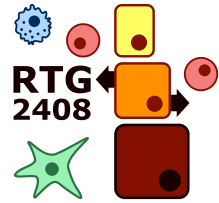




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## Meet the PI

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### Program

16:00	Welcome & introduction
16:10	PI & students discussions I (rotation every 25 min)
18:00	Pizza break
18:10	PI & students discussions II (rotation every 25 min)
19:00	Informal discussion

### Suggestions for questions in discussions between students and PIs

- Career steps
  - What did you study? When and where?
  - What was your PhD thesis about? In which lab did you spend your PhD time?
  - What were your career steps between PhD and your current position?
- Recommendations
  - How can I get my PhD thesis done successfully? Do you have any advice for writing it up and/or the defense?
  - How important is staying abroad?
  - Publications and third-party funding: Why are these aspects so important and how can I handle them?
  - What about other criteria, e.g. teaching, supervision, awards, grades?
  - What are your recommendations for postdoctoral research?
- Networking
  - How important are (social) contacts for your career?
  - How to get in touch with the scientific community?
  - Which events are important? What should I do?
- Own experiences
  - What do you need in your current position that you have learned during your studies/PhD time/Postdoc?
  - Did you have a plan B, e.g. for a career outside academia?

- What was the biggest challenge during your career?
- Have you ever thought about giving up?
- Which concerns did you have during your career?
- What was the luckiest moment in your career?
- Work-Life/Family-Balance and gender
  - How do you manage to combine family/partnership/free time with working in science?
  - What are your own experiences with the glass ceiling/leaky pipeline for woman in academia?
  - Do you have any advice especially for female (or male) researchers?
- Working in academia
  - What are pros and cons?
  - What does a common working week for you look like?
  - How large is the amount of doing science in your job? How much time do you spend with administration, committees, leadership?
- Motivation and personality
  - Why do you love science? Why do you like being a scientist?
  - Which questions I should ask myself if I plan a career in academia?