Call for applications

On behalf of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) the Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg is organizing the

**International DAAD Alumni Seminar “INTERPV 2018”**


*June 12th - 19th, 2018*

in Halle (Saale), Germany

followed by a

**Visit to the trade fair “InterSolar”,**

the world’s leading exhibition for the solar industry and its partners

*June 20th – 22nd, 2018*

in Munich, Germany

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS:**

28th of March 2018

The seminar and trade fair visit is offered by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) in the framework of the program Alumni Special Projects ([www.daad.de/alumni-special-projects](http://www.daad.de/alumni-special-projects)). The international DAAD Alumni Seminar INTERPV 2018 is organized and hosted by the Institute of Physics of the Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg (MLU) with the help of the Fraunhofer Centre for Silicon Photovoltaics (Fraunhofer CSP). The costs will be mainly covered by funds from the DAAD provided by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

The seminar targets Germany Alumni from developing countries (DAC country nationals) who studied, carried out research or worked in Germany for at least 3 months and are presently living and working in their home countries. The Alumni should be professionally involved in the photovoltaic technology or renewable energy technology sector and/or are working for academic, educational or development organizations, NGO’s, donor agencies or private enterprises. The prospective participants should be potential multipliers in a position to spread the acquired knowledge and experience and/or take decisions on implementation.

**Main objectives and program**

The lecture program of the seminar is made up by 4 thematic blocks (Photovoltaic Technologies, Systems & Applications, Energy Storage, Formation and Education) given by experts from academia and industry and is accompanied by hands-on workshops. The lectures introduce specific technologies and facilitate orientation at the subsequent trade fair **InterSolar** in Munich.
Besides the lecture program, the seminar analyses on targets, challenges and routes towards the education and formation of students, local experts and skilled professionals. Participants are encouraged to take active part, present their own projects and interconnect in favor of the formation and reinforcement of networks and shared knowledge.

The seminar is scheduled in the run-up to the Intersolar 2018 held in Munich, (https://www.intersolar.de/en/home.html). Intersolar Europe is the world’s leading exhibition for the solar industry and its partners and takes place annually at the Messe München exhibition center in Munich, Germany. The event’s exhibition and conference both focus on the areas of photovoltaics, solar thermal technologies, solar plants, as well as grid infrastructure and solutions for the integration of renewable energy. Since being founded 26 years ago, Intersolar has become the most important industry platform for manufacturers, suppliers, distributors, service providers and partners of the solar industry.

The tentative program of the InterPV seminar in Halle can be found on the website (http://interpv2018.physik.uni-halle.de/) and includes:

- Lectures held by external experts
- Posters and case studies presented by the participants (Alumni)
- Group work and group discussions
- Practical workshops
- An academia day dedicated to education, formation and teaching in the context of solar energy conversion
- Excursion to the energy-independent rural village Feldheim (http://nefeldheim.info/?lang=en)
- A rich cultural and social framework program

Please note that participants are expected to actively participate in the realization of the seminar, giving feedback, summarize the outcome of workshops. They will be asked up-front to prepare a poster for the seminar, giving them the opportunity to present their background, field of expertise and past, on-going or planned projects.

The program of the visit of the trade fair InterSolar 2018 is prepared by the DAAD.

It is necessary to participate in the whole program: seminar, trade fair visit and social program.

Participants’ Profile

Eligible for participation are Alumni who meet the following requirements:

- Germany Alumni from developing countries (DAC country nationals) who have stayed in Germany for at least three months for study or research purposes.
- A proven working background in the field of photovoltaic/renewable energy technologies.
- To act as potential multipliers, e.g. people who are in a position to spread the acquired knowledge and experience.
- Adequate language proficiency which is essential to actively participate in the workshops and discussions as the seminar will be held in English.
- Women are particularly encouraged to apply.

Cost Coverage

The project covers the following costs:

- Coverage of the flight cost to/from Munich Airport (international economy return ticket) up to a maximum amount of 1200€
- Transport from Munich airport to Halle (by train)
- Transport from Halle to InterSolar 2018 in Munich (by train)
- Entrance fees and transport to the visited projects during the excursions
- Entrance fees to the InterSolar Trade Fair in Munich
- Accommodation and meals during the stay in Halle(Saale) and Munich
- Travel health insurance and visa costs for the stay in Germany

Please note: Flights with costs up to a maximum of 1200€ will be arranged by the local travel agency in Halle. All other costs, such as transport costs from participants’ home town to their home airport or travel costs for visa application in the home country have to be borne by the participants.

Please keep in mind that living expenses are only covered partly during your stay in Halle (Saale) as well as in Munich.

Application Requirements and Process

If you are interested, please send your application latest by 28th of March 2018 via email to: interpv2018@physik.uni-halle.de

The application (in English language) must include the following parts, preferably in one single pdf file:

1. A letter of motivation, stating your motivation for participation and your special interest in the topic, a short description of your present duties/position and your personal professional goals, indicating your envisaged field of activities and duty level.
2. A short CV with passport size photograph.
3. The completed application form, which can be downloaded from the InterPV 2018 website.
4. A scan of your passport.
5. An overview on seminars, workshops or conferences attended in Germany after finishing your studies in Germany.

The PDF-document has to be named ‘Last name_First name_country’ (e.g. Pistor_Paul_Germany).

Please note: Completeness of personal data mentioned in the application form will affect your eligibility as a participant. We expect to read your intention to actively participate in the seminar in your motivation letter.

With your application you agree that your data (name, organization, email) is given to selected company representatives and that you might appear on pictures which will be published on the DAAD website after the event.

With your application you commit yourself to participate in the whole program (expert seminar, trade fair visit and social program).

All applicants will be informed about the results of the selection process in April 2018.

Travel Dates

The date of arrival in Germany will be June 12th, 2018
(at Munich Airport, MUC).
The date of departure from Germany will be June 23th, 2018
(departure from Munich Airport, MUC).

For any further questions please contact the organizational team: interpv2018@physik.uni-halle.de
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