

Highlights from the EMBO Meiosis Workshop 2023: A Journey of Learning and Networking

I recently had the privilege of attending the EMBO Meiosis Workshop 2023, which took place at the picturesque Vila Vita Pannonia resort in Pamhagen, Austria from June 18th to 23rd. As a devoted researcher focused on the mitosis-to-meiosis transition, this workshop was a dream come true for me. In this report, I share my experiences and insights gained during this enriching event.

From the very first day, the workshop immersed participants in a dynamic and intensive atmosphere. The quality of talks, both oral and in poster format, was exceptional, covering diverse aspects of meiosis research. A particular highlight was the captivating presentation of the "HEI10 Coarsening Model," a concept proposed by multiple research groups to unravel the intricacies of recombination between homologous chromosomes during meiosis. While this model has provided valuable insights, it became evident that further refinements are necessary to gain broader acceptance within the meiosis community.



Day1 EMBO Meiosis workshop, 2023 @ Vila Vita Pannonia resort in Pamhagen, Austria

The workshop provided an incredible opportunity to meet esteemed scientists whose work I've admired throughout my academic journey. Engaging in in-depth discussions about their past and current research findings was immensely rewarding. Additionally, I had the privilege of presenting my own research at the workshop, sparking meaningful conversations and connections that are likely to shape both my present and future research directions.

Attending a wide array of talks allowed me to expand my knowledge of ongoing developments in the field of meiosis. Providing constructive feedback to researchers on their work fostered engaging exchanges and furthered my understanding. Notably, my participation in the

workshop played a pivotal role in securing my next position, which involves exciting research in meiosis recombination within one of the world's leading laboratories.



Barockschloß Halbturn

Beyond the scientific discussions, the workshop was an avenue for personal connections and networking. Reconnecting with old friends and forging new relationships with fellow scientists, postdocs, and students laid the foundation for future collaborations. The idyllic setting of the "Vila Vita Pannonia"

resort offered a splendid backdrop for not only academic pursuits but also recreational activities such as cycling, swimming, and dancing. Exploring the Barockschloß Halbturn and delving into Austrian royal history during the workshop's short tour was a memorable experience. Additionally, I took advantage of the opportunity to explore parts of Vienna during my stay.



Austrian Parliament Building

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to SOKENDAI and NIG for their generous financial support, which enabled me to participate in the EMBO Meiosis Workshop and present my work. This workshop was indeed a remarkable chapter in my academic journey, providing unparalleled insights, connections, and memories that will resonate for years to come.