

Keystone symposium "**Biology of B cell responses**" joint with meeting on
"**Therapeutic antibodies**"

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This Keystone symposium on B cell biology is an annual conference about the development and regulation of B cell responses. Topics covered in this conference varied from development of B cells from the pre-B cell stage until plasma cells, as well as the role of B cells in immune responses and disease. This meeting was joint with the meeting on therapeutic antibodies, with shared poster sessions and one shared plenary session. Participants of both meetings could attend lectures of the other meeting, which ensured interaction between basic researchers and the more clinically oriented attendees of the therapeutic antibody meeting.

A large part of the meeting consisted of plenary lectures by respected researchers in the B cell field, many of which presented new data. In the afternoons, workshops on several topics were organized, giving some young researchers the opportunity to present their data.

My main research focus is on IgG4-producing B cells, so both meetings featured some interesting lectures for me. I have learned a lot about the development of B cell responses, knowledge that I can use to further study my specific subset of interest. In the joint meeting, there were talks about antibodies and their effects. Furthermore, during the poster sessions in the evenings, I had the chance to discuss my work with both young investigators, as well as established researchers. This gave me a lot of ideas for future research and collaborations.

Since I am in the final year of my PhD project, this conference gave me the opportunity to establish contacts with researchers from all over the world to discuss the possibilities of postdoctoral projects, something I hope will help me along in my career.

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