

What can I be with my PhD



When: 27.04.2021, 17:00 – 18:30 CET

Where: Webinar (details will be communicated)

What: Open panel discussion with 4 former PhD candidates from Graz telling us about their career experiences

Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/RegistrationCareerTalk> (necessary to get credits)



Dr. Jelena Belic

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Dr. Jelena Belic is presently the Medical Project Manager Austria/Switzerland of rare diseases at Pfizer GmbH, Austria. She is involved in various tasks including supporting the management of national advisory boards, organisation and preparation of preceptorship, training for sales force, medical review of promotional materials, and country outreach surveys.

She started her scientific career with the MSc degree in Pharmacy at medical university of Novi Sad, Serbia and continued with PhD as well as Postdoctoral studies at the Institute of Human Genetics, Medical university of Graz, Austria. During her doctoral studies, she investigated novel therapeutic targets for prostate cancer. In her postdoctoral studies, she was involved in development and application of high-throughput assays for mutations detection in early-stage cancer using circulating tumor DNA. In addition, she was also a visiting postdoctoral research fellow at Cancer Research UK Cambridge Institute (CRUK CI), University of Cambridge, UK. Furthermore, Jelena is also a visiting teaching assistant/lecturer at the faculty of Pharmacy, Novi Sad, Serbia.



Dr. Dina Bonalozzi

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Dr. Dina Carina Bonazzoli is the Senior Business Account Manager at Thermo Fisher Scientific managing biotech and biopharma accounts in Switzerland. She is involved in technical consulting with regards to customer's bioproduction process as well as management of sales projects, including strategy, cost, resources, timelines and quality.

Dina started her scientific career with a BSc and MSc degree in Biomedical Engineering at the University of Technology in Graz, where she also obtained her PhD in Molecular biosciences and biotechnology in the lab of Dr. Juliane Bogner-Strauss. During her doctoral studies she investigated lipid and energy metabolism. She continued her scientific career at EPFL in Lausanne, doing postdoctoral research in energy metabolism using systems genetics approaches in mice and humans. During her Postdoc, she was also involved in project coordination with pharmaceutical industry, including Janssen, TES Pharma and Calico, testing new biopharmaceuticals for the treatment of type-2 diabetes, liver and kidney diseases in cells and mice.



Dr. Pooja Jha

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Dr. Pooja Jha is the Editor-in-Chief of [The Lancet Regional Health – Europe](#), a new open access journal in The Lancet family, since October 2020. Prior to this role, she worked at Nature Research in Berlin as an editor of *Nature Metabolism* and contributed to the launch of the journal since 2018.

Pooja started her scientific career with a BSc degree in Chemistry, Botany, Zoology, and a MSc degree in Medical Molecular Biology and Human Genetics from India. She obtained her PhD in Molecular Medicine at the Medical University of Graz where she investigated the role of adipose tissue and liver cross-talk in NAFLD progression in the lab of Prof. Gerald Höfler and Prof. Michael Trauner. This was followed by her postdoctoral research in computational genetics, mitochondrial supercomplexes, ageing, and metabolic diseases at EPFL, Switzerland, in the lab of Prof. Johan Auwerx. During her Phd and Postdoc, Pooja published numerous scientific publications in leading journals including Science, Nature Medicine, Cell Metabolism, Cell Systems, Hepatology and shares a patent for the biomarkers of fatty liver.



Dr. Vineet Mahajan

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Dr. Vineet Mahajan is a Molecular Pathologist with 14 years of diverse global research experience in the fields of immunology, drug development, disease pathology, molecular imaging in preclinical and clinical research in academia and pharmaceutical industry (Roche) resulting in project management skills and strong expertise in immunological drug discovery and drug targeting processes.

He started his scientific career with a BSc in Microbiology from R.Y.K Science College, Pune and MSc in Environmental science from University of Pune, India. Later, he worked as an assistant project scientist at the Insect Molecular Biology Unit at the national center for cell sciences in Pune. Thereafter, he joined the department of pathology at Medical University of Graz for his PhD where he worked on bioassay development in ASH/NASH + liver cancer. He did his postdoctoral research at F. Hoffmann La Roche in Basel, Switzerland and at UMCG Netherlands, where he developed and tested pharmacological efficacy of a novel PET imaging tracer in Kupffer cells in healthy and drug-induced liver toxicity disease rat models. After a year as an assistant professor at in India, he joined the University of Washington, School of Medicine, Rheumatology/Immunology, Seattle, USA as a senior research fellow scientist in 2016.

Presently, Vineet holds a research faculty position at the Drug Discovery Institute and the Department of Pathology at University of Pittsburgh, USA.



Dr. Madalina Duta-Mare

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Dr. Madalina-Cristina Duta-Mare is a Scientific Officer/Product Lead at the European Medicines Agency (EMA) in Amsterdam/Netherlands where she is involved in management of allocated products' portfolio and procedures in accordance with legal and regulatory requirements. She is ensuring quality of documents in terms of adherence to regulatory and scientific requirements (peer reviews, active participation in committee discussions).

She did her Bachelor and Master studies in pharmacy at the University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Faculty of Pharmacy in Timișoara, Romania. Soon after she joined as a research student at the same university where she worked on developing experimental treatment options for systemic melanoma. Later, she worked as a pharmacologist/pharmacist at S.C. Help Net Farma S.A., Timișoara for about 2 years and for the next two years, she worked as the Global Regulatory Affairs Officer at S.C. B.Braun Pharmaceuticals S.A. in Timișoara. In 2015, she joined the doctoral program Metabolic and Cardiovascular Disease (DK MCD) in Graz as a PhD student at the Gottfried Schatz Research Center, where she worked on investigating the role of lysosomal acid lipase in thermogenesis and energy homeostasis. After her PhD, she worked as a Regulatory Affairs Manager at G.L Pharma GmbH in Lannach/Austria for about 6 months before acquiring her current position.

**We are looking forward to seeing you at the Career Talk
and are waiting for a lively discussion with our panelists!
Your active participation is very much welcome!
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