

#### AIM

The first KIT PhD Symposium will be held on March 18th, 2009 at Campus South in building 10.50. The Symposium is targeted towards PhD students looking to practise their English presentation and communication skills in front of a larger audience. It is not necessary for the participant to have results for presentation; methods and processes are also encouraged. Supported by experts, this is an excellent structure for conference preparation and provides not only the possibility of networking and gaining an overview of KIT but also an opportunity of expanding the PhD students' horizons beyond their own specific discipline.

The motto "Broaden your horizons" supports this vision of the broad spectrum of activities within KIT.



"Piled Higher and Deeper" by Jorge Cham

#### SCOPE

The Symposium covers a wide range of topics related to the KIT Competence Areas, which reflects the research spectrum of the KIT. These topics include:

- Matter and Materials
- Earth and Environment
- Applied Life Sciences
- Systems and Processes
- Information, Communication and Organisation
- Technology, Culture and Society

#### PROGRAMME

08.00 am Registration

09.00 am Welcome notes

09.10 am Opening speech

09.45 am Poster Session 1 (with coffee)

10.30 am Session 1

11.30 am Short break

11.45 am Session 2

12.45 pm Lunch

01.45 pm Session 3

02.45 pm Poster session 2 (with coffee)

03.30 pm Session 4

04.30 pm Poster session 3 (with coffee)

05.15 pm Closing speech and awards

05.30 pm Symposium closure (light snacks & refreshments)

#### ONLINE REGISTRATION AND CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Registration for participation is open until December 12th, 2008. Attendance is limited to 120 participants.

Registration must be completed on the Symposium website www.khys.kit.edu/phd-symposium and should include an abstract not exceeding 200 words. A template and abstract guidelines are also to be found on the Symposium website. Each abstract will be evaluated by an expert and feedback will be provided to the author. Hard copies of the abstracts will be distributed at the Symposium.

#### FORMAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE PRESENTATIONS

Oral presentations are provisionally restricted to 15 minutes followed by 5 minutes of discussion (check website for updated information). The poster size is A0 format (841 mm x 1189 mm). For further guide-lines regarding poster design and oral presentation please visit our homepage:

www.khys.kit.edu/phd-symposium

#### PAYMENT

The KIT PhD Symposium is entirely sponsored by the Karlsruhe House of Young Scientists (KHYS). Lunch, coffee and refreshments are free of charge. There will be no conference fee and no additional costs charged for participation.

#### SYMPOSIUM CLOSURE

After the formal ending of the Symposium, feel free to join us for light snacks and refreshments in the foyer of building 10.50 for an opportunity to network with colleagues in a relaxed atmosphere.

#### EXPERT FEEDBACK

A valuable aspect of the Symposium is that oral and poster sessions are given feedback by a team of experts. These experts are drawn from a variety of disciplines and there will be one professional public speaker per session. The presenter receives written feedback on content, coherence and clarity of the presentation/ poster, and the use of visual aids/ display and on overall impression.

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#### KHYS in brief

The Karlsruhe House of Young Scientists (KHYS) is a programme that encourages and supports the communication and interaction of all junior scientists belonging to the KIT. The scope of KHYS is the sponsorship of engaged young scientists. KHYS is dedicated to both doctoral and post-doctoral candidates.

KHYS supports various programs including placements abroad, further education and networking of junior scientists within KIT. It also sponsors Summer and Winter Schools. As a central contact point, KHYS supports all doctoral candidates from the very beginning of their dissertation to their successful degree completion and also assists them in career management.

For more information please visit the KHYS website: www.khys.kit.edu

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