the MPI in Seewiesen and in Prof. Stephan's lab.

There are also some changes within the EES faculty:

Herwig Stibor is the new professor for Aquatic Ecology. He will be offering elective courses in both the winter and the summer semesters, as well as taking part in first semester courses.

Marc Gottschling (Botanical Institute) and Björn Siemers (MPI for Ornithology) have become members of the EES faculty.

Jonathan Jeschke, who taught first semester courses and supervised many students has

taken up a position at the TU München. He still remains a part of the EES extended faculty.



Björn Siemers



Herwig Stibor



Marc Gottschling

EES conference 2011

The fifth annual EES Conference was very successful. We had a wide range of Master's and PhD talks, as well as three keynote speakers (Ralph Tollrian, Volker Lösschke and Nadia Fröbisch).

The winners of this year's "EES Young Researcher's Prize" were Hsuan-Ju Chen and Hendrik Frey (best Master's) and Lena Müller and Norbert Holstein (best PhD).

As every year, we also said goodbye to the graduating EES students and wish them the best of luck with their future careers.



Prize winners (left to right): Lena, Norbert, Hendrik, Hsuan-Ju

Courses Winter 2011/12

17.10.	• Population Genetics II Stephan
17.10.	• Aquatic Ecology Stibor
17.10.	• Computational Methods in Population Genetics I Metzler
07.11.	• Population Genetics II Stephan
07.11.	• Experimental Plankton Ecology Stibor
07.11.	• Computational Methods in Population Genetics II Metzler
28.11.	• PERL for Beginners Hutter
28.11.	• Tropical Rainforests Seminar Siegert
28.11.	• Phylogenetics I Metzler
Christmas break: 23.12.2011 – 08.01.2012	
09.01.	• Palynology Heubl
09.01.	• Evolutionary Experimental Ecology Laforsch, Wolinska
09.01.	• Phylogenetics II Metzler

And there are many other courses that have not yet been assigned to blocks or are taking place after the end of the winter semester (i.e. PAMM, Introduction to R, Evolutionary Ecology Modelling)!



Seminar Series Winter 2011/12

The series for this winter semester has a very ecological twist to it. The following speakers have been invited:

- 31.10.2011 Kayla King
- 14.11.2011 Manfred Ayasse
- 21.11.2011 Ted Morrow
- 28.11.2011 Jarek Bryk
- 09.01.2012 Richard Neher
- 23.01.2012 Wolfgang Goymann
- 30.01.2012 Etienne Danchin
- 06.02.2012 Mirjam Knörnschild

As always, more information on the talks can be found on the EES wiki site. Also be on the lookout for interesting talks within LSM!

We are looking forward to interesting talks!

MEME Program

After a successful first semester with the MEME students this past summer, we finally have an information guide online, which will hopefully help all supervisors, current and future students to answer most questions arising in this fairly unique situation. It can be found under www.eeslmu.de/eeswiki/MEME.

Thank you all for helping to make the students from the “new” graduate school feel at home and for avoiding and removing glitches.