

Newsletter of the VDS Ecology and Evolution

**Dear VDSEE community,**

Welcome to our very first Newsletter! We're excited to share our latest highlights, news, and updates with you.

Moving forward, we'll be sending out these newsletters every 3-4 months to keep you updated about DocSchool activities.

If you want to share something in our next edition, please let us know. We'd love to feature your contributions!

Overview:

- Upcoming events
- Open positions
- VDSEE people
- Collaborators in the spotlight
- Funding opportunities & workshops

Enjoy reading our first newsletter & see you soon!

UPCOMING EVENTS:**Public presentations & VDSEE summer party**
16th June 2023

Join us for 11 fascinating talks by our new PhD-students and celebrate the end of the semester at the following VDSEE summer party!

Location:

FÖP: SR 4.1

Summer party: Big Terrace on the second floor
@UBB, Djerassiplatz 1

Time:

FÖP: 09:00 - 16:45

Summer party: afterwards, starting at 17:00

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VDSEE Annual Retreat *5-6th October 2023*

We are pleased to invite all our VDSEE-members to our Annual Retreat in Seitenstetten (Lower Austria)! We are planning an exciting program and look forward to meeting you.

To participate, please fill in the binding registration form by **August 31**, 2023! Please note that spots are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Find out more at:

<https://vds-ecology-evolution.univie.ac.at/activities-phd-news/vdsee-events/annual-retreat-2023/>

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Welcome session for new PhDs

29th June 2023

PhD students who joined the VDSEE in the last six months are invited to a welcome session. The VDSEE coordinator, Antonia, along with the StuReps, will provide information about your PhD journey and answer any questions that you might have. Afterwards, you are invited to stay for drinks and snacks and meet other PhD students who have recently started.

Time and location: 29.06.2023, 16:30, SR 3.065 @UBB

[More Information](#)



Meet your Data Steward

14th June 2023

Join the **digital round table event** to meet the new data steward, Dr. Emily J. Kate. She will tell you a little about her position, how she can help you with your work, and research data management (RDM) resources available to you at the University of Vienna. She would also like to hear about your research, your needs, and anything else you would like to share.

Time and location: 14.06.2023, 15:00 - 16:00, online

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Tour at the Department of Botany and Biodiversity Research/Rennweg

19th June 2023

Since the VDSEE-community is spread over various institutes, we would like to get to know each other better! After NHM and UBB, now it's time to explore the Department of Botany and Biodiversity Research. If you want to get an exclusive insight behind the scenes let us know that you are joining by sending an email to katharina.klaushofer@univie.ac.at. After the tour VDSEE provides foods and drinks!

Time and location: 19.06.2023, 15:00, Meeting point: Entrance of Rennweg 14



VDSEE-supervisor workshop

23rd June 2023

The VDSEE invites all supervisors to participate in our upcoming supervisor workshop! This workshop aims to address administrative procedures associated with PhD studies, covering essential topics such as:

- Pooled calls: Advantages of recruiting via the DocSchool
- Arriving at the University: Registration at univie and becoming a VDSEE-member
- First year: FÖP and the dissertation agreement
- Annual reports and TAC
- VDSEE Travel grants
- Finalizing the PhD/steps towards the PhD defensio (together with Ernst Castellitz, SSC)

Time and location: 23.06.2023, 9:00, online
Link will be distributed soon!

OPEN POSITIONS:



PhD positions:

- **Agnes Dellinger**
Research project: The geographic mosaic of pollination and fruit dispersal as source of diversity in Pyxidantheae
- **Hanna Weiss-Schneeweiss**
Research project: Evolution of the karyotypes and genomes of peppers (genus *Capsicum*, Solanaceae)"
- **Ingeborg Lang**
Research project: Toxic or just a nuisance – how mosses cope with heavy metal stress

Other positions:

- **Student Assistant** at the VDSEE

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VDSEE PEOPLE:

Completion grants:

In 2023 the VDSEE supports 4 students with a 6-month fellowship to complete their PhD-theses. The recipients are:

- Julian Bibermaier
- Carlos Fernando De Gracia Castro
- Ahmed Hussein
- Wan Li

Fingers crossed for the final steps of your PhD!

