

The Winners of the PhD Thesis Presentation Contest 2019 announced



The winners and the PhD Contest committee members (left to right): Dr. Tetyana Yevsa, Prof. Matthias Epple, Sofiia Reshetniak – the 1st place, Oleh Rymarenko – the 2nd place, Dr. Gisela Zimmermann, Yevgenii Grushevskiy – the 3rd place, Dr. Christian Schaich, Prof. Olga Garaschuk. © DUAG e.V.

The Days of Ukraine in Baden-Württemberg took place in Tübingen on 19-20 September 2019 under the motto “Advancing Science and Education through International Cooperation”. This event was hosted by Prof. Olga Garaschuk, Eberhardt Karls University of Tübingen and president of the German-Ukrainian Academic Society (Deutsch-Ukrainische Akademische Gesellschaft e.V./ DUAG). Over 70 researchers from all over Germany and members of interested general public gathered to learn more about the best praxis examples of German-Ukrainian collaboration in higher education, research and innovation, discuss opportunities and challenges of developing lasting partnerships, as well as to network and exchange new ideas.

The highlight of the event was **the Final of the annual PhD Thesis Presentation Contest**, organized by the German-Ukrainian Academic Society for the fourth time. With this contest the Society promotes aspiring PhD candidates and foster academic cooperation with Ukraine. The contestants are either Ukrainians carrying out their PhD research abroad, or are involved in a bi- or multi-lateral collaborative research projects with Ukrainian scientists, or whose research topic is related to Ukraine. This year 16 candidates applied from Canada, Germany, the UK and Ukraine. Out of the six peer-review selected finalists five candidates took part in the Final presentation round, with a challenge to present their PhD research in just five minutes. The jury headed by Prof. Olga Garaschuk included Dr. Christian Schaich (ZOiS, Berlin), Dr. Gisela Zimmermann (DAAD IC Kyiv), Prof. Matthias Epple (University of Duisburg-Essen/ DUAG Vice-president) and Dr. Tetyana Yevsa (MHH/ DUAG member). The PhD Contest winners 2019 are:

- **The first place: Sofiia Reshetniak** (UMG, The Georg August University of Göttingen) for her talk “Dynamic organization of the synaptic bouton”;
- **The second place: Oleh Rymarenko** (Max Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry, Göttingen) for his talk “XPO1 – a bouncer of a cell nucleus”;
- **The third place: Yevgenii Grushevskiy** (The Julius Maximilian University of Würzburg) for his talk “Activation Kinetics of GPCRs”.

In addition to book prizes the winners received the monetary award of €300 for the first, €200 for the second and €100 for the third place, which has been endowed by Nomad Bioscience GmbH.

Another true highlight of the event was the presentation of the original **XVth century book containing text written by Juriy Drohobych** (Georgius de Drogojyc). The insightful talk and the book presentation were

delivered by Dr. Christian Herrmann, Head of Historical Collection Department at The Württemberg State Library in Stuttgart. Juriy Drohobych, by birthname Yuriy Kotermak, Giorgio da Leopoli, was born in 1450 in Drohobych (town in Lviv region of modern Ukraine). He was philosopher, astronomer, writer, medical doctor, rector of the University of Bologna and professor of Kraków Academy and is recognized as the first publisher of a printed Slavonic text.

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Background information:

Full program of the Days of Ukraine in Baden-Württemberg: http://ukrainet.eu/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Ukrainian-Days-in-BW_2019.pdf

The **German-Ukrainian Academic Society** (The Deutsch-Ukrainische Akademische Gesellschaft e.V.) has been founded in Berlin in July 2016 as a not-for-profit organization to support the Ukrainian Academic International Network (The UKRAINE Network/ UKRAINET) in and from Germany with the main goals to:

- foster academic cooperation with Ukraine;
- increase the visibility of Ukrainian researchers and their academic achievements;
- improve knowledge about Ukraine abroad and *vice versa*;
- promote the career development of young researchers, and
- support reforms in Ukrainian science.

Currently DUAG has 58 members, with the third being professors and research group leaders, active in different areas of sciences and humanities both in academia and industry and located in 30 cities in Germany, in Ukraine and the Netherlands.

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