Dear colleagues,

In this third Newsletter we announce a call for our first PhD Thesis Presentation Contest, inform you about the Heinz Maier-Leibnitz Prize to Ukraine-born neuroscientist Tatjana Tchumatchenko (Max Planck Institute for Brain Research, Frankfurt/Main) as well as inform on other news, relevant funding opportunities and events.

With kind regards,

Sehr geehrte Kollegen,

Mit diesem dritten Informationsblatt möchten wir einen Aufruf für einen PhD-Vortragswettbewerb veröffentlichen, Sie über die Verleihung des Heinz Maier-Leibnitz-Preis an die ukrainestämmige Tatjana Tchumatchenko (Max-Planck-Institut für Hirnforschung, Frankfurt/Main) aufmerksam machen und Ihnen einige interessante Informationen, sowie Hinweise zu aktuellen Fördermöglichkeiten zukommen lassen.

With kind regards,

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

Dr. Oksana Seumenicht
International Relations Manager, Max Delbrück Center for Molecular Medicine, Berlin

Professor Olga Garaschuk
Chair of the Institute of Physiology II, Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen

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NEWS FROM THE UKRAINE NETWORK:

Application link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NJSQSM5

The Final will be carried out on 21 September 2016 at the Impact Hub Berlin, Germany, where the finalists will be invited and funded to present their PhD Thesis at the Forum "UkraineLab: Playing Polyphony of the Society. Exploring the European identity" (19-22 September, 2016).

Head of the Contest Coordination Committee Dr Denys Makarov, Research Group Leader, Helmholtz-Zentrum Dresden-Rossendorf (HZDR), e-mail: d.makarov@hzdr.de).

Confirmed Jury members: Prof. Yarema Okhrin, Universität Augsburg; Prof. Yury Gleba, Nomad Bioscience GmbH; Dr. Olesia Lazarenko, Oleksandr Potebnia Institute for Linguistics, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Kyiv/ Humboldt Universität zu Berlin.

This PhD Thesis Presentation Contest aims to promote young scientists from any research field, who can be identified as

- Ukrainian PhD students studying in Germany (incl. exchange PhD students);
- PhD students working on a collaborative German-Ukrainian (or multi-lateral) project;
- PhD students, whose topic of research relates to Ukraine.

With this Contest we aim to contribute to increasing the visibility of Ukrainian PhD students in Germany and raising the profile of the German-Ukrainian academic collaboration. This is the opportunity for PhD students to advance their presentation skills, learn to present complex scientific questions to a broader interested non-specialist audience and network with other researchers from different fields. Successful candidates will be invited to present their research at the Final event on stage, and get a chance to win one of three prizes as well as add an extra ‘brownie point’ to their CVs. This Contest is organised for the first time in 2016 within the framework of the Forum “UkraineLab: Playing Polyphony of the Society. Exploring the European identity”, by the German-Ukrainian Academic Society (the German Chapter of the recently launched professional scientific network “The UKRainian Academic International Network”, The UKRAINE Network), in cooperation with the MitOst e.V. and supported by the Embassy of Ukraine in Germany. Up to 10 finalists are expected to be pre-selected by the Contest’s organising committee, based on the submitted e-applications.

For more information: please see a separate competition announcement or contact the Coordination Committee (d.makarov@hzdr.de).
AWARDS, PRIZES & REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

Maryna Viazovska Solved the Mathematical Problem First Formulated 400 Years Ago

Ukrainian mathematician Dr Maryna Viazovska, currently working at the Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, has solved the densest packing problem (first formulated in 1611 by Kepler) in dimension eight. Subsequently, Maryna with her colleagues – Henry Cohn, Steve Miller, Abhinav Kumar, and another Ukrainian – Danylo Radchenko, currently PhD student at the Hausdorff Center for Mathematics at the University of Bonn, solved the densest packing problem in 24 dimensions. Here are the links to the papers:


More about this breakthrough discovery:
Sphere Packing in Dimension 8, by Frank Morgan, The Huffington Post, 21 March 2016
www.huffingtonpost.com/frank-morgan/sphere-packing-in-dimensi_b_9496736.html

Задача Кеплера отримала український розв’язок, by Larysa Kit, Tech Today Awards, 28 April 2016, the May winner of readers’ choice article http://today.vodafone.ua/posts/vitayemo-travneyogo-favorita-chitatskih-siplatiy-konkursu-tech-today-awards

So stapeln Mathematiker Melonen, von Andreas Loos, ZEIT Online, 21 March 2016
www.zeit.de/wissen/2016-03/mathematik-kugeln-dicht-packen-achte-dimension

Neuroscientist Tatjana Tchumatchenko awarded the Heinz Maier-Leibnitz Prize 2016

Dr Tatjana Tchumatchenko leads the research group "Theory of Neural Dynamics" at the Max Planck Institute for Brain Research in Frankfurt/Main. She studies the dynamic and information processing of neural systems from individual nerve cells to neural networks. She has developed mathematical models for describing dynamic and static properties of biological neural networks and theoretically analysed and numerically implemented them.

