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### About InPharma

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InPharma was founded in 2015 to help students and early career researchers in academia transition to the Pharma and Biotech industries. Our annual symposium offers young researchers a chance to learn about various career opportunities and interact with industry leaders.

Each symposium is organized and run by PhD students from Munich-based scientific institutions, including the Max-Planck-Institutes for Biochemistry and Neurobiology and the Biomedical Center Munich of Ludwig Maximilians University in Munich.

## Program



9:00	Welcome Speech	
	Session 1   R&D	
9:10-9:40	Iris Gonzalez Leal - Team Leader/Scientist at Sandoz/Novartis	
9:40-10:10	Carla Winter - Start Up Scientist at Roche Diagnostics GmbH	
10:10-10:40	Giuliana Möller - Clinical Research Associate at FGK Clinical Research GmbH	
10:40-11:00	Coffee Break	
	Session 2   Consulting & Medical Affairs	
11:00-11:30	Benjamin Anstett - Senior Consultant and Office Manager at TRINITY	
11:30-12:00	Ezhilarasan Rajaram - Life Science Specialist at LEK Consulting GmbH	
12:00-12:30	Paul Rikeit - Medical Manager Oncology at Sanofi Berlin	
12:30-13:30	Lunch Break	
Session 3   Data Science, Marketing & Communications		
13:30-14:00	Amit Gupta - Product Manager at Nanotemper	
14:00-14:30	Mehrshad Pakdel - Data Analyst at VISPIRON Gruppe	
14:30-15:00	Laura Mittmann & Sophia Hergenhan -Account Executives at Trophic Communications	
15:00-15:10	Closing Words	
15:10-15:30	Coffee Break	
Networking Session		
15:30-16:00	Benjamin Anstett   Mehrshad Pakdel   Giuliana Möller	
16:00-16:30	Iris Gonzalez Leal   Carla Winter   Laura Mittmann & Sophia Hergenhan	
16:30-17:00	Paul Rikeit   Amit Gupta   Ezhilarasan Rajaram	

### Meet the speakers – Session I





### Dr. Iris Gonzalez-Leal



Dr. Gonzalez-Leal works as a Team Lead at Novartis. She leads a high throughput USP Development lab in the field of monoclonal antibodies. The team focuses on the late development of cell culture processes in miniaturized bioreactor systems.

#### What do you like most about your job?

Seeing the processes that we've developed being applied directly to the manufacture of therapeutics that will reach patients is a great satisfaction. I have the fortune of working with highly motivated colleagues at the top of their fields, from which I learn something new each day, and it is truly inspiring to see them come together to bring solutions.





#### Dr. Carla Winter

Dr. Winter entered the Pharma industry after successfully completing a PhD and post-doc at Ludwig Maximilians University of Munich. She now works as an Expert Start-up Scientist at Roche, focusing on the development of heterogeneous immunoassays.



#### Why did you decide to take this job opportunity?

I took up this job opportunity to start my career in a structured way, to build up a cross-functional network and to take on responsibility in R&D at an early stage.

### Meet the speakers – Session I/II





#### Dr. Giuliana Möller



Dr. Möller entered the Pharma industry after completing a PhD at Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich. She now works as a Clinical Research Associate at FGK Clinical Research GmbH in the greater Munich area.

What is in your opinion the most important skill to provide in your job?

The most important thing in my job is to like working with people and solving problems so I would say the most important skill is good communication.



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### Dr. Benjamin Anstett

Dr. Anstett entered the Pharma/Biotech industry as a Consultant after doing a PhD and brief post-doc at Max Planck Institute for Biochemistry. He has worked as a Senior Consultant at Trinity Life Sciences for 2 years. Recently, he embarked upon a new role as Engagement Manager.



### Why did you decide to switch from academia to industry?

Already since I started to study biology, I wanted to be part of the academic world. However, within the first years of my PhD I continuously asked myself: is that all? What happens to all those drug discoveries in the industry? How can science be translated into a patient's life impacting product?

I developed a growing interest to learn about the world outside of science, to understand the business behind the scientific part. In parallel, I learned about the opportunities in the consulting industry, realising it offers the perfect amalgamation of scientific knowledge (in life science consulting) and business. To this day, I still learn new things every day. Science lays the foundation, but the business behind is key to market the product.

### Meet the speakers – Session II





### Mr. Ezhilarasan Rajaram



Mr. Rajaram did his doctoral research in the lab of Dr. Conny Kopp-Scheinpflug and Prof. Benedikt Grothe, at the Ludwig Maximilians University of Munich. He is now a Life Sciences specialist at LEK Consulting.

#### What do you like most about your job?

The opportunity to learn how various companies within the life sciences industry function and add value.





### Dr. Paul Rikeit

Dr. Rikeit entered the Pharma industry after doing his PhD work at Free Universität Berlin. He as worked as a Medical Affairs Trainee (Oncology), a Marketing Trainee (Diabetes), and is currently a Medical Manager of Oncology at Sanofi Genzyme.



### What advice do you have for job-hunting PhDs?

Apply for the job! Sounds obvious, but quite too often young scientists hesitate to apply for jobs they're interested in, because they think they lack experience or don't fulfil all the criteria listed in the posting. Truth is: no one always checks off all of the requirements and who knows... maybe YOU are exactly the person for the job.

### Meet the speakers – Session III





### Dr. Amit Gupta



Dr. Gupta entered the Pharma industry after doing his PhD work in the lab of Prof. Ulrich Hartl. In his 6 years of industry experience, he has worked as a Support Application Specialist, a Research Scientist, and now as a Product Manager for biophysical drug discovery products.

### What advice do you have for job-hunting PhDs?

Take your time and really think through different options. Avenues for life science Phd students are plentiful, also beyond research scientist positions. Patent law, marketing, quality management, project management, consulting, application support, product sales, and also product management is just a small number of opportunities to explore. There is certainly a path out there that will match your interests, strengths, and that can make you happy.





#### Dr. Mehrshad Pakdel

Dr. Pakdel secured a job in Pharma during the worldwide Coronavirus pandemic! He began to work as a Data Analyst around 5 months ago at Vispiron Systems in the greater Munich area.



### Why did you decide to take up this job opportunity?

I love the techie environment with great colleagues and the vision to develop data-driven solutions for ecofriendly green-tech and electric mobility.

### Meet the speakers – Session III





# Dr. Laura Mittmann (left) Dr. Sophia Hergenhan (right)



Both Dr. Mittmann and Dr. Hergenhan entered Pharma directly after getting PhDs at Ludwig-Maximilians University of Munich. They now work as Account Executives at Trophic Communications. On the job, they are responsible for strategic corporate communications, including public relations and investor relations for private and publicly listed biotech companies.

### What does a typical day in your job look like?

Basically, there is no ordinary day at Trophic. With so many different clients in different disease areas, every day is unique. Whereas one client might need your help with materials for their next investor meeting, the other might need strategic advice for their upcoming press release!

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