Hi postdocs,

The end of winter is near! Here is what we have for you in March:

- Beyond the Ph.D. Conference
- Social events by USC PDA, including a special stand-up comedy event

Also, featured in this newsletter:

- Events around Los Angeles and USC
- Why not design a logo? See funding opportunities below
- Featured postdocs: Lionel Vincent & Inna Arnaudova
- Photos from our events in February

We hope to see you at one of our events! You can also find information about them in our [public calendar](#).

Yours truly,

PDA Council
Networking and Social Events

**Coffee Hour** (every 1st Wednesday of the month):
Next date: March, 7th

Locations:
- UPC: Illy's at the Annenberg building @ 2PM
- HSC: Starbucks @ 2PM
- CHLA: Aroma's Cafe in the HBO Cafe @ 9AM

**Special event: Comedy night**
Date: March, 20th @ 8 pm (doors open at 7 pm, recommended)
Locations: 1650 N Hillhurst Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90027
PDA is taking you to a free stand up event with excellent line ups, byob and availability of delicious tacos. Afterparty usually in the nearby Ye Rustic In. It is an outdoors event so wear a jacket if its cold. Parking on the streets nearby. Look for us there!

**Happy Hour**
Next date: March, 29th

Locations:
- UPC: Traditions on campus (3551 Trousdale Pkwy) @ 4PM
- HSC: Edmondson Faculty Center (1969 Zonal Ave) @ 4PM
- CHLA: Figaro Bistrot (1802 N Vermont Ave) @ 5PM

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**Important information**

The 7th Annual Beyond the Ph.D. Conference is coming on March, 27th! Learn about potential career paths after obtaining your doctorate! Learn more and RSVP [here](#). (password: phd)
FIGHT ON WITH YOUR PHD!

The 7th Annual
Beyond the PhD & Postdoctoral Career Conference

Tuesday, March 27, 2018
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom
3540 S. Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, CA 90007

Conference Highlights
- Phenomenal Speakers in Industry and Academia
- Free Professional Headshots
- Raffles: iPad Minis & Laser Pointers
- Continental Breakfast and Lunch

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RSVP TODAY!
BeyondThePhD2018.eventbrite.com
Password: "phd"

The first 100 conference registrants will receive 2 raffle tickets for double the chance of winning an iPad
Byte of Science: Connecting Art and Science
PhD candidate, Kyle McClary, from the Department of Chemistry at USC talks about how to create a connection between the art and science worlds. RSVP here.

**Time:** March, 7th @ 7.00 pm  
**Location:** Wurstkuche, 625 Lincoln Blvd, Venice Beach, CA 90291

Commercializing your research: From the lab to the marketplace
The USC Stevens Center for Innovation presents this event for women academics who are interested in issues of intellectual property and commercialization. RSVP by 3/7 via e-mail.

**Time:** March, 14th @ 3.00 pm  
**Location:** HSC CHP, Room 102

More events:

- [Biotech Connection Los Angeles Seminar at USC: Commercializing Your Research and Inventions](#)
- [WiSE Research Horizons Symposium: A Showcase of Cutting Edge Research in Health, Nano Science, and Sustainability](#)
- [TechFair LA](#)
Funding opportunities

The Bridge Art & Science Alliance (BASA) is currently hosting a logo design contest! We love our current logo because we think it demonstrates our goals here at BASA, however, we need something original and made by people here at USC. Currently, it is a brain with two contrasting sides of the brain - a creative/artistic side and a science side. We are looking to keep the idea of the brain - and the two sides of the brain (one colorful and fluid, and one side more rigid and "sciency") - but outside of that we are open to creative ideas! $200 will go to the individual with the winning design, sketch, or idea, and $50 will go to the two runners-up - as Amazon gift cards. Each submission will be looked at, so please do not be scared to submit! Once all the submissions are made, the BASA executive team, made up of graduate students and a committee of students, will choose the winning design and the runner-ups. We will be accepting submissions for the next month, and anyone (USC affiliated or not) is welcome to submit once, twice or even 20 times. If you have ideas for how to redesign this logo we want to see them! Deadline: March 19th, 2019 11:59 PM  Submit Here!

Job Opportunities

Faculty jobs
University of Colorado: Associate/Open Rank Professor at the Department of Pediatrics
City of Hope: Assistant Research Professor in Biostatistics

Industry jobs
Deep Learning Engineer at VoxelCloud Los Angeles, CA
Life Science Research Technology Specialists at EMD Serono, Inc. San Francisco, CA
RA.SRA - Cardio and Metabolic Diseases at NGM Biopharmaceuticals, San Francisco Bay Area

Want your job posting featured here? Send an e-mail to uscpda@usc.edu!
Lionel Vincent

Lionel Vincent is a post-doctoral researcher in the Department of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering at USC. He got his PhD in Marseilles, France, and joined Dr Kanso’s biodynamics lab in 2014 where he took charged of the experimental lab that had just started. He studied various problem related to fluid dynamics at various scales, including the motion of the symbiotic bacteria V. fischeri swimming in flows, and the flight of auto-rotating wings such as seedpods. He found that V. fischeri can be aggregated within minutes using ultrasound generated vortices, which can be used to locally concentrate and trap them in certain areas. As for the wings, he found that some degree of flexibility is beneficial and makes the wing fly longer and further. This could be applied to improve the efficiency of larger aerodynamics structures such as wind turbines.
Inna Arnaudova

Inna Arnaudova is a second-year post-doctoral researcher at the Department of Psychology at USC. She is a translational behavioral researcher, examining underlying processes of anxiety and addictive disorders, as well as mechanisms of change of behavioral therapies for these disorders, such as mindfulness-based interventions. She received her Ph.D. from University of Amsterdam in the Netherlands and is currently the Communications Chair at the USC PDA Council. Thus, she prepares these monthly newsletters.

Life as a postdoc: A commentary

If you would like to submit commentary for future newsletters, please email uscpda@usc.edu!
All smiles at the HSC Happy Hour in February!

Happy hour at UPC
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