



THE FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE GERMAN-UKRAINIAN
12 SEPTEMBER 2020, ONLINE

THE UKRAINE NETWORK

THE UKRAINIAN ACADEMIC INTERNATIONAL NETWORK
WWW.UKRAINET.EU



MAIN GOALS OF THE NETWORK



- **FOSTER** academic cooperation with Ukraine
- **IMPROVE** knowledge about Ukraine abroad and *vice versa*
- **INCREASE** visibility of Ukrainian scientists and their achievements
- **SUPPORT** career development of the Network members and early-career researchers in Ukraine
- **SUPPORT** reforms in Ukrainian science

The German-Ukrainian Academic Society/ Die Deutsch-Ukrainische Akademische Gesellschaft

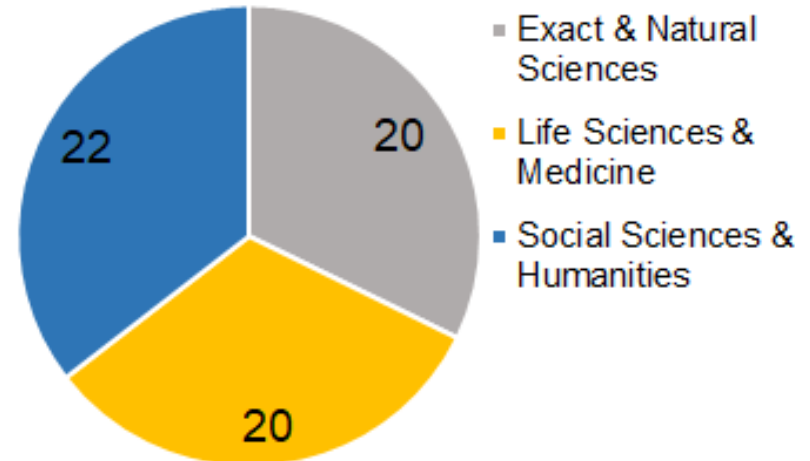
was founded in Berlin on the 11th of July 2016 by 16 researchers from 10 German cities
and registered in February 2017 by the *Amtsgericht Berlin*, VR 35585 B



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62 CURRENT MEMBERS

(12.09.2020)



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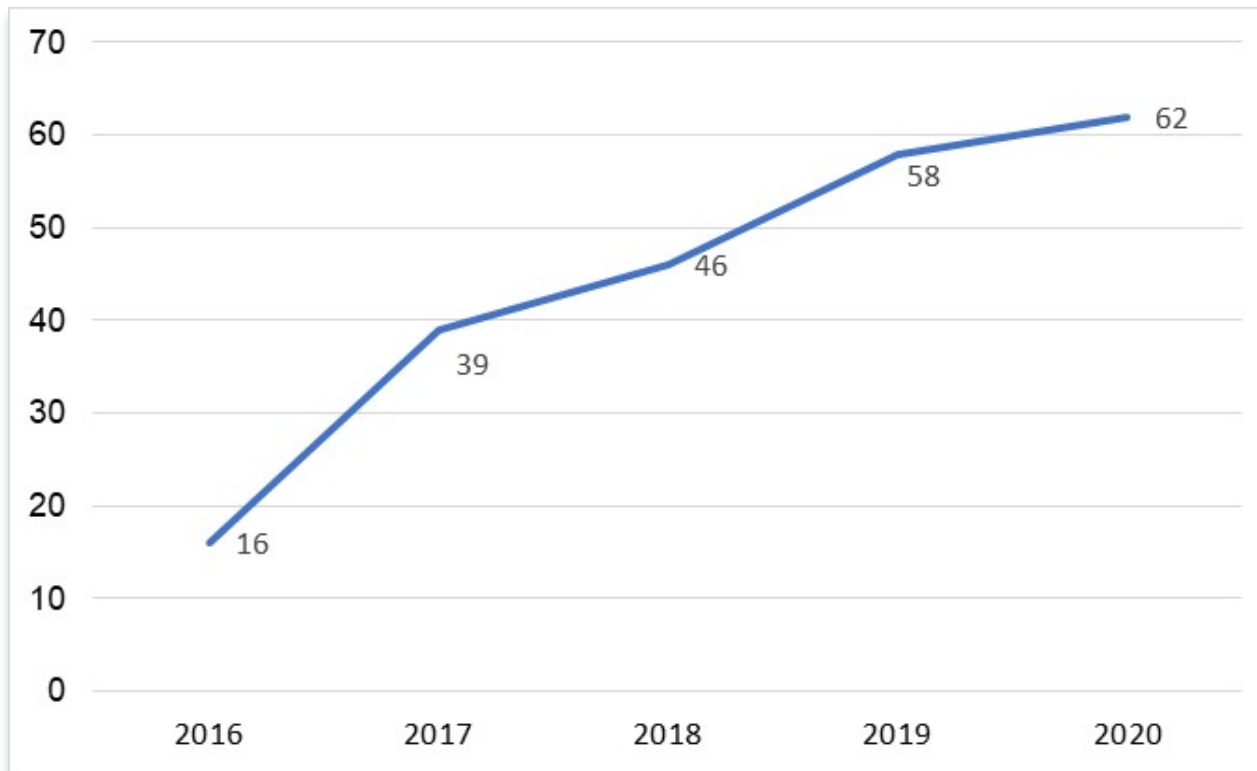
- ✓ 55 in Germany, 1 in Italy, 1 in the USA, 5 in Ukraine (Lviv, Kharkiv, Odesa & Sumy)
- ✓ 48 PhD-level researchers and managers, incl. 17 professors & 3 research group leaders
- ✓ 7 in industry, incl. 2 CEOs, 1 CSO & 1 Program Director
- ✓ 11 PhD students (associated members)



