

The Biophysics Dispatch

Leipzig

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Dear Participants of the German Biophysics Meeting in Leipzig,

Today is already the last day of our conference. I hope you had a spectacular party last night with good vibes and enjoyed the historic site, the dinner, and the band. Great that you made it for the early talks this morning.

After our plenary lectures at 8:30 am and the parallel sessions, we will have our last coffee break. The catering of the conference was done by an inclusion project with people with and without disabilities. If you liked it, give them some feedback as I am sure people will appreciate it.

Next is the Awards Session with the prizes. After Fabio Lolicato received the Young Investigator Award yesterday, we have five more prizes to be awarded. There are three poster prizes as determined by you, our participants. There is the price for the best poster flash, which is decided by a small committee. And finally, we award the Klaus Arnold Publication Prize. Klaus Arnold (1942-2012) was a well-known biophysicist from Leipzig who worked in the field of membrane and tissue biophysics. He made seminal contributions to hydration forces, membrane fusion, and physical studies of biological tissue. Friends of Klaus Ar-

nold set up a fund to award the Klaus Arnold Publication Prize to a young biophysicist. This year, we received 8 nominations, unfortunately, only one of which was for a female researcher. Let's see who will be the lucky winner.



With that, we will close our meeting. I hope you had a pleasant time in Leipzig with exciting science, good discussions and a great gain of knowledge. We also hope you got a feel of the vibrant and liberal atmosphere of the city. Thank you all very much for coming. It has been a pleasure to organize the meeting for you and I am happy to receive any comments and suggestions.

I would also take the opportunity to thank and acknowledge everybody who helped organizing the meeting. We say goodbye, have a safe trip home and see you at the next German Biophysical Society Meeting or the IUPAB conference in Berlin in 2027 if not earlier. Thanks for joining and best wishes.

Daniel on behalf of the organizers

