



## Hello PhDs,

Finally summer is here!

This month's newsletter is full of great achievements from the Helmholtz Juniors! Find out how they are fighting for better working conditions!



## Upcoming Events

**June 7 TUMblue**

**June 18 19:30 PhD Get-together** at Restaurant **Atzinger** Enjoy nice food and drinks with your fellow PhDs close to university!

**June 26 18:00 Open DINI Meeting** at **Doktorandencafé**. We will order Pizza!

**July 16** Summer Networking Event. **Sign up for Human Kicker Tournament**

- <https://terminplaner4.dfn.de/a87BjHrdFBrZLYMK>
- [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1q0rG7tO16L\\_pSawDXiiBJD3OQKvK0ZGLhXBapDAEU/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1q0rG7tO16L_pSawDXiiBJD3OQKvK0ZGLhXBapDAEU/edit?usp=sharing)

## TUMblue – The Excellence Must Go On

The legendary casual networking event from doctoral candidates for doctoral candidates takes place this year on

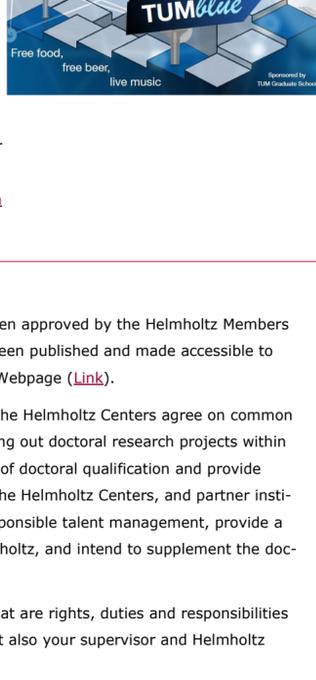
**June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the TUM Audimax Foyer from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m.**

All guests will be offered great music (including renowned DJs and live bands), numerous networking opportunities, free beer and wine as well as gourmet food and ice cream.

Visit the [website of the TUM Graduate Council](#) to find the registration link!

Since TUMblue is organized on a voluntary basis by the TUM Graduate Council, we rely on helping hands to make this fun evening happen: For this reason, we are **looking for volunteers!** Please indicate during the registration process in case you want to help.

Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) for more information! If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the [organization team](#).



## New Helmholtz Doctoral Guidelines

The new Helmholtz Doctoral Guidelines have been approved by the Helmholtz Members during their meeting on 30.04.2019 and have been published and made accessible to everyone. You can find them on the Helmholtz Webpage ([Link](#)).

By establishing Helmholtz Doctoral Guidelines, the Helmholtz Centers agree on common standards that should apply for everyone carrying out doctoral research projects within Helmholtz. The guidelines assure a high quality of doctoral qualification and provide guidance to doctoral researchers, supervisors, the Helmholtz Centers, and partner institutions. The guidelines promote a culture of responsible talent management, provide a general framework for doctoral training at Helmholtz, and intend to supplement the doctoral provisions of the universities.

This is an important source that informs you what are rights, duties and responsibilities of not just yourself as a doctoral researcher, but also your supervisor and Helmholtz Center.

## N<sup>2</sup> Power Abuse Position Paper

The Helmholtz Juniors are advocating the improvement of the working situation and environment of Doctoral Researchers inside the Helmholtz Association. Since 2017 we are collaborating closely with the Max Planck PhNet and the Leibniz PhNetwork in the N<sup>2</sup> Network of Networks. A product of this collaboration is our position paper on Power Abuse and Conflict Resolution.

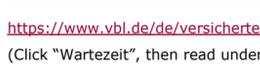
We are very proud to present our ideas on how we feel power abuse and supervision conflicts should be handled in our respective organisations based on four major action points:

- Prevention of Power Abuse
- Protection of Victims
- Arbitration of Conflicts by Independent Committees
- Implementation of Consequences for Offenders

Find the full Position Paper under this [link](#).

## Past Events: DINI Retreat 2019 in Burghausen

This year's DINI Retreat led us to Burghausen, home of the world's longest castle. There we had a very productive time full of "Girl Power". We discussed strategies for strengthening DINI and enhancing networking among graduate students. Stay tuned for new upcoming events this year in a new format and find VISIBLE changes in the DINI appearance. In the late afternoon some of the brave girls jumped in the 16°C cold water of Lake Wöhr, just to warm up with some beers in the walkable surrealistic dream of the bar "Knoxoleum". Thank you girls for a very pleasant weekend with lot of ice cream and thank you HELENA for support!



## VBL for PhDs with TUM contract (only!)

The VBL pension scheme was changed as of 1st January 2018.

The most important change is that the minimum duration of employment needed in order to be eligible for a VBL pension has been shortened from 60 to 36 months. The same applies to the maximum possible duration of temporary employment possible without contributing to the VBL insurance fund.

As many doctorates take more than three and not as many more than five years to attain, it goes without saying that this might have a tangible effect on whether it would pay off to voluntarily pay into the VBL pension fund while employed at the TUM.

Further information

[https://www.vbl.de/de/app/media/resource/\\_h6dd9r8o.html](https://www.vbl.de/de/app/media/resource/_h6dd9r8o.html)

<https://www.vbl.de/de/versicherte/pflichtversicherung/vblklassik/leistungen/>

(Click "Wartezeit", then read under "Hinweis".)

<https://www.uni-bremen.de/dezernat2/service-a-z/v/vbl-versorgungsanstalt-des-bundes-und-der-1%C3%A4nder/>

Please note that special regulations may apply to those employed before the change came into effect. In case of questions, please contact the human resources division of your respective department.

## About DINI

We are the doctoral student's initiative at Helmholtz Zentrum München (DINI), a free association of graduate students. We organize social events, welcome new PhDs and support you when you have problems.

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