Upcoming Defenses:

Janine Oettel

PhD thesis: *Modelling drivers of deadwood amount, decomposition and residence time taking into account the occurrence of deadwood-inhabiting insects in Austrian forests*

Location: seminar room Rennweg, Rennweg 14 1030 Wien

Date: 26 June 2023, 09:30 CET

Recent Defenses:

- Kirsten Mandl
- Johannes Herpell
- Muhammad Ahmad
- Elena Ritschard

Congratulations to all! We are proud of your accomplishments and wish you all the best in your future endeavors!

New PI's:

- Agnes Dellinger
- Roger Revilla-i-Domingo

Awards:



Introducing **Constanze Englisch**, the recipient of the **Impact Award 2022**! We invite you to watch her short video where she shares insights into her work on the project '[Heat below the City](#)' and her research routine as a PhD student in the groundwater ecology group. Join her as she explores the hidden world beneath Vienna:

[Looking into the Invisible - Constanze Englisch](#)

New Data Steward:



In March, **Dr. Emily J. Kate** joined the Faculty of Life Sciences as the new **Data Steward**. Emily holds a PhD in Anthropology and Demography from Pennsylvania State University and was previously a Project Coordinator at the Vienna Institute for Archaeological Science (VIAS). Emily will teach workshops on research data management for PhD students, postdocs, staff scientists, and professors. She is also a judgement-free first point of contact for all research data management questions! Emily can help you make decisions about how to organize, store, and archive your data, write your data management plans, and meet the requirements of funding agencies and publishers. You can find Emily in **office 4.082 in UBB** or you can email her at emily.jean.kate@univie.ac.at.

COLLABORATORS IN THE SPOTLIGHT:

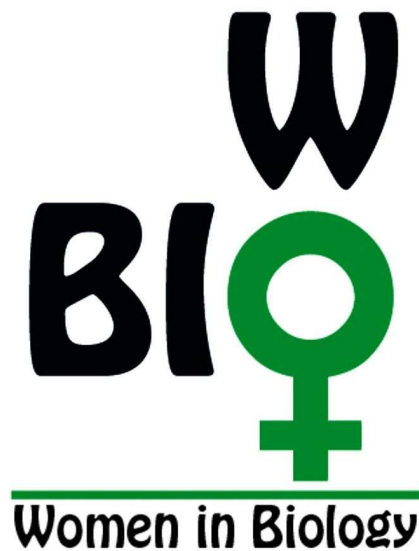


Global warming represents one of the biggest threats to the well-being of mankind. Paradoxically, while scientific research is instrumental for solving the imminent climate crisis, our activities contribute significantly to anthropogenic climate change. **Green Labs Austria** is a grassroots non-profit organisation formed by PhDs and PostDocs at the University of Vienna with the aim to connect laboratories in Austria that share the vision of a more sustainable research. We want to change the status quo of resource management and offer guidelines for a transition to more environmentally aware research practices. We want to reform how labs and scientists think about energy consumption, plastic consumption, recycling and traveling.

If you grow desperate with the piles of plastic left behind after every experiment, and you want to brainstorm with us on how we can reduce the environmental impact of scientific laboratories, **join Green Labs Austria and let's make a difference!**

Write to us at: info@greenlabsaustria.at

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The Women in Biology (WoBio) were founded in 2015 by several female scientists of our Faculty.

The Initiative seeks to understand the underlying causes of why women are still underrepresented and to support the careers of female scientists at all levels, from students to professors. Their vision is to equalize the female-male employment status and leadership at the Faculty.

They offer career workshops and networking events and highlight female achievements in our faculty. They are very active and welcome every new member.

[More Information](#)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES & WORKSHOPS:

[VDSEE travel grants](#)

Get up to 1.000 € support for traveling to conferences or summer schools.

Application on a rolling basis at least two months before the planned trip

[ÖGMBT - Austrian Life Science Awards](#)

Apply until June 11

[Workshop on UN Sustainable Development Goals - An Introduction](#)

June 1, 2023: 09:00-13:00

[Visualizing Complexity Science Workshop](#) - Complexity Science Hub, Vienna

Date: 28 Aug - Fri, 1 Sept, 2023

Participation fee: €200

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