



RWTH Aachen University ROBOX Engagement at JuFo

Recently the ROBOX partner RWTH Aachen University gave a Presentation and Lab Tour at the JuFo-Day.

Specifically aimed at young scientists “Jugend-forscht” attracted 15 members of the Biology section to the Lehrstuhl für Biotechnologie event at RWTH Aachen to introduce them to science and the EU funding.

“Jugend-forscht” is Germany’s most famous student scientist competition. Its aim is to inspire teenagers with interests in mathematics, informatics, natural science and technology by finding talents and then supporting and promoting them.

The visit at the RWTH Aachen university was organized by the association “Deutsches Jungforscher Netzwerk, juFORUM e.V.” in cooperation with the IGEM Team Aachen. The **ROBOX** partner institute has been supporting the IGEM Team in Aachen for several years and providing them with the lab space to give a platform for presenting science.

Pupils between 17 and 20 years old took part in the laboratory visit and marveled the equipment and then listened to the presentation of Dr. Anna Joëlle Ruff (project leader in **ROBOX**) explaining current research topics. Among other topics they were introduced to protein engineering, common techniques in enzyme technology and selected examples of industrial relevant catalysts suitable for application arising from the EU H2020 project. Furthermore, they listened to a talk presenting the IGEM 2016 Team Aachen, given by Alexander Deitert showing them how they can take part as pupils in the scientific research ongoing at the university and work in the interdisciplinary team.



RWTH Aachen University, Lehrstuhl für Biotechnologie – 02.07.2016: Presentation of our research activities to “Jugend-forscht” participants organized by the association “Deutsches Jungforscher Netzwerk, juFORUM e.V.” and the IGEM Team Aachen.

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