Tatjana was born in Dnipropetrovs’k, Ukraine and came to Germany in 1993. She graduated in physics from the TU Darmstadt (2006) and gained her PhD in physics at the Göttingen Graduate School for Neurosciences, Biophysics, & Molecular Biosciences, Göttingen University (2010).

The Heinz Maier-Leibnitz Prize, named after the physicist and former president of the DFG, is one of the highest distinctions in Germany for young researchers and provides further incentive for excellent achievements in their research work.

Elsevier Announced Winners of 2016 Ukrainian Scopus Awards

The Ukrainian Scopus Awards, organized for the first time this year, aim to foster Ukrainian research excellence and collaboration. The winners were selected by the Ministry of Education & Science of Ukraine, based on publication and citation data drawn from Elsevier’s Scopus. The awards recognize the contributions made by the Ukrainian research community to the global scientific landscape, early-career Ukrainian researchers, and scientific collaboration within research groups. Two further awards acknowledge consistency in research performance demonstrated by a Ukrainian research institution and a local academic journal. The winners are:

- Volodymyr Lushchak, Vasyly Stefanyk Precarpathian National University
- Leonid Levchuk, National Science Center, Kharkov Institute of Physics and Technology
- Boris Minaev, Cherkasy Bohdan Khmelnytsky National University
- Olha Brovarets, Institute of Molecular Biology & Genetics, Nat’l Academy of Science of Ukraine (NASU)
- Dmytro Hovorun, Institute of Molecular Biology and Genetics, NASU
- Yury Ushenko, Chernivtsi National University
- Pavlo Mikhailiuk, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv
- Anna Morozovska, Institute of Physics, NASU

The institutional award was presented to Kyiv National Taras Shevchenko University. The journal award was presented to “Eksperimentalnaya Onkologiya” (Experimental Oncology).


(In Ukrainian) [Link to news release](http://vnz.org.ua/novyny/podiyi/9234-premiya-scopus-awards-ukraine)

NEWS FROM UKRAINE

Science reforms

An initiative group of scientists launched an information portal “Science Reform in Ukraine”, with the goal to propose a platform that could be used to inform the community on the processes behind the ongoing science reform, and to monitor the actions of the state structures responsible for its implementation.

[Link to portal](http://ua-portal.science/)

Prof. Maxym Striha, the deputy of Minister of Education and Science of Ukraine, wrote an article in “Dzerkalo Tyzhnia” (Mirror of the week) on the forthcoming external international audit of the Ukrainian science and research system (the final report of this audit is expected to be published on November 4, 2016). On May 11, 2016 the first expert meeting took place in Brussels, where ten leading European experts, with the participation of the delegation of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, started the process of independent external audit of the Ukrainian science and innovation system.

“Аудитори — на порозі“ (Auditors – at the front door, in Ukrainian):

[Link to article](http://gazeta.dt.ua/science/auditori-na-porozi-_.html)
On 11 May 2016 Dr Seumenicht (Max Delbrück Center for Molecular Medicine, Berlin, and the UKRAINE Network) gave a seminar on “Germany’s research landscape and funding opportunities for early-career researchers” to more than 60 listeners – mainly young scientists. This event was organised by the DAAD Information Center in Kyiv (particular thanks to Dr. G. Zimmermann) and supported by the German Embassy in Ukraine. Seminar presentation is available at the DAAD IC Kiew web-site:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B0gJHLavQYd9ODZEU1ZuQ3pBNWM/view

COOPERATION HIGHLIGHTS

GUMLog – German-Ukrainian Master Program in Logistics

German-Ukrainian Master Program in Logistics is a four-year long project between three Ukrainian and one German university:

Applicant
University of Bremen (Uni-HB), Chair in Maritime Business and Logistics

Partner university “North”
North - Kyiv National Economics University named after Vadym Hetman
Center - Uman National University of Horticulture
South - Odessa National Maritime University

Partner university “Center”

Partner university “South”

This project is supported by the DAAD with funds from the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development.