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The UKRAINE Network

MEMBERSHIP, 2016-2020



REGIONAL CONTACT POINTS AND WORKING GROUPS

Berlin/Brandenburg:	Olesia Lazarenko Dmytro Puchkov
Dresden:	Vyacheslav Khavrus
Greifswald:	Roman Dubasevych
Hannover:	Nataliya Butych Tetyana Yevsa
Stuttgart/ Tübingen:	Olga Garaschuk



- ✓ WG „Communication & Public Relations (Website, Newsletter, liason with partner organizations etc.)“:
speaker Oksana Seumenicht
- ✓ WG „Technical support“:
speaker Vitalii Matyash
- ✓ WG „Finances & Sponsorships“:
speaker Nelia Wanderka
- ✓ WG „Laboratory Equipment“:
speaker Andriy Luzhetskyy
- ✓ WG „Mentoring“:
speaker Olga Garaschuk
- ✓ WG „Organization of the Annual Meeting and of the Annual PhD Thesis Presentation Contest“:
speaker is identified annually
- ✓ WG „Outreach (Expert Lectures in Ukraine)“:
speaker Anna Hayduk
- ✓ WG „Reviewers (grants, papers, etc.)“:
speaker Tetyana Yevsa
- ✓ WG „Organization of Summer Schools“:
depends on specific projects

PhD THESIS PRESENTATION CONTEST



**PhD Contest 2020 has been cancelled due to
COVID-19 pandemic**

REPRESENTATION & LIAISON

Auswahlsitzung Parlamentspraktikum Ukraine/ Meeting of the Selection Committee for the Trainee-Program in Verkhovna Rada

Berlin, 16 December 2019

- ✓ Dr. Oksana Seumenicht was invited as a member of the Selection Committee

Auswahlsitzung Masterstipendien/ Selection Committee Meeting for DAAD Study Scholarships

Kyiv, 6-9 February 2020

- ✓ Prof. Olga Garaschuk was invited as a member of the Selection Committee

DAAD

REPRESENTATION & LIAISON

Diaspora Consultation: Western Europe, online, 4-5 May 2020

Organizer: European Union Global Diaspora Facility (EUDiF) is a pilot project funded by the European Union's Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO) under the Development Cooperation Instrument (June 2019 – Dec. 2022) and is implemented by the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD).
<https://diasporafordevelopment.eu/diaspora-consultation-western-europe/>

✓ Dr. Oksana Seumenicht participated in the discussion

EUDiF held its 2nd diaspora consultation with diaspora organizations based in 7 western European countries. 23 diaspora organizations with roots in various countries in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Central Asia and Eastern Europe joined to discuss interests, needs, opportunities and challenges as development actors in their countries and regions of heritage.

Report:

https://diasporafordevelopment.eu/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/EUDiF_Diaspora-Consultation-WE-Report_EN.pdf

DUAG is a cooperation partner of the DAAD-funded Program „Management of Internationalisation and German-Ukrainian Academic Cooperation 2020-2021”, led by the Leibniz University Hannover (N. Butych)

The key objective of the 18-months training course is to qualify staff (either International Office staff or higher education managers responsible for coordinating international activities) of Ukrainian universities. The programme is designed to provide participants with the profound knowledge of the different aspects of internationalisation and to enable them to manage the corresponding processes and tasks as well as foster the internationalisation of their universities.

