



Internationalisation of Science and Research during the Pandemic 11th German-Russian Week of the Young Researcher

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The German Research Foundation (DFG) and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) under the umbrella of the German Centre for Research and Innovation (DWIH Moscow) call for participation in the 11th German-Russian Week of the Young Researcher. The main goal is to encourage wider networking and stronger partnerships among early career researchers under the current framework conditions. German-Russian research groups and scientific experts will discuss the challenges for science and prospects of joint research across borders during the pandemic. The event is organized in cooperation with the National University of Science and Technology MISIS and with support of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research of Germany as well as the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Moscow. The weeks are embedded in the framework of the Russian-German Roadmap for Cooperation in Education, Science, Research and Innovation.

In face of the ongoing pandemic the “2021 Week” has to be reduced to a single day event that will be held virtually on October 25th. The online meeting will be divided into two sessions conducted via Webex. High-level representatives from German and Russian research organisations have confirmed their participation in the event. Both presidents of the German funding agencies DFG and DAAD, Professor Dr. Katja Becker and Professor Dr. Joybrato Mukherjee, will give statements and take part in a panel discussion on the importance of international cooperation during the pandemic. Further statements from their Russian research organisations will complete the German-Russian perspective on this global challenge. An open discussion on the pandemic and its impact on science and research with all participants will end the first session.

The second session will invite German-Russian research groups to present their projects and share best practise of bilateral research projects with participation of young researchers. Representatives from different scientific communities will exchange their ideas with research organisations. Questions to be addressed will concern the current and potential needs to carry out bilateral research between Russia and Germany and how to involve young researchers during the pandemic.

The Weeks of the Young Researcher were launched on the occasion of the German-Russian Year of Science, Education and Innovation 2011. Since then the weeks have been held once a year in order to discuss current issues of mutual research interest such as “Energy” (2011), “Health” (2012), „Aviation and Space“ (2013), „Global History“ (2014), “Discrete Geometry” (2015), “Urbanism” (2016), “Computational Biology” (2017), “Chemistry of Energy Storage” (2018) and „Quantum Science (2019)”. This year will follow up on the discussion of last year how to “Collaborate Across Borders During the Pandemic” (2020). The Weeks have taken place at changing locations in Moscow and St. Petersburg, but also in Kazan, Yekaterinburg and Novosibirsk in order to include the cooperation potential in the regions of Russia. Host institutions to the Weeks have been leading research universities and renowned academic institutes in the scientific centres of Russia.

In 2021 the week will be partnered by the National University of Science and Technology MISIS. The former *Moscow Institute of Steel and Alloys* gained the status of a “National University” in 2008 and belongs to the prestigious group of Russia’s leading universities. Closely linked to the institution is the Nobel laureate Alexei Abrikosov, who held the chair of Theoretical Physics at MISIS. Since 2019 MISIS has been responsible for the management of events linked to the “Russian-German Roadmap for Cooperation in Education, Science, Research and Innovation”. The Roadmap sets a framework for fostering bilateral cooperation between Germany and Russia, which amongst others is based on the pillar of supporting “Young talents” by events like the “Weeks of the Young Researcher”.

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