

**New to the science park – the sugar network – Glyconet Berlin Brandenburg e.V.**

Glycosciences and glycobio-technology are a rapidly-growing market with great potential, and the Berlin-Brandenburg region has excellent glycobio-technology infrastructure. Glyconet Berlin-Brandenburg (BB) is a network of companies and institutions dedicated to promoting innovative approaches to sugar research. The focus is on the development of new synthetic, diagnostic, analytical and therapeutic processes and systems for medicine, engineering and materials, energy and life sciences. The aim of glyconet BB is to strengthen regional capabilities and education in the aforementioned areas, and increase their visibility. With this in mind, the approach is to pool members' expertise, technology and strategies, ensure glyconet BB is present at international conferences and trade fairs, while in future it is also planned to establish a jointly-operated research institute. In this way, the network offers participants a platform to collaborate with each other in developing innovative products from the results of research in glycoscience.

Dr. Beatrice Sobek (35) from Potsdam has been working as Network Manager for the newly-founded Glyconet BB co-operation network since July 2016. Glyconet BB aims to rapidly turn the results of sugar research into marketable products for medicine and the food and cosmetics industry. The network is based at the Fraunhofer Institute for Cell Therapy and Immunology in the Potsdam-Golm Science Park and currently comprises more than 20 partners, over half of which are research companies. It's no easy task to keep track of so many organisations and make the right decisions in a market as dynamic as the health sector. But Dr. Sobek, who studied biology and obtained her doctorate at the Institute of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine in Düsseldorf, has experience both in the world of research and in management.

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