The Project is funded by the DAAD.

- ✓ Nataliya Butych coordinates the project
- ✓ Dr. Oksana Seumenicht was invited as a member of the Selection Committee
- ✓ Dr. Oksana Seumenicht participated in teaching

<https://www.uni-hannover.de/en/universitaet/internationales/moi-ukraine/>



DAAD

DUAG is a supporting partner of the DAAD-funded THEA Ukraine Project: Training for Higher Education Administrators in Ukraine (THEA Ukraine, P. Pistor)

Training for Higher Education Administrators in Ukraine (THEA Ukraine) is a Professional Development Programme for Ukrainian Higher Education Administrators in the field of Internationalisation in Higher Education and Science Management. It combines training elements with consultation for organisational development projects. The program is designed and facilitated by Wandelwerk, FH Münster's Centre for Quality Development. The Project is funded by the DAAD.

- ✓ Dr. Oksana Seumenicht took part in the THEA Ukraine Commencement Meeting (Kyiv, 29 October 2020) and selection of the participants.

<https://en.fh-muenster.de/WWWeiterbildungen/thea-ukraine-startseite.php>



DAAD

COOPERATION: MAJOR GRANTS

Institute for Molecular Biology and Genetics in Kyiv awarded the BIONANOSENS Twinning grant with partners in Austria, Germany and France

With the support of high-profile research and innovation institutes from Europe, which, together with Institute for Molecular Biology and Genetics in Kyiv form the BIONANOSENS consortium, the Ukrainian institute should be positioned as an international Centre for Excellence in analytical biotechnology.

Dr. Denys Makarov (HZDR, Dresden and DUAG founding member) is an active member of this consortium.

Funding scheme: H2020 “Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation” Twinning grant

<https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/951887>

COOPERATION: MAJOR GRANTS

NeutroCure: Targeted amplification of reactive oxygen species could fight serious diseases

This ambitious **EU-funded FET (Future and Emerging Technologies)** project (2020-2024, overall budget just under EUR 3 million) aims at the development of “smart” amplifiers of reactive oxygen species specific to aberrant polymorphonuclear neutrophils for treatment of inflammatory and autoimmune diseases, cancer and myeloablation.

This project is led by **Prof. Andriy Mokhir** from the Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nuernberg (Germany), in cooperation with the laboratory of the **DUAG member Prof. Rostyslav Bilyy** at Danylo Galytsky Lviv National Medical University (Ukraine) and other partners from the UK, Spain, Sweden and France.



1st NeutroCure meeting, Erlangen, January 2020: Prof. Andriy Mokhir, Prof. Andrés Hidalgo, Prof. Rostyslav Bilyy, Dr. Malin Hultqvist-Hopkins, Dr. Markus Hoffmann, Prof. Martin Herrmann, Dr. Luis Munoz. Photo: courtesy of Andriy Mokhir

<https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/861878>

<https://www.chemistry.nat.fau.eu/2020/01/10/eu-funds-neutrocure-with-3-mio-euros/>

Prof. Matthias Eppele and Prof. Zyman cooperate since 2001



Long-standing cooperation between the Department of Inorganic Chemistry, University of Duisburg-Essen and Physics Department, V.N.Karazin Kharkiv National University

Research stays in Germany of some 60 Master and PhD students in the last 20 years were supported through the DAAD Leonhard-Euler Program

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<https://www.daad.de/de/infos-services-fuer-hochschulen/weiterfuehrende-infos-zu-daad-foerderprogrammen/leonhard-euler-programm/>

Dr. Anton Goncharenko, Joint Polish-German Crystallographic Meeting 2020, 24 - 27 February 2020 • Wrocław/Poland. Photo: private

ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr. Tatjana Tchumatchenko has been awarded an ERC Starting Grant



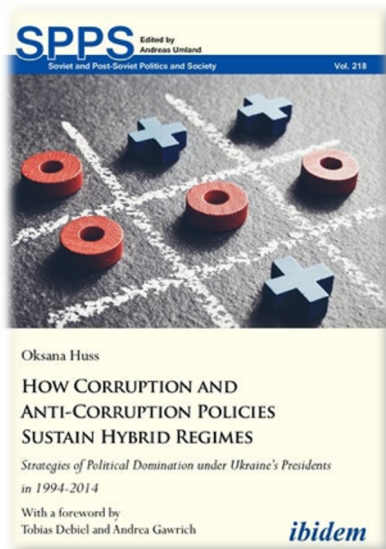
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Tatjana Tchumatchenko, Research Group Leader at the Max Planck Institute for Brain Research and the DUAG member, has received this prestigious grant for her project entitled “How dendritic mRNA and protein distributions shape synaptic plasticity” (MoDynForSyn).