The main goal of the project is a reciprocal development of the curricula and the establishment of joint master program in logistics between three Ukrainian universities in accordance with local context and in correspondence to the state-of-art in transport and logistics. This
development work and its results are considered to be – in a long-term – a decisive contribution to the sustainable regional development of Ukraine in accordance to the Strategy on Sustainable Development “Ukraine - 2020”. After the kick-off and a workshop in April 2016 with representatives from business and administration a range of open lectures and a round table with local logistics companies took place in Kyiv, Uman and Odesa in June 2016. In October 2016 six Ukrainian students are expected to come for study-visits to Bremen.

Contact: Dr Irina Dovbischuk, University of Bremen, e-mail: dovbischuk@uni-bremen.de

The Centre for East European & International Studies launched in Berlin

A new research institute – The Centre for East European and International Studies – is being established in Berlin (Germany) and is scheduled to begin its work during the second half of 2016. The centre will study contemporary political, economic, cultural and social processes in Russia, the Eastern Partnership countries and Central Asia, make its findings available to a wider public and provide policy advice supported by academic research. It will undertake collaborative research in economics and the social sciences and also cultural and legal studies within the scope of a multidisciplinary regional approach. The Centre is now seeking to appoint five research fellows from 1 September 2016 on a two-year contract:

http://en.zois-berlin.de/vacanciesopportunities/research-fellows/
http://en.zois-berlin.de/

A New EU-funded Project Started:
“RI-LINKS2UA: Strengthening Research and Innovation LINKS TOwards UkrAine”

The overall aim of the project is to further support and enhance the integration of Ukraine into the European Research Area. This will be achieved by a consortium of 12 organisations with professional STI policy and policy analysis background. The project is led by the ZSI - Centre for Social Innovation (Vienna, Austria) and is funded for three years (Feb. 2016 – Jan. 2019).

The project’s first webinar on Horizon 2020 addressing future Ukrainian participants in EU funded S&T projects will be carried out on June 22, 2016, if interested – register by June 19:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1v86q3Q-x09kn1dfQfsBiW1-1vN-1vTr_vBXYXCwrk/viewform?p=c=0&w=1
http://ri-links2ua.eu/

Report from the meeting „Ukrainian science in European context. German-Ukrainian scientific links” (Munich, 8-10 April 2016), by Dr Olesia Lazarenko

The international scientific conference „Ukrainian Science in European Context. German-Ukrainian Scientific Links” took place in Munich, the distinctive capital of the Ukrainian diaspora in Germany, on 8-10 April 2016. This interesting meeting was organised by the “German-Ukrainian Scientific Society named after Yu. Bojko-Blochyn” (Deutsch-Ukrainische Wissenschaftliche Gesellschaft e.V. Namens von Prof. Dr. J. Bojko-Blochyn, DUWG, Munich, Germany) led by its president Prof. Dr Daryna Blochyn, in cooperation with three Ukrainian and one Czech Universities. More than 80 scientific presentations from scientists from Ukraine, Germany, Tatarstan and Czech Republic covered a broad range of topics in field of literature and language studies, art studies, cultural studies, law, history, etc.

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8-10 квітня 2016 року у Мюнхені, столиці Баварії і своєрідній столиці української діаспори в Німеччині пройшла Міжнародна наукова конференція «Українська наука в європейському контексті. Німецько-українські наукові зв’язки». Організатором цього заходу виступило «Німецько-українське Наукове об’єднання ім. Ю. Бойка-Блохина» (НУНО, Мюнхен, Німеччина) на чолі із його президентом, проф., д-р Дариною Блохин, а співорганізаторами стали українські та зарубіжні вузь. До програми конференції було включене понад 80 доповідей науковців із України, Німеччини, Татарстану, Чехії. Тематика доповідей визначалася колом наукових інтересів доповідачів у галузі літературознавства, мовознавства, мистецтвознавства, культурознавства, правознавства, історії, педагогіки. На конференції працювало 4 секції: «Мовознавство. Роль діаспорних вчених у поширені україністики в Німеччині та в країнах їх проживання», «Українська і німецька література й історія», «Німецько-українські мас-медіа і соціальні комунікації», «Культура, педагогіка, мистецтво». На заключному засіданні були підведені підсумки роботи конференції за різними галузевими напрямами, висунуто пропозиції щодо організації подальших наукових зустрічей, висловлено побажання і надалі здійснювати дослідження у представлених напрямках українсько-німецьких культурних зв’язків. Учасники і гості конференції мали можливість ознайомитись із виставкою рідкісних українських, словацьких і чеських вишивок XVIII-ХХ ст. Художниця і мистецтвознавець М. Оберраух-Мельничук (Німеччина) запропонувала відвідати у віртуальному режимі галерею своїх робіт (http://martamelniczuk.weebly.com/). У рамках конференції була проведена презентація видань Німецько-Українського Наукового Об’єднання ім. Ю. Бойка-Блохина. Президент НУНО проф. Дарина Блохин представила цілий ряд монографій з історії української діаспори у світі і зокрема в Німеччині, з історії розвитку україністики в Німеччині та Європі, з історії українців як жертв німецьких концтаборів.

