



# NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER – iGEM BOKU Vienna

## The last meters - October

The last month before the Giant Jamboree still kept us busy with work! A few of our team members carried out some final experiments at a lab bench kindly provided by the Department of Biotechnology of BOKU. We were able to show that a fundamental component of our system can be installed with much less effort than we initially had thought; a vital information for future implementations of D.I.V.E.R.T.

By the end of October we submitted our parts to the standardized biological parts registry, survived the Wiki Freeze and filed our Judging Form to let the judges know for which categories we were applying in the competition.

We designed a poster to showcase our work at the Giant Jamboree poster session and came up with creative ideas on how to demonstrate our project concept to the audience in the final presentation.

## The Giant Jamboree 2017

Months of intensive and dedicated work as well as lots of fun lie behind us and we finally accomplished the ultimate goal: We arrived at the enormous Hynes Convention Center in Boston, together with 5400 other participants from 310 teams representing 44 countries.

We really enjoyed being part of this huge event – listening to several talks of other teams, doing some networking at the poster sessions and of course going to the official iGEM after-party to mingle with all the other iGEMers in an exciting entertainment complex. Bowling, a huge arcade gaming room and the Biota Beats official iGEM DJ comprised the perfect way to dissipate excess energy before the announcement of the competition’s results on the final day!

## Results

We are proud and happy to say that our efforts were rewarded in form of a Silver Medal! We also got great feedback from the Judges:

*“Although your project didn't end up working as you'd like, you did an excellent job documenting your entire learning process and your wiki will be an excellent resource for teams going forward.”*

*“You have laid a solid foundation for future work.”*

*“The team's presentation was great, I particularly appreciated the theatrical presentation of the project.”*

We hope to pass on what we have learned from the iGEM experience to next year’s BOKU Vienna team and are especially grateful to everybody that helped us make this project come to life!

THANK YOU!



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