

From 30<sup>th</sup> of June - 1<sup>st</sup> of July, the Doctoral College "ICA" of the Austrian Science Fund hosted a joint symposium of the biological departments of the Faculty of Natural Sciences, with guest students of the EU FP7 Program "HUMUNITY". The scientific program included plenary lectures of international scientist from Germany, UK and USA, and thesis progress reports of the local doctoral students.

Four doctoral students received the "ICA Excellent Talk Award". One guest student was honoured as "Best of Humunity".

## ICA congratulates the winners

ICA Excellent Talk Award
Michaela Haider
Ultra-sensitive detection of mRNA in a pancreatic cancer cell line
Supervision: Fritz Aberger and Jan Hesse



ICA Excellent Talk Award
Jonas Kuppler
Exploring the personalities of plants:
Effects of intra-specific trait variation on individual fitness
Supervision: Robert Junker and Klaus Lunau



ICA Excellent Talk Award
Theresa Neuper
Regulation of IL-6 and IL-10 mediated STAT3 activation by NOD1
Supervision: Albert Duschl and Jutta Horejs-Höck



ICA Excellent Talk Award
Thomas Schmidt
The functional role of E-cadherin in Helicobacter pylori-associated carcinogenesis
Supervision: Silja Weßler and Fritz Aberger



Best of Humunity
Elfi Töpfer
The role of innate leukocytes in advanced mucosal co-culture models
Supervision: Albert Duschl