http://nuno.phdpu.edu.ua/


**EU eases Visa Rules for Researchers and Students from Non-EU Countries**

The new rules merge two existing directives (on students and on researchers) to ensure that:

- Students and researchers may stay at least 9 months after finishing their studies or research in order to look for a job or to set up a business, which should also ensure that Europe benefits from their skills,

- Students and researchers may move more easily within the EU during their stay. In future, they will not need to file a new visa application, but only to notify the member state to which they are moving, for example to do a 1-semester exchange. Researchers will also be able to move for longer periods than those currently allowed,
• Researchers have the right to bring their family members with them and these family members are entitled to work during their stay in Europe, and students have the right to work at least 15 hours a week.


SOME RELEVANT FUNDING & SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

Project and Institutional Funding

*Joint call of the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences and Czech Academy of Sciences (2017-2019), deadline: 30 June*

www.nas.gov.ua/EN/Messages/Announcements/Pages/View.aspx?MessageID=2253

*Call for Research Proposals for Enlighten Your Research, deadline 30 June 30, 2016*

The Eastern Partnership (EaP) is a regional and multilateral initiative between the EU and its six Eastern partners: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine. The partnership aims to provide support and assistance for reforms in the region in the fields of democracy, human rights, market economy, sustainability and governance. This brand new edition of the Enlighten Your Research program invites researchers and their collaborators to submit proposals that highlight how access to advanced networks, technologies and compute would significantly improve their research and discovery process.

https://www.eapconnect.eu/research/

*6th joint call of the Ukrainian Foundation for Fundamental Research & Belarus Republican Foundation for Fundamental Research, deadline: 4 July, 2016*

www.dffd.gov.ua/index.php?option=com_k2&view=item&id=27&lang=ua

EU Funding: INCONTACT information about specific international cooperation calls in the Horizon 2020 work programmes relevant to Ukraine:

https://incontact.etag.ee/topics/open//UA//

Funding for Individuals/ Fellowships

*New EU programme: 90 postdocs to be hired by SMEs, deadline: 30 June*

The H2020 SME Innovation Associate is a new pilot action under the EU Research and Innovation Framework Programme 'Horizon 2020' supporting European SMEs and Start-ups to recruit post-doctoral research associates from other countries to explore an innovation business idea. Companies are eligible to apply to receive the funding, open positions will be advertised after March 2017.


*WHRI-Academy International Fellowship Programme, 2016: Apply by 12 July, 2016*

The William Harvey International Translational Research Academy (WHRI-ACADEMY) is a new mobility fellowship programme which aims to provide multidisciplinary projects to transnational researchers to help to maximise their career development opportunities in healthcare and life sciences. It offers 175 new postdoctoral fellowships to applicants from all

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over the world. Scholarship can be taken at: Australia, United States, United Kingdom, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, India, Italy, Sweden, Spain and Singapore.

http://www.whri-academy.eu/

**DAAD Grants for foreign lecturers at German Higher Education Institutions**/
**Förderung ausländischer Gastdozenten zu Lehrtätigkeiten an deutschen Hochschulen**

Applications are submitted by German Higher Education Institutions. **Deadline: 15 July 2016.**

https://www.daad.de/hochschulen/ausschreibungen/projekte/de/11342-foerderprogramme-finden/?s=1&zland[]=17&projektitid=57200212

**Austrian Academy of Sciences: JESH Call Incoming or Outgoing 2016, deadline: 15 July 2016**

JESH is open to scientists who completed their PhD / doctoral degree within the last 10 years. Travel and accommodation costs for research stays between a min. of two months and a max. of six months can be funded.


