The Max Planck Society:
Attracting Research Talent

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Mission

Knowledge must precede application.

(Max Planck, 1858 - 1947, Nobel Laureate 1918)
Basic research in the Max Planck Society

- **autonomy** (topics, structure, staff, budget, partners)
- innovative and interdisciplinary research
- competitive research conditions for excellent researchers
- flexible, dynamic research units
- highest quality standards
- promotion of young researchers and international co-operation
- promotion of technology transfer
Facts and Figures

13,009 staff members
among them 4,716 scientists

plus 11,850 junior and guest scientists
53.4% of them being foreigners

annual budget > € 1.4 billion
International Visiting Researchers 2008 (Total: 6,330)
Visiting Researchers from Europe

EU: 2,195
Number of foreign Ph.D students acc. countries

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Students, postdocs and guest scientists acc. to level of education

[Bar chart showing the number of students, postdocs, Ph.D. students, research scholars, and student assistants from 2000 to 2007.]
Promotion of young scientists

- Ph.D. Training: close to 50% from foreign countries!
  - International Max Planck Research Schools (IMPRS) -> 60% from foreign countries!
  - Doctoral Training
- PostDocs (more than 80% from foreign countries!)
- Guest Scientists (more than 70% from foreign countries)
- Partner Groups (return incentives; presently 43)
- Independent Junior Research Groups, also in foreign countries (China, Poland, et al.)
International Max Planck Research Schools (1/3)

• special Ph.D.-Programs (MPI and University, German or foreign)
• attractive training and research opportunities
• innovative and interdisciplinary topics
• international environment (60 % foreign students)
• working language: English
• university degree
• each individual IMPRS selects its candidates
• applications for admission submitted directly to IMPRS at any time

Further details: www.imprs.mpg.de
54 Research Schools
(February 2008)
with a total of:

- about 1900 PhD-students
  (MPI & Partneruniversities)
- from 87 home countries
- more schools planned
- 60 % of the students are foreign nationals
IMPRS Facts and Figures

60 % foreigners:

- EU 25 271 (excl. Germany, incl. Italy and Poland)
- India 86
- Italy 77
- China 72
- Poland 47
- USA 30
- Russia 29
Thank you!

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