

**Instructions for the Seminar: Current Topics in Cellular Neurobiology
(Module BASQ02 / M5404)
Winter Term 2018/19**

How to get your certificate with “bonus points” / grade:

- Due to the large number of participants (24 = 12x BSc + 12x MSc), we will have two identical parallel seminars (2x 12) this year. You may collaborate in the preparation with the students from the parallel seminar, but you have to assemble your own presentation and you will not be allowed to participate in the respective session of the parallel seminar.
- For each seminar, we will have three major topics. Each will be covered by four students (2x BSc, 2x MSc). Every student (BSc and MSc) has to present one original research paper. The two MSc students, in addition, have to give a joint introductory overview talk based on textbook chapters / reviews in a separate session before the individual paper presentations.
- To prepare for the seminar, go to the list of dates / speakers / papers on the seminar website. You will find reviews (including “main reviews”) for all three major topics (indicated by “REV” or “MAINREV” in the filename) in addition to the original article you are to present. In some cases, the original article is accompanied by a little editorial digest or comment (“COMM”), which might ease your understanding. Download the *main* reviews of *all* topics, *all* reviews relating to your topic and the original article / digest you are to present.
- Check whether Supplementary Materials (text, figures, movies etc.) are available on the journal website of your specific original article and, if so, download them as well. (Note: You have to be inside the KIT network to download from the corresponding journal websites).
- Read *all main* reviews (even those related to the other topics) plus your original article together with its supplements. Use the additional reviews of your topic, textbooks, the internet, etc., and your brain (!) to grasp the contents of the papers.
- Seek the help of your respective advisor in case you don't understand major points of your topic or in your specific original article.
- Prepare a 20min talk presenting the crucial data of the original article (and be prepared for a ≥ 10 min discussion).
- Meet your advisor at least once for a final revision of your PowerPoint presentation before delivering your talk (**obligatory!**).
- We expect all attendants to be prepared for all four introductory and all listening sessions by reading the respective main reviews. You are expected to participate in the discussions.
- Maximally one third of the “bonus points” / grade will be awarded for your presentation, maximally 1/3 for your understanding of your specific topic and maximally 1/3 for your contributions to the discussions.
- Attend all session of the seminar (otherwise bring a doctor's certificate).
- If you missed more than one seminar session you have to go to dentition in our institutional Journal Club (every Tuesday, 9:15am in room 708 / 7th floor, building 30.43). One Journal Club counts for $\frac{1}{2}$ seminar session.