Tatjana is the third ERC laureate among the members of our Society.

https://brain.mpg.de/news-events/news/news/archive/2020/september/article/tatjana-tchumatchenko-has-been-awarded-an-erc-starting-grant.html?tx_ttnews%5Bday%5D=03&cHash=80afa51931f05b097a92ee04b65de6ba

ACHIEVEMENTS



BOOK by Dr. Oksana Huss: “How Corruption and Anti-Corruption Policies Sustain Hybrid Regimes. Strategies of Political Domination Under Ukraine’s Presidents in 1994–2014”, ibidem Press, publication date: October 2020

“At a time, when quantitative analyses of dubious quality have come to dominate research on corruption, Oksana Huss presents a masterfully crafted study that deserves the attention of every scholar who seriously tries to understand the political dynamics of corrupt practices and anti-corruption campaigns. It is also a must-read for students of modern Ukraine. Her fine analysis traces how patterns of corruption and anti-corruption shaped and were shaped by Ukraine’s three presidential regimes from 1994 until 2014. It leaves the reader with a central message: to understand today’s hybrid regimes, a solid understanding of institutionalized corruption is indispensable.” - Christoph Stefes, Professor of Political Science, University of Colorado, Denver

Dr. Oksana Huss is a Research Fellow at Bologna University, Italy. In 2016 she was one of the first two winners of the PhD Thesis Presentation Contest conducted by the German-Ukrainian Academic Society.

<http://cup.columbia.edu/book/how-corruption-and-anti-corruption-policies-sustain-hybrid-regimes/9783838214306>
<https://www.unibo.it/sitoweb/oksana.huss/en/>; ICRNetwork: <https://www.icrnetwork.org/>

MEETINGS & EVENTS

International symposium “On the banks of the Bug: Current Results of the German-Ukrainian Research Project in Olbia Pontike in the context of international Black Sea archaeology”

Frankfurt/Main, 07 – 09 October 2019

Since 2014 a joint German-Ukrainian project has been carried out in the suburb of the ancient Greek colony of Olbia (modern Mykolajivs'ka oblast') within the framework of a **DFG-founded cooperation project**, led by **Prof. Jochen Fornasier** (Institute for Archaeological Sciences of the Goethe University Frankfurt/Main), DUAG member, and **Dr. Alla Buyskikh** (Institute for Archaeology of the National Academy of Sciences of the Ukraine in Kyiv).

Furthermore, at this meeting German and Ukrainian partners have signed a **Memorandum of Understanding** to further intensify their fruitful cooperation.



Prof. Jochen Fornasier opens the symposium. Photo: courtesy of B. Schödel, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main

[https://www.uni-frankfurt.de/54032914/Olbia\)?](https://www.uni-frankfurt.de/54032914/Olbia?)

Meeting: https://www.uni-frankfurt.de/76310274/Fachtagung_2019

in Ukrainian: <http://iananu.org.ua/novini/konferentsiji/860-ukrajinsko-nimetske-spivrobitnitstvo>

<https://de-de.facebook.com/iarchaeology/>

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Workshop “Sharing experience on the internationalization of the Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) in Germany and Ukraine”

Kyiv (Ukraine), 25 October 2019

- ✓ Organizers: DAAD Information Centre and the German-Ukrainian Academic Society (DUAG)/ The UKRAINE Network
- ✓ Speaker: **Dr. Iryna Shalaginova**, Head of the International Relations Office of the University Koblenz-Landau (Germany) and the DUAG member



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OTHER EVENTS, AT WHICH THE DUAG MEMBERS TAUGHT

Lecture “Formation of intermetallic delta phase in Al-10Si-0.3Fe alloy investigated by in-situ 4D X-ray synchrotron tomography”

Kyiv, October 2019

Hosted by the National Technical University of Ukraine
“Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute” (KPI)

✓ Dr. Nelia Wanderka



Photo: private

Berlin: Lecture series “Science first hand”

