Establishment of interdisciplinary research networks

The five centers of the Faculty of Life Sciences (Botany and Biodiversity, Functional Ecology, Nutrition, Pharmacy and Organismic Systems Biology) unite a plethora of scientific expertise. To foster new collaborative interactions between the Faculty centers, a new funding scheme for the establishment of up to four interdisciplinary research networks has been launched. The aim of this call is to generate preliminary data necessary for joint proposals to be submitted to national and/or international research funding bodies.

**Submission Deadline:** 11 May 2018

**Application guidelines:**

- Each project is funded by up to 30,000 EUR for a maximum duration of 18 months. Upon approval, the project should start at the latest in October 2018. An extension of the project duration is not possible.
- At least 2 applicants from two different Faculty centers or MFPL are required (with at least one partner from the Faculty of Life Sciences).
- Applicants must have a permanent position (or tenure track positions).
- Applicants are allowed to submit only one proposal, and are not participating in an ongoing interdisciplinary research network.
- The proposal should consist of 2-3 pages (in English, 11pt type, 1.5 line spacing) describing the **background and aim of the project**, the **role and specific expertise of all partners** should be specified. Additionally, a **budget and time plan** as well as the **CVs** (max. 2 pages) of the applicants listing the 5 most relevant publications should also be provided.
- Eligible costs are consumables and other costs (e.g. work contracts, sequencing costs, travel costs), **not** funding of salaries of PhD students or postdocs.
- A single PDF document containing all the above mentioned information should be addressed to: dekanat.lewi@univie.ac.at

**Evaluation:**
Preference is given to new interactions and collaborations. The **added scientific value and the sustainability of the project is an important funding criterion**. The projects will be assessed by a selection committee consisting of members of the Faculty Dean’s team and the SAB of the Faculty.

**Report:** A short scientific report (1-2 pages) and overview over the expenses is expected within 2 months after termination of the project.