Facts & Numbers

What is PhDnet?

• Collective of doctoral researchers across 86 Max Planck Institutes (80 in Germany)
• Founded in 2003
• Representing >5000 DRs

What does PhDnet do?

• Improve working conditions
• Facilitate career planning
• Identify and address collective concerns

Questions?
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Structure

3 Sections of the MPs

- Biology & Medicine (BM)
- Human Sciences (HS)
- Chemistry, Physics & Technology (CPT)

External PhD Representatives

Workgroups & Steering Group

Collaborations
(other networks and MPS General Administration)

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Steering Group

• Steering Group is elected at the General Meeting by the External Representatives of each institute

• term of the Steering Group is always 01.01. – 31.12. of each year

• Steering Group 2023 was elected @ PhDnet General Meeting on 13.10.22

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PhDnet Working Groups

Join us, we are always looking for new members! 😊

https://s.gwdg.de/CKrTSH
Past Achievements

- Converting Stipends to “Fördervertrag”
- Increased vacation days from 20 to 30
- Salary minimum raised from 50% to 65% of E13
- Yearly meeting with the president to raise the voice of DRs
- Representatives at almost every institute
- Political activities (position papers, statements)

Group picture from the PhDnet General Meeting 2022

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- 4 year contracts & investigations into remaining stipend issues
- Onboarding & TAC taskforce
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Agenda 2022

Agenda 2023 coming soon!

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Networking

Collaborations

- General Administration
- Planck Academy
- Postdoc Net
- MPDL
- Sustainability network
- Mental Health Collective
- N² Network
- BMBF (Federal Ministry of Education & Research)

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