Organized by **Dr. Olesia Lazarenko** (the Berlin-Brandenburg Regional Group) in cooperation with the Embassy of Ukraine in Germany. Five lectures during the reporting period:

- ✓ 24 October 2019: “The “Ruthenian Trinity” and beginning of reception of the “Cossack Myth” in Galicia”, by **Dr. Denys Shatalov**, Head of Research Department of the “Tkuma” Ukrainian Institute for Holocaust Studies (Dnipro), Visiting Fellow of the ‘Prisma Ukraïna–Research Network Eastern Europe’ at the Forum Transregionale Studien (Berlin), in Ukrainian
- ✓ 14 November 2019: “Challenges and Perspectives in Pulmonary Hypertension Research”, by **Dr. Mariya Kucherenko**, Postdoctoral scientist, German Heart Center Berlin and Charité-Universitätsmedizin Berlin, in Ukrainian
- ✓ 5 December 2019: “Ukraine-Bilder in der deutschen Gegenwartsliteratur”, by **Prof. Dr. Ievgeniia Voloshchuk**, Europa-Universität Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder), in German
- ✓ 6 February 2020: “Kyiv historians of the XIXc. – beginning of the XX c. and the Western European culture/ *Київські історики XIX – поч. XX століття і західноєвропейська культура*”, by **Dr. Olena Novikova**, in Ukrainian
- ✓ 30 July 2020: “Between ideals and principles: political aspects of Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky’s work/ *Між ідеалами та принципами: політичні аспекти діяльності митрополита Андрія Шептицького*”, by **Dr. Oleh Turiy**, Vice Rector for External Affairs, Associate Professor of Church History, Chair of Church History Department, Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv, Ukraine, in Ukrainian

REGIONAL EVENTS

SWEDEN, Stockholm: New Nordic branch of the UKRAINE Network launched

On 28 October 2019, **Taras Kucherenko**, a PhD student in Machine Learning at KTH Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm, presented a newly created Nordic branch of the UKRAINE Network and highlighted the DUAG's activities at an event organized by the Ukrainian Youth in Sweden.



The LinkedIn group “**Ukrainian researchers in Nordic countries**” already counts 22 members (Status: 7 September 2020)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/398191380858369/>
<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12297173>

REGIONAL EVENTS

DRESDEN: Traditional Christmas “Stammtisch” took place

On 17th of December 2019, as in the previous years, interested researchers working in Dresden at

- The Helmholtz-Zentrum Dresden-Rossendorf (HZDR),
- The Leibniz Institute for Solid State & Materials Research in Dresden (IFW Dresden) and
- The Fraunhofer Institute for Machine Tools & Forming Technology (Fraunhofer IWU, Chemnitz)

got together for an informal meetup (in German “Stammtisch”).

This annual event is organized by the DUAGS’ members **Dr. Denys Makarov** (HZDR) and **Dr. Vyacheslav Khavrus** (Life Science Inkubator Sachsen GmbH & Co. KG).

FUNDING APPLICATIONS

DAAD: Summer Schools in Ukraine

DAAD

Kyiv, September 2020

Granted: Dr. Nelia Wanderka: "Einführung in moderne analytische Methoden zur Charakterisierung der dreidimensionalen Mikrostruktur von Werkstoffen,, in cooperation with Sikorsky National Technical University (KPI)

Applied für 2021: Prof. Dr. Marcus Frohme, Technical University of Applied Sciences Wildau "Lectures in biomedicine learnt from Nanotechnology and Artificial Intelligence", Kyiv and Kharkiv, 28 June – 09 July 2021

Contribute (DUAG Members): **Anna Grebinyk, Prof. Matthias Epple**

Postponed due to COVID-19: DAAD-funded Summer School Ost-West-Dialog: "Breaking down barriers - towards a more efficient exchange between Ukraine and Germany"
Organizers: **Dr. Viktoriya Sokolova, Prof. Matthias Epple** (University of Duisburg-Essen, DUAG Vice-President), **Dr. Konstantin Kyrychenko** (Sumy State University)

COMMUNICATION

Web page: <http://ukrainet.eu>

In preparation: DUAG youtube channel

Newsletter: 24 issues since February 2016 (including 3 in 2020), distributed to 720 subscribers

LinkedIn group: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8473594>

507 members from over 20 countries, including Ukraine, Germany, France, USA, UK, Australia, Italy, Israel, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Belgium, Belarus, Finland, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland

Press-releases: one (Sept. 2019)

