Meet Enantis: Part 9

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HELLO, JAN. LET'S START WITH AN EASY QUESTION. WHAT'S YOUR ROLE AT ENANTIS?

I am a Senior Scientist – Head of Production and R&D. My task here is to make sure the production of our commercially available proteins runs smoothly. Additionally, I supervise the experimental part of our product development and assure the product quality as a Quality Manager.

My work is a mix of office duty, planning, scientific writing and lab supervision. I try helping my lab-based colleagues to resolve experimental obstacles – if my guidance is needed.

HOW DID YOU GET HERE?

Public transport! Jokes aside, it was an interesting journey. I got my PhD in Amsterdam, did a quick

Post-doc in Spain and then I wanted to spend some time closer to my family. Enantis was luckily searching for someone like me and here I am.

AND WHERE DO YOU COME FROM?

I was born and raised in Havířov - small city in the east of the Czech Republic, but I feel more at home in Olomouc, where I spent my university years.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE JOB TASK?

Coming up with a new project – from getting to know the target, discussing it with our in-silico magicians, developing an experimental approach and always getting surprised that it does not work as we planned...

WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT ENANTIS?

The atmosphere is really great – a tight group of youngish people that are really passionate about science and want to impact the world.

HOW DO YOU ENJOY YOUR FREE TIME?

My number one hobby is motorcycling. There is something magical about riding through a narrow mountain road (at legal speeds, of course). I also like to work on my motorbike, but I am not a really skilled mechanic. Other than that, I like weight-lifting, books, music and beers. I would say it is a fairly standard set of hobbies.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE FOOD AND DRINK?

Masaman curry or a good medium-rare steak and probably water for a drink.

FAVOURITE MOVIE/SERIES?

I cannot name only one – but I really like Gladiator.

MUSIC?

Between John Dowland and Rammstein, take your pick...

PLACE IN THE WORLD?

Rhodos. Just go and see.

AND HOW ABOUT BOOKS? DO YOU READ A LOT?

I really like to read, but with all the work-related reading, it is getting a bit challenging lately. However, I still cannot resist a good fantasy, sci-fi or a factual book on a controversial topic.

THANKS A LOT FOR THE INTERVIEW, JAN.

I HOPE YOU HAVE A LOT MORE READING AND MOTORCYCLING OPPORTUNITIES!



