



IMBS Newsletter February 2010

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Argentine-German Master/PhD Program in Biomedical Sciences

Freiburg, Germany - Buenos Aires, Argentina

The new integrated MSc/PhD program of the University of Buenos Aires, Argentina, and the Albert-Ludwigs-University, Freiburg, Germany, begins in October 2010 for the Class of 2012 .

Applications and any inquiries until April 30th 2010 to info@biomedmaster.org or imbs@ffyb.uba.ar

What is the IMBS?

Since 2008 (Class of 2010) the International Master Program in Biomedical Sciences is a joint program between the University of Freiburg and the Faculties of Medicine, and Pharmacy and Biochemistry of the University of Buenos Aires in Argentina. In October of 2009 the second class (Class of 2011) started this 2-year international program. It is supported by the DAAD (German Federal Institution for



Academic Exchange) and private philanthropy, allowing us to provide partial scholarships to the best students. Additional support will be available from other non-profit, philanthropic institutions like the ARGER Foundation in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and the Biothera Foundation in Freiburg, Germany. The main objective is to offer a very high quality two year Master Program and create a Center of Excellence in the Biomedical Sciences in Latin America. The program consists of a two year master course, carried out in Buenos Aires and Freiburg, with special lectures and courses by the leading scientists from both institutions. The first eight months are carried out in Buenos Aires. The next four months are done in Germany. This includes an intensive week of each module, half of the clinical module, and one of the elective traineeships. The students will choose where to perform the Master Thesis. The language of instruction is English in both countries.

The two-year Master Course is followed by an optional integrated two-year PhD period in Buenos Aires or Freiburg.

Who can apply?

Students from any country may apply, who have received at least a bachelor degree in any of the biomedical or biological sciences. We currently have students from many different countries and backgrounds in our program. Students come from Argentina, Germany, Mexico, Colombia, Chile, Ukraine, Kenya, India and Indonesia. These students have previously graduated in Medicine, Biology, Biotechnology, Pharmacy and Biochemistry.

Who should apply?

Students who are looking for a top level international, integrated master/PhD program (two+two years).



Students from around the world who want to become international leaders in their respective fields of expertise and talent by obtaining an in depth education by some of the world's leading scientists on two continents, Latin America and Europe, being exposed to three different languages and cultures: English, Spanish, German.

Are the degrees internationally recognized?

The Master (MSc) degree is given upon successful completion of the program by the University of Buenos Aires. This degree will then be submitted to the German authorities for recognition, which will mean full recognition in all EU countries. The PhD degree can be obtained by either institution and is normally recognized in all countries, possibly requiring some administrative steps in some countries. In order to take full advantage of the integrated program, the mentor/institution for the subsequent PhD period should be identified within the first year.

A Look Back at 2009

2009 was a year of great events for the IMBS. The summer school of the IMBS Program in Freiburg was very successful academically, with the Freiburg faculty giving eight weeks of intensive "hands on" teaching followed by "wet lab" electives. In November, 2/3 of the students returned to BA to conduct their master thesis research, while five elected to do so in various Freiburg laboratories. In November, all students presented their laboratory experience and research projects to members of the Buenos Aires and Freiburg IMBS Faculty with excellent talks. At the Buenos Aires Symposium, we had the visit from Nobel Prize Laureate Prof. zur Hausen in Buenos Aires. He honored us with a conference at the Aula Magna from the UBA School of medicine in front of more than 1000 people, and he met the IMBS

students answering their questions and giving them a piece of his experience. We also held two symposiums, the Freiburg IMBS Symposium entirely realized by our students, and the Buenos Aires IMBS Symposium also with faculty from both sides to welcome the class 2011.



Professor zur Hausen with the class of 2011 and friends in Buenos Aires.



A full auditorium for Prof. zur Hausen in Buenos Aires (left). The class of 2010 in Freiburg at "their" symposium (right).



Schedule of Events 2010 – 2012

New Master Courses start October 20th . Application Deadline April 30th, 2010.

Freiburg - Buenos Aires IMBS Symposia in Freiburg and in Buenos Aires, November 2010

The main aim of the symposium will be to develop an active interaction between the faculty and students of both partners increasing cooperation, exchanging ideas and research projects.

See you in Buenos Aires AND Freiburg in 2010 AND 2011plus !

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