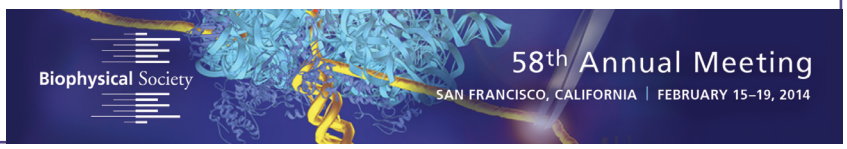
Opportunities to meet HFSP in 2014

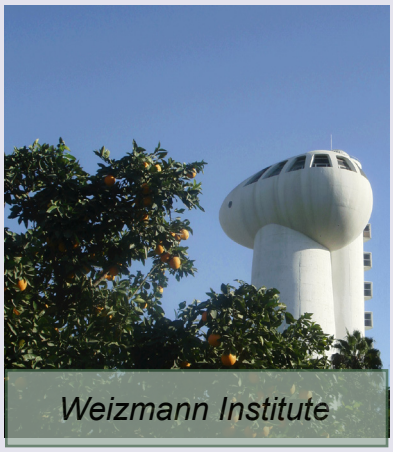
In 2014, there will be plenty of opportunities to meet HFSP in person if you are not able to attend the Lugano Awardees Meeting in July. For the first time, we will have a booth at the exhibition of the Annual Meeting of the Biophysical Society in San Francisco (February 15-19), where you will have the chance to meet Rosalyn Huie and Guntram Bauer. Later in the year HFSP will be present at the EMBO Meeting in Paris, France.

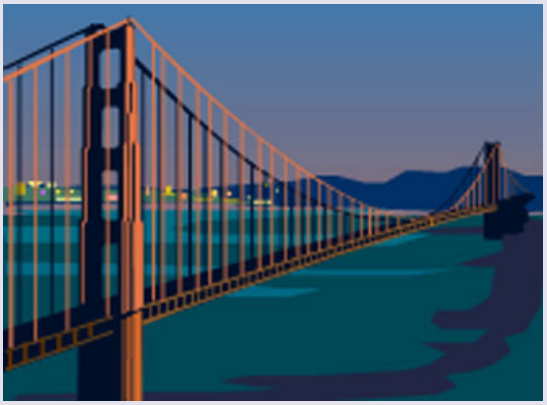
After some absence and thanks to the support of the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), we are looking forward to organizing HFSP talks at two meetings in 2014. HFSP sessions with special talks by awardees and alumni will take place during the annual meetings of the Biophysical Society and the Molecular Biology Society.



The HFSP alumni network keeps buzzing – scheduled meetings for early 2014

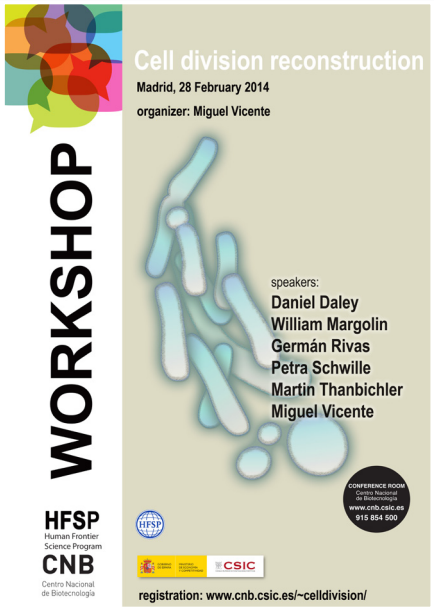
Firstly, we will invite HFSP alumni and current awardees to Genentech Hall where HFSP alumna Katja Brückner will be our local host for the San Francisco Bay Area meeting at UCSF on 19th February 2014. All awardees, past and present, are welcome to attend and can register via the HFSP website **Alumni section** once signed-up as an alumnus. Prior to the Alumni meeting, HFSP will exhibit at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Biophysical Society in San Francisco (15 - 19 February).





We are very excited about our second stop, which will take HFSP for the very first time to Israel. The second alumni meeting in 2014 will take place on March 27th at the Weizmann Institute in Rehovot thanks to the enthusiastic efforts of Benjamin Born, a current HFSP fellow.

All alumni for whom we have contact addresses in Israel will be invited. Check the **Alumni section** on the HFSP website for more information.



HFSP grant team organizes an open workshop on Cell Division Reconstruction

Miguel Vicente, the PI on a 2010 HFSP Program Grant, together with team members German Rivas, Petra Schwille and William Margolin and colleagues, is organizing an open workshop in Madrid on 28 February 2014, which ends their international HFSP funded collaboration on a high note.

Packing bacterial components in unusual containers allows us to explore how complex machineries work without the limitations imposed when using the whole cell. This approach, central to their HFSP grant, has produced valuable information on the cell division machinery, the divisome. New interactions between elements of the machinery have been revealed and functional assemblies have been reconstructed in the test tube.

During this one day meeting at the CSIC National Biotechnology Center in Madrid, the team will use the workshop not only to summarize the results of the project but also to discuss future Synthetic Biology developments in this field. For more information and registration for the workshop please visit: **http://www.cnb.csic.es/~celldivision/**.