

## Pressemitteilung

**Joint press release of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, the German Academic Exchange Service and the German Research Foundation**

### **Germany woos top scientists and researchers in San Francisco**

#### **Annual meeting of the German Academic International Network (GAIN) in San Francisco**

**Bonn, August 14, 2013. The 13. Annual Meeting of the German Academic International Network (GAIN) from August 30 through September 1, 2013 is expected to attract roughly 300 of the best German early-career researchers and scientists working in the U.S. and Canada. There they will meet over 150 top-ranking representatives from German research, politics, and industry.**

**For the first time since it was first held in 2001, the final day of the conference, Sunday September 1, 2013, is also open to non-German researchers, seeking information on transatlantic careers and collaborations.**

**This year's motto "Priority for Science and Research" addresses Germany's growing demand for highly qualified young scientists. Furthermore, the current debate about the future and sustainability of the German research system will be a central theme.**

In various workshops and networking events the participants get a chance to debate, make valuable contacts, and communicate their concerns and ideas directly to the representatives from Germany. Expected guests are the Deputy Secretary in the Federal Ministry for Education and Research, Cornelia Quennet-Thielen, and the Minister for Science, Research and Culture of the State of Brandenburg, Prof. Sabine Kunst. The leadership of all German research and funding organizations as well as the top German universities will be in attendance. The Keynote will be delivered by Dr. Ijad Madisch, founder and CEO of Research Gate, an online social network for researchers, who is also a former participant of the GAIN conference and a returnee from the U.S.

A career fair with more than 60 German universities, research institutions, and funding agencies provides ample opportunity to get in touch with German universities, research and funding organizations as well as the private sector, and allows the participants to get firsthand information on current job offers and funding schemes. The fair is organized in close cooperation with the German Rectors Conference (HRK) and the German Scholars Organization.

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The conference is hosted by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (AvH), the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), and the German Research Foundation (DFG) under the umbrella of their joint initiative GAIN, and funded by the Federal Ministry of Research and Education.

### **About the Organisation:**

The German Academic International Network (GAIN) was funded as a joint initiative of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, the German Academic Exchange Service, and the German Research Foundation. Associated members are the German Cancer Aid (Deutsche Krebshilfe), German National Academic Foundation (Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes), the German Rectors' Conference, the Fraunhofer Society, the Helmholtz Association of German Research Centers, the Leibniz Association, and the Max Planck Society.

With close to 5,000 members GAIN has become the central transatlantic network for German researchers and scientists. With various events and publications GAIN aims to improve the flow of information across the Atlantic. The network actively helps scientists in their efforts to return to Germany and to find attractive and competitive positions. It also supports them in establishing collaborative professional networks between Germany and North America.

Further information at [www.gain-network.org](http://www.gain-network.org)

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