National Postdoctoral Association
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A Joint Initiative:

Associated Members:

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ca. 5000 Members

Annual Meetings, Career Fairs

Monthly Newsletter, Social Media

Webinars, Workshops, Local Networking Events

Individual Counseling

40 Local Chapters (Stammtische)

Online-Job Board with Academics.de

Knowledge Transfer, Best-Practices, etc.
members’ areas of research

Ingenieurwiss. 14%
Medizin 14%
Geistes- und Soz. 23%
Biowiss. 21%
Naturwiss. 28%

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Why is Germany doing this?

- Brain Drain, Brain Gain, Brain Circulation, Brain Dead(?)
- Between 1996 and 2011 a net loss of roughly 4,000 publishing researchers (EFI Gutachten 2014, p.85)
- Publishing and patent generating researchers are indicator for a future oriented (social) economy
Who is actually here in North America?

- German funding organizations support about 400 postdocs and other early career researchers in US and Canada each year.

- We estimate that there are 7000 German researchers working in the US and Canada, who are still internationally mobile (temp. visa, early career etc.)

- About 38% of all NPA members indicate that they are on temporary visa.

- Only about 2.5% of these are German. How are the other German postdocs in the US organized? Why aren’t they in the NPA?

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What if they don’t come back?

• Improvements are made in Germany
• They are communicated abroad
• Diaspora is valuable resource in strategizing, implementing, and communicating improvements

• We facilitate (diaspora) communities and networks abroad
• We facilitate the connection of these communities to Germany as single-access point (in either direction)
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