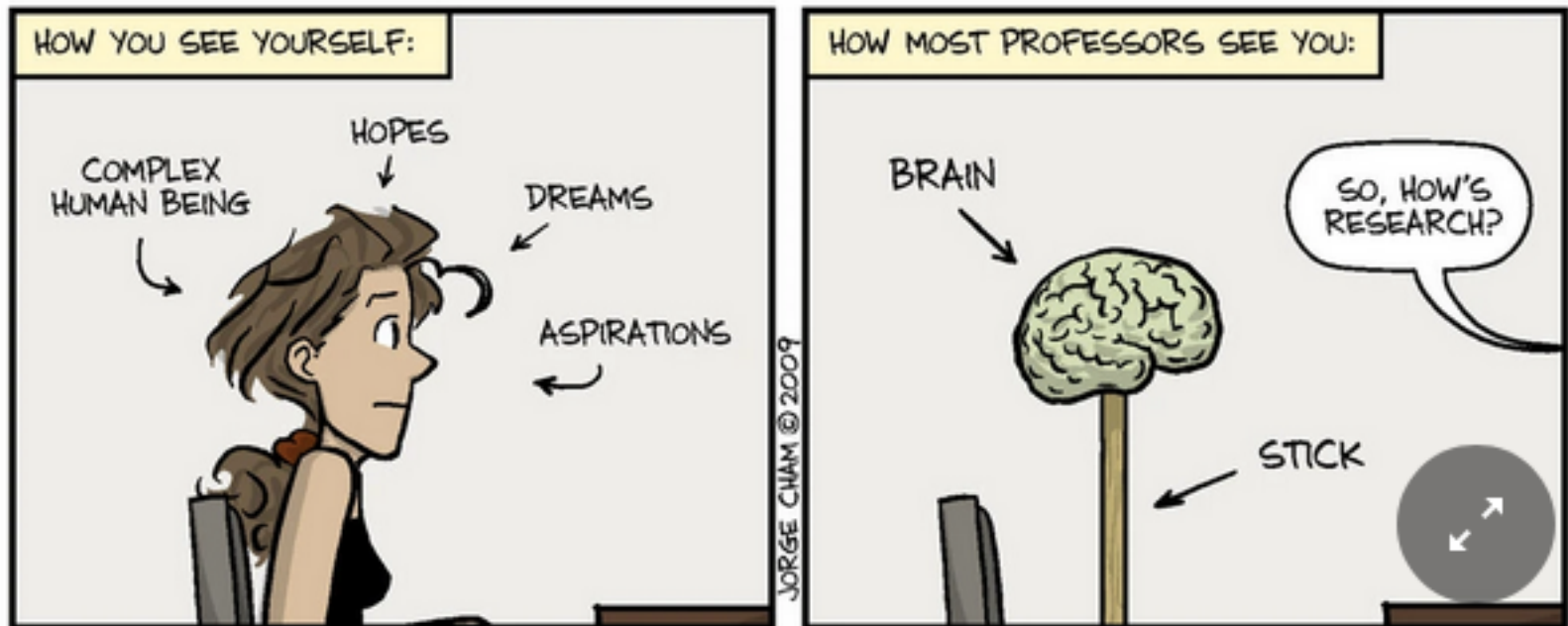


# Support for Ph.D. Students at LERMA



# Godfather



Every student:

will chose (with help of supervisor) a godfather/  
mother

- outside the immediate research group
- if possible at same location, (at LERMA)
- Has a PhD

Role:

- Ensures wellbeing of student
- Meets student  $\geq 1/\text{year}$

# « Comité de suivi »



Law: Each student has a council meeting each year to evaluate his/her scientific advancement and his/her adequate integration, funding etc.

Council members:

- Scientific member: selected at beginning of Ph.D. with supervisor
- Godfather
- Possibly representative from doctoral school

Role:

- Council will meet once a year to evaluate progress of student
- → Report to be send to ED, student, supervisor, director of LERMA and M. Wiedner
- → reinscription to doctoral school for following year

# Comité de suivi

- Follow instructions of your doctoral school
- For ED127 or if not specified:
  - Godfather
  - Expert:
    - expert in your field,
    - outside your immediate work group
    - Somebody who could attend your comité de suivi in person
    - For selection discuss with your supervisor

Communicate the name and e-mail of your godfather and members of the comité de suivi to Martina Wiedner

# Schedule

- 1st year:
  - **Dec/Jan:** Student and **Godfather/mother** meet and talk to see whether everything is fine, especially welfare issues
  - **Feb - May: Comite de suivi** with **godfather and scientific member**, report
  - **June:** Informal meeting with **godfather** to ensure that Ph.D. student is well integrated and the work is advancing nicely



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  - **Feb - May: Ecole Doctorale organizes Comite de suivi** with godfather and scientific member, report
  - June: Informal meeting with godfather to check progress
- 3<sup>rd</sup> year:
  - Dec/Jan: Student and Godfather/mother talk
  - **Feb – May: Comite de suivi** with godfather and scientific member, report
  - June: Informal meeting with godfather to check that the writing of the thesis advances well





# Ph.D. Student Day

- 1 day in spring
- Every PhD student presents there thesis research to all other students
  - To learn to put research in context
  - To practice presentations, ideally in English



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# Your student representative @ the LERMA

- Represent the interests of PhD students...  
*It's often easier to contact first a student than a permanent researcher if you have problems!*
- Participation at the laboratory and observatory Council
- Communicate requests / information / suggestions / **difficulties**
- Keep students informed about laboratory policy, meetings, etc...



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