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Regulations for the Cumulative Doctoral Thesis at the Faculty of Biology

(Board decisions of the Faculty of Biology from 22.01.2003, 21.12.2005, 18.01.2012, 16.01.2013 and 14.01.2015; Doctoral Regulations of the Ludwig Maximilians University Munich for the Faculty of Biology from 27. November 1991 (KWMBI II 1992 S. 80) in the version of the 4th amendment of 29.09.2016)

1. At least two manuscripts have to be accepted in appraised, internationally accepted journals, one publication of them as first-author. You can only apply with an **accepted** paper or a released publication (decision of the Faculty of 21.12.05/03 and 22.01.2003).
2. If you are a co-author you have to **state your own contribution**. The supervisor of your doctoral studies has to confirm this account and you are required to add it to your submitted documents. A copy of the contribution should be included into your dissertation (decision of the Faculty of 21.12.05/03 and 22.01.2003).
3. The doctoral thesis must be coherent, which is comprised of an **abstract** in German **and/or** English and a **comprehensive, detailed introduction**.
4. The publications have to be included **in the original form** of the journal as a separate chapter, manuscripts in the form of the doctoral thesis.
5. Following subsequent supplement to the introduction and the publications you have to write a **comprehensive detailed discussion**. An outlook or a general conclusion is not sufficient.
6. Publications as a first author (Original work in a Peer Review Journal) must reflect a **significant part of your doctoral studies**.
7. According to the rules for a cumulative thesis, **review-articles are not permitted**.
8. Unpublished manuscripts can additional be integrated in the thesis, but please take care that the thesis comprised only of one chapter "introduction", one chapter "results" and one chapter "discussion" (see also the example below).
9. If you have a paper with a **shared first authorship**, both authors must sign the **contribution about the respective performance and the substantial part of the publication**.
10. If you want to use figures from publications, even your own figures or figures from manuscripts, you must seek permission from the publishing house.
11. The integrated publications and manuscripts have to stay as they are for submission of the printed versions of your dissertation at the library.
For doctoral candidates who graduate in accordance with the 4th amendment of the promotion regulations, in the **electronic version** of the cumulative dissertation, the corresponding reference is sufficient.
12. Application for the submission of a cumulative doctoral thesis is not necessary.

An **example** for the content of a dissertation:

- 1) Title, name, year
- 2) Statutory declaration and statement
- 3) Content
- 4) Abbreviations
- 5) List of Publications
- 6) Declaration/Declaration of contribution as co-author
- 7) Summary
- 8) Aims of the thesis
- 9) Introduction
- 10) Results:
 - Paper I
 - Paper II
 - Paper III
- 11) Discussion
- 12) Acknowledgements
- 13) Curriculum vitae