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Max Planck Society Mission and guiding principles



Knowledge must precede application.

- Basic research at cutting-edge
- Autonomy
- "Harnack Principle"
- Flexible, dynamic, interdisciplinary MPIs
- Quality assurance by peers



Max Planck, 1858-1947 Founder of quantum theory Nobel Prize, 1918

Facts and Figures





17,000 staff members (Jan 1st, 2012)



plus 4,800 junior and guest scientists from all over the world (Jan 1st, 2012)



annual budget 1.4 billion € (2011) plus 390 million € third-party funds / own revenue

Max Planck Society At home in Germany – present all over the world





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Max-Planck-Gesellschaft **Top in international comparison**

17 Nobel Prize Laureates since 1948 32 Nobel Prize