Dear Postdocs of the MPS,

As many of you might already know, the Max Planck PostdocNet Founding Meeting will be held at **Harnack Haus in Berlin on 29th and 30th of April, 2019**.

The Max Planck PostdocNet is going to be a networking and lobby organization for all postdocs from more than 80 Max Planck Institutes worldwide. **The main aim of the founding meeting** **is to openly discuss what we expect and wish to build all together**. Especially, we will establish postdoc statutes to strengthen the legal status of the PostdocNet.

**We recommend you to register as soon as possible by using our provided Google form** *(*[*https://goo.gl/forms/Eg8qjWBAXtPhkuLw1*](https://goo.gl/forms/Eg8qjWBAXtPhkuLw1)*)*. **There are only a few places left and they will be distributed on first come, first serve basis.** We look forward to you representing your institute in the Founding Meeting as a postdoc representative or joining us as a committed postdoc of the MPIs without representation.

You will receive a confirmation email with accommodation information from us within two weeks after your registration.

The meeting will take two days. On the first day, we plan to discuss in different groups and with representatives from similar organisations and scientific advisors. This will help us assess our challenges and opportunities as postdocs. On the second day, we plan to have a round table with representatives from the MPS general administration, the alumni association, the PhDnet, and other postdoc networks. We will vote on the PostdocNet statutes, and elect a steering committee, to build up a legitimate structure to embrace our challenges and opportunities. As the programme is beginning on Monday morning (**9:00 am**), we recommend you to arrive one day early to have a chance to informally get to know each other beforehand.

Meeting materials, meals and coffee breaks expenses on Monday and Tuesday will be covered by the organiser, while travel and accommodation expenses should be reimbursed by your institute’s travel office or administration. In case your institute is not able to pay for your attendance, please indicate this in your application. We are putting together stipends for such cases.

If you have any questions on local tips and accommodations please contact Alistair (perry@mpib-berlin.mpg.de) and Bernadette (blessel@mpiwg-berlin.mpg.de). If you have any questions on the programme please email to Martin (blaser.martin@googlemail.com) and/or Yu-Xuan (ylu@age.mpg.de).

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Berlin in April!

*The PostdocNet Initiative Meeting Group*

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