

iDiv conference 2018 - Call for abstracts

19 June 2018

Date: 11 and 12 December 2018

Venue: Leipziger KUBUS - Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research – UFZ

Dear iDiv scientists,

We are pleased to invite you to the **4th iDiv conference**, taking place **in Leipzig on the 11th and 12th of December 2018**.

The iDiv conference is the most important annual iDiv event that brings together experienced and aspiring iDiv scientists. It provides an interactive forum for scientific exchange and an attractive platform for establishing new contacts and collaborations.

Hélène Morlon will enrich the event as keynote speaker. The conference will feature traditional formats like **talks** and **poster sessions**. Additionally, **demonstrations** and a **marketplace session for taproot research** will give you plenty of opportunities to network, discuss and to develop ideas. **Early-career scientists** are invited to design **ignite sessions** ('speed-talks' – see details below) that create entertaining and interactive platforms for knowledge exchange. We are happy to offer **professional training** for this challenging but fun talk format, and maybe you will even win the **talk award**! This year, iDiv Alumni will be invited for the first time – a great opportunity to network with former iDiv colleagues. Come and join – please submit your contributions here.

Important dates:

Registration open:	19 June
Abstract submission deadline:	21 September
Confirmation letters:	30 October
Training ignite talks:	22 & 23 November
Registration closed:	27 November

In case of any questions, please contact the organizing committee at idiv-conference@idiv.de or Rebecca Thier-Lange (phone: +49 341/9733103).

See you at the conference in December!

Yours, the iDiv organizing committee

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Explanation of the formats

1) Talks:

1a) Standard talks

Session types	Time frame
Talks will be grouped into topical sessions based on received submissions	10 min [8' presentation + 2' discussion]

1b) Ignite talks: 'Speed-talks' to report on the status of the research project; doctoral researchers and flexpool scientists are particularly encouraged to give ignite talks

Details	Time frame
We particularly encourage doctoral researchers and flexpool scientists to contribute to this session. ! Professional training will be offered !	5 min will be allocated to the talk, 15 min podium-discussion after 5 talks; the 5 min talk includes max. 20 slides and an automatic slide change after 15 sec

2) Poster session: Posters freely designed by the presenters will allow everyone to meet and exchange knowledge in a direct and informal way.

Details	Time frame
Poster-format is to be chosen by the presenter; recommend size: A0	120 min, posters will be introduced during a flash presentation session (1 slide in max 1 min) in the plenary

3) Demonstration session: All types of available resources can be used to illustrate the essence of the research presented, e.g. laptops to show pieces of software, practical exhibitions, photographs, nature crafts, experimental set-ups etc. – be creative.

Details	Time frame
Any resource to demonstrate your research project can be used	120 min, demonstrations will be introduced during a flash presentation session (1 slide in max 1 min) in the plenary

4) Marketplace session to present, get to know and discuss taproot research. The marketplace session is a lively, open and interactive format. Participants can present and promote their taproot research in every possible way, such as posters, brochures, photos, personal experiences. It aims to create an open environment to foster sharing of any ideas, questions or results. We strongly invite all ongoing taproots to introduce themselves at this session. In the first hour, conference participants will have the chance to walk around and get to know many taproots; in the subsequent hour, there is time for in-depth discussions with established and new taproot members.

Details	Time frame
Possibility to talk and discuss taproot research. All "marketplace stands" will be in one room.	60 min (kick-off) + 60 min (in-depth discussions)