

## **Science and Skiing**

### **The Third German Israeli Cancer Research School in Pichl, Austria from February 28<sup>th</sup> - March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

#### **The concept of the Winter School**

The idea to arrange a research school was conceived in 2006 during the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the DKFZ MOST Cooperation in Cancer Research. The motivation to organize such an event were:

- ❖ Expansion of the cooperation program in cancer research
- ❖ Networking between young German and Israeli scientists
- ❖ Lectures and scientific discussions on current topics of cancer research
- ❖ Identification of common fields for future cooperation projects
- ❖ Poster presentations of participating PhD students and Post-docs

Building on the success of the first and second research schools, held in Pichl, Austria (2008) and Ein Gedi, Israel (2009), respectively, a third research school was proposed for February 2010.

#### **The 3<sup>rd</sup> German-Israeli Cancer Research School**

The third research school was attended by 19 speakers and 22 participants. 12 of the participants were from Israel and 10 were from Germany.

Günter Hämmerling and Lea Eisenbach, together with Wolfhard Semmler and Varda Rotter formed the School's scientific organizing committee.

For lectures in the field of Immunology in Cancer, please see the Book of Abstracts. A general lecture "The Age of Jewish Enlightenment and its Influence on Modern Judaism" was given by Esther Graf.

The morning scientific presentations, which lasted approximately 30 minutes, were followed by lively discussions, with the students asking many questions. Despite the audience having different scientific backgrounds, new insights were gained and horizons were broadened by the different lectures given on Immunology in Cancer. In the afternoon the participants had the opportunity to enjoy winter sports such as skiing and snowboarding.

For the evening poster sessions, further in depth discussions ensued and Lysann Schädlich, Or Cohen-Inbar and Yoav Manaster were each awarded 300 € for their excellent posters.

The participants and lecturers acknowledged that the aims of the School were fully realized. The highlight of the social events was horse sledging in the evening of the second day, while skiing in the afternoons was a pleasure for many participants.

It is planned that the research schools to take place alternating between "Winter Schools" in Pichl, Austria, and "Summer Schools" in Israel.