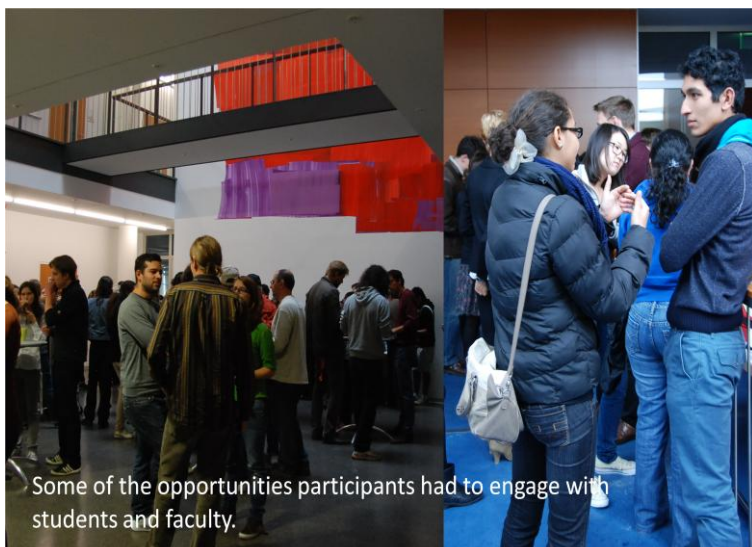


7th EES Conference

The Ecology, Evolution and Systematics Conference is the annual event welcoming the new EES students at the Ludwig-Maximilians-University. This year, the 7th EES conference was held at the Biozentrum during the 8th and 9th of October, 2013. The conference aimed at presenting the diverse research projects undertaken by PhD candidates and graduating master students to the EES community. It also served as a platform for current EES students to present their results of their individual research projects, as a poster session.



Participants had the opportunity to meet one-on-one with faculty members to discuss potential research opportunities, and to meet with current and graduating students and talk about their experience as part of the EES program. The conference welcomed Dr. Michael Hochberg as a



guest speaker from the University of Montpellier 2 who gave a presentation introducing Cancer as an Ecological and Evolutionary process. Students had the opportunity to meet with Dr. Hochberg after the talk to continue discussing this topic, and other interesting subjects in evolutionary research.



The conference finalized with the graduating ceremony of Master students as well as awarding prizes to the best PhD and Master's presentations. A prize was also awarded to the best poster presented by the current EES students and a newly created "Best Teacher Award" organized entirely by the EES students was given to Prof. Dirk Metzler.



The 7th EES Conference was a great success filled with two days of very diverse and interesting topics in the fields of ecology, evolution and systematic, thanks to all the participants.

To all graduating students and award winners, congratulations!

It can be looked forward to continuing this EES tradition next year with yet more innovating and original research.