

## **Minutes of Einstein Postdoctoral Association (EPA) - Meeting on March 13th, 2013**

### **Total number of postdocs present:**

**Carola Wilczek  
Valeria Antico Arciuch  
Adrian Santos  
Ulrich Kadolsky  
Christophe Lemetre  
Katie Stiles  
Esther Arwert  
Jeannine Gerhardt  
Carmen Calabria  
Sonia Schaetzlein  
Kamil Khafizov  
Anna Piasecka  
Sanal Madhusudana Girija  
Ritu Mukhopadhyay**

**Missing: Eloy Bejarano Fernandez; Fernando Pereira Bruno; Zoi Tampaki; Anne-Laure F Surena; Sayani Dasgupta; Christina Caescu**

### **Topics discussed with all the Reps:**

1. Ulrich reported that Einstein is going to try to establish an intranet system. They will use a similar system as does CUNY. This system will be comparable to Facebook but private, sensitive to Einstein but not to the world. It will include academic personal profile, lab groups, and activities. The postdocs were asked for their suggestions/needs. We will need a volunteer for the developing group.
2. The interaction with the Student council was discussed. The mixing with the students should be improved and we would like to see how we can collaborate with them to organize events together.
3. We discussed how the EPA mailing list is organized. Right now, four people are moderators, although two of them already left Einstein. Two new people were added as moderators: Katie and Esther. The rules about what kind of messages are sent will be maintained.
4. An effort must be made, once again, to have the entire postdoc community in the mailing list to maintain them well informed. We wondered what system is better, whether to include all of them and give them the chance to quit or to apply themselves and be accepted. There is a problem with the people without Einstein address, if this happens they have to prove they belong to their department to be included in the list.

5. Specific mailing lists for each department will be made so they can be individually informed (each rep is responsible for their departmental postdoc list!).
6. The QOL survey is already closed and Regina and Carola are analyzing the results.
7. Valeria is leaving at the end of April. We will need a new co-chair until then.
8. Spring party. We still do not know if Belfer has any money. Probably we will know in a couple of weeks. Dates were discussed and we chose April, 25<sup>th</sup>. The party organization will include: to buy beer and snacks, make fliers for advertising (Esther), book a room (Valeria) and try to get some music (Adrian). Party will start around 5-6 pm. If we do not get money from Belfer, we could ask for one dollar each beer.
9. Joerg is leaving and a small surprise party was proposed.

#### **General-**

- The new intranet system should be compulsory, at least the basic profile. It should include a calendar, different groups for the activities, room locator, inside track (salary...). Nobody volunteered to join the developing group yet.
- We should contact the graduate students in order to improve the interaction with the Student council.
- Katie and Esther are new moderators of the EPA mailing list.
- We will make an effort to include all the incoming postdocs in the list, giving them always the chance to leave and for those we miss, they could send a text and we will include them.
- A position for co-chair is available.
- Spring party will be April 25<sup>th</sup>.