

Recognition ^[1]

We are honored that our postdocs, alumni, and mentors have received awards and recognition for their scientific achievements and the NIBR Postdoctoral Program for fostering an environment in which the postdoc and mentor community can succeed.

A Chemical and Engineering News [news feature](#) ^[2] highlights the research published in a 2015 Nature Chemical Biology [article](#) ^[3] by Anne Mai Wassermann, her mentor Meir Glick, and their collaborators.

In 2015, Sereina Riniker, a former NIBR postdoc who is currently an Assistant Professor at the ETH Zürich, was recognized as one of the [Forbes 2015 “30 under 30”](#) ^[4] who are game changers in the field of science. Read about Sereina’s transition from postdoc at NIBR Basel to the youngest professor at her institution [here](#) ^[5].

Research conducted by Meghna Das Thakur together with her mentor Darrin Stuart and collaborators was featured in [The Economist](#) ^[6] in 2013. Her [paper](#) ^[7] entitled “Modelling vemurafenib resistance in melanoma reveals a strategy to forestall drug resistance” was published in the journal Nature.

For six consecutive years through 2013, the NIBR Postdoctoral Program was ranked among the top 15 postdoc programs in the US and internationally in [The Scientist’s Best Places to Work - Postdocs](#) ^[8] survey (the survey ended in 2013).

In 2012, Eugen Lounkine’s research, conducted with his mentor Laszlo Urban and collaborators, was published in Nature in a [paper](#) ^[9] entitled “Large-scale prediction and testing of drug activity on side-effect targets” and featured in the [Boston Globe](#) ^[10].

The Novartis VIVA Awards recognize exceptional contributions made by our scientists working in Research and Development worldwide. VIVA Awards have been made to these current mentors in our postdoctoral program:

- [Thierry Diagana](#) ^[11] - 2014
 - David Glass - 2011
 - [Eric Martin](#) ^[12] - 2011
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