

Become a Better Scientist –

# Join the Young Scientist Association!



The Young Scientist Association (YSA) of the Medical University of Vienna (MUV) was established in 2006 as a completely non-political communications platform for its graduate students and has currently around 400 members.

The initial objective of the organisation was to improve networking amongst young scientists within the MUV. However, the organisations objectives have now expanded to broadening networks to the board of the MUV, PI's and postgraduates. The training of young scientists is provided by the MUV with experienced PI's, fellow colleagues and supervisors; however the YSA aims to lend a helping hand to all graduate students. Practical topics such as how to fundraise for conferences or gain insight in laboratory methods have so far been covered by the YSA workshops "Grants and Project Management" and the "Methods Workshop". Networking is promoted during all our events, specifically

during the annual "YSA goes [pub]lic" event where the YSA PhD Symposium abstract submission has its kick-off. The PhD Symposium with approximately 300 submitted abstracts each year, is the main happening for the YSA Board members along with co-workers. The symposium is an excellent opportunity for all graduate students to present and discuss their data with other experts.

This years 7<sup>th</sup> PhD symposium will take place on the 15-16<sup>th</sup> of June at the Hoersaalzentrum (Level 7 and Lecture Hall HS3) at the MUV in the General Hospital. The symposium is the annual focus for the YSA members and great efforts are made for an exciting scientific program during the two days. Four renowned international researchers give keynote lectures, selected young scientists give oral presentations on their latest results and there are guided poster sessions during both days (with rewards for the best presentations).

The first symposium day is rounded off with a social event taking place at the popular Stiegl-Ambulanz in the Altes AKH.



(Left to right) front row: Josefine Lindroos, Martina Gaggl, Jelena Todoric; back row: Anita Jallitsch-Halper, Bernhard Knapp, Markus Hölzl, Hermann Agis, Lilian Kuster

This is an appreciated approach to encourage networking and collaborations with fellow scientists or simply to just relax after

an intriguing science packed day! Abstract submission is open until the 1<sup>st</sup> of April at our website <http://www.ysa-muv.org/>.