**Humboldt Foundation Sofja Kovalevskaja Award of up to €1.65 million, deadline: 31 July 2016**

If you are a successful top-rank junior researcher from abroad (of Germany), with a doctorate with distinction completed in the last six years - the Sofja Kovalevskaja Award allows you to spend 5 years building up a working group and working on a high-profile, innovative research project of your own choice at a research institution of your own choice in Germany.

https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/kovalevskaja-award.html

**Marie-Sklodowska Curie Individual Fellowships: Apply by 14 September, 2016**

European Fellowships or Global Fellowships are individual trans-national awards to the best or most promising researchers of any nationality, for employment in EU Member States or Associated Countries. The supported research stay can be carried out in the academic or non-academic sectors. Researchers receiving a fellowship may also opt to include a secondment phase in Europe, notably in the non-academic sector, within the overall duration of their fellowship. **European Fellowships** are held in EU Member States or Associated Countries and are open to researchers either coming to Europe from any country in the world or moving within Europe. **Return and reintegration of researchers into a longer term research position in Europe, including in their country of origin, is supported via a separate multi-disciplinary reintegration panel of the European Fellowships.** Support to individuals to resume research in Europe after a career break, e.g. after parental leave, is ensured via a separate multi-disciplinary career restart panel of the European Fellowships. **Global Fellowships** are support research stay in a third country and a mandatory 12 month return period to a European host.


**DAAD PhDGermany Database: Doctoral Positions in Germany**

https://www.daad.de/deutschland/promotion/phd/en/13306-phdgermany-database/
### A SELECTION OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Forthcoming talk:**

**16/06/2016**

Collegium Polonicum, (Kleine Aula), Ul. Kościuszki 1, 69-100 Słubice

Gewaltkulturen im (post-)sowjetischen Raum: Der Ukrainekrieg und die Krise des russischen Staates (1979-2015)

**Jan C. Behrends** (Zentrum für Zeitgeschichtliche Forschung Potsdam)

**The Berlin-Brandenburg Ukraine Initiative** is holding five different lectures from March to June 2016 that are part of the **Lecture Series “Constructing Eastern Europe: Geographies of Power in the Twentieth and Twenty-first Centuries”**


**Präsentation der Plattform Osteuropa Dokumente Online (OstDok)**

**17/06/2016**

Berlin

**RI LINKS2UA Webinar on Horizon 2020 addressing future Ukrainian participants**

**22/06/2016**

Apply by 19 June

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1v86q3Q-x09kn1dfQfsBiW1-1vN-1vTr_vVBCYXCwrk/viewform?c=0&w=1](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1v86q3Q-x09kn1dfQfsBiW1-1vN-1vTr_vVBCYXCwrk/viewform?c=0&w=1)

**SUMMER YOUNG SCIENTISTS FORUM**

**23-24/06/2016**

Odesa, Ukraine

Ukrainian Councils of Young Scientists unite and invite young scientists, government officials, business community and media to participate in the Forum. The key topics are:

- What is the present and future of young Ukrainian researchers?
- What are the prospects for career development of young scientists in Ukraine?
- Where to find financial support for research, training, and participation in conferences?

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1f9ZDv9DPz1RgOM7G3Jh9E4mC6ZPdNw_xq-oXA10g_Bs/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1f9ZDv9DPz1RgOM7G3Jh9E4mC6ZPdNw_xq-oXA10g_Bs/viewform)

**Ukraine Calling Opening Lecture/Eröffnungsvortrag**

**23/06/2016**

Frankfurt/Oder

Register by 20/06 at [ukraine@europa-uni.de](mailto:ukraine@europa-uni.de)

[http://www.facebook.com/ukraine](http://www.facebook.com/ukraine)

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<td><strong>Viadrinicum</strong></td>
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University of Ottawa
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Application deadline: 29/6/2016
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New: Country Report Ukraine updated in May 2016
Experts at the 'National Information Centre for Ukraine-EU S&T Cooperation' (NIP) have updated the incrEAST Country Report for Ukraine, which is now available online as well as for download in PDF format in English language. The report provides detailed information about the scientific landscape, research structure, STI policies and international cooperation activities of Ukraine.

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If you have news you wish to share or interested to join the Newsletter team – just get in touch!
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MAIN GOALS of the UKRainian Academic International NEtwork (The UKRAINE Network):

- **FOSTERING**
  academic cooperation with Ukraine and its integration into the European Research Area

- **IMPROVING**
  knowledge about Ukraine abroad, its university and research landscape, and *vice versa*

- **SUPPORTING**
  career development of the Network’s members and young academics in Ukraine

- **ESTABLISHING**
  of an international expert pool to support the reforms in science & HE system in Ukraine

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This working group aims to monitor and share the information on relevant funding opportunities, offer the expertise on grant writing and review process, organise thematic workshops, as well as support applications for funding to support the Network and individual projects. Contact: Oksana Seumenicht and Nataliya Butych.

If you are keen to start a group in your city/region devoted to a specific topic, or to initiate some Network activities – do get in touch!

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