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1. Accomplishments in 2015

One of the most exciting developments this past year was DynAge's Interim Evaluation and we are very happy to announce that it went very well and DynAge will continue to be funded through October 2017. We wish to thank our DynAge's core host institutions – Freie Universität Berlin (FUB) and Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin (CUB) for their continued support.

Continued funding of DynAge is the result of great work by all DynAge researchers who have attracted third-party funding of 6.75 Mio € (as of 04/15) during DynAge's first 2 years of work. Also, several journal- and conference papers were published and an edited book is on the way.

Moreover, new collaboration partners have joined the Focus Area: The German Institute of Human Nutrition Potsdam-Rehbrücke (DIfE), the Max Planck Institute for Human Development (MPIB) as well as the Robert Koch Institute (RKI). In sum, at this time (02/2016) there are 10 academic departments at FUB, 20 clinics, institutes, centers and schools at CUB, two departments at DIfE, one department at MPIB and one at RKI involved in the Focus Area DynAge.

Concerning internal DynAge funding, in 2015, seven interdisciplinary projects of the 2nd and two projects of the 3rd funding period with researchers from FUB and CUB each were supported by the Focus Area DynAge. For an overview of all projects of the 2nd funding period, please follow the link: <http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/dynage/research/2-Projects-2nd-Funding-Period/index.html> and for an overview of the two projects of the 3rd funding period, please follow the link: <http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/dynage/research/3-Projects-3rd-Funding-Period/index.html>

Following the 4th DynAge call for applications, 6 trans-institutional interdisciplinary project groups were selected in November 2015 with researches from FUB, CUB as well as for the first time from the DIfE. These new DynAge projects are funded from 01/2016 for up to one year each. For an overview of the new 4th round DynAge projects, please follow the link: <http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/dynage/research/4-Projects-4th-Funding-Period/index.html>

PLEASE NOTE!

The **5th Call for applications for DynAge funding will be opened in March 2016** to select interdisciplinary consortia. Groups should be composed of researchers from different institutions, among them at least one university institution: Freie Universität Berlin, Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin, German Institute of Human Nutrition Potsdam-Rehbrücke and Robert Koch Institute.

2. DynAge Associated Groups and Postdocs

So far, two DynAge associated research groups have been established.



Jun.-Prof. Dr. Lauri Wessel
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First, the **Dahlem International Network Junior Research Group** "Health-IT and Business Model Innovation" leaded by Jun.-Prof. Dr. Lauri Wessel.

For more information about this research group please follow the link: <http://www.wiwiss.fu-berlin.de/fachbereich/bwl/pwo/wessel/index.html>

In September 2015, the **Heisenberg Group** “Socio-emotional Development and Health Across the Lifespan” has started its work. PD Dr. Michaela Riediger (MPIB, head of group), Dr. Antje Rauers (FUB) and Dr. Sandra Düzel (MPIB) are working together in this research group.



Dr. Sandra Düzel, PD Dr. Michaela Riediger and Dr. Antje Rauers
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Further information about the Heisenberg Group can be found here: <http://www.ewi-psy.fu-berlin.de/en/einrichtungen/arbeitsbereiche/gesund/Heisenberg-Gruppe/index.html>

Moreover, there are three postdocs associated with DynAge. Dr. Pooja Gupta and Dr. Daniel Fürstenau, both fellows of the **Dahlem International Network PostDoc Fellowship** as well as Dr. Flavio D’Abramo, chosen for the funding line of the **Dahlem Research School Postdoc Fellowship (POINT)**.



Dr. Pooja Gupta



Dr. Daniel Fürstenau



Dr. Flavio D’Abramo

3. DynAge Research-Oriented Teaching

In the winter terms 2014/2015 and 2015/2016, FUB master students were involved in the work of DynAge-funded project groups. The Department of Information Systems (Prof. Dr. Martin Gersch and Jun.-Prof. Dr. Lauri Wessel), the Division of Clinical Psychology (Prof. Dr. Babette Renneberg), the Division of Experimental Psychology and Neuropsychology (Prof. Dr. Michael Niedeggen) as well as the Division of Health Psychology (Prof. Dr. Nina Knoll) at the FUB enabled the students to take part in DynAge’s research-oriented teaching pilot program.

4. Workshop 2015

The 3rd Annual Workshop of the Focus Area DynAge took place on 10th December 2015 in the Henry Ford Building at the FUB. The program featured two keynotes by highly renowned experts in the field of aging research: Professor Dr. Angelika Eggert (Director of the Department of Pediatrics, Division of Oncology and Hematology, CUB) as well as Professor Dr. Mike Martin (Department of Gerontopsychology and Gerontology, University of Zurich). Furthermore, work in progress of the nine DynAge projects of the 2nd and 3rd funding periods were presented. Additionally, there was a poster session of DynAge's research-oriented teaching pilot program.

Some impressions of the DynAge Workshop 2015 can be found here: http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/dynage/events_horizontal/DynAge-Workshop-2015/index.html

PLEASE NOTE!

The 4th Annual Workshop of the Focus Area DynAge will take place **November 15th 2016**.

The workshop invitation will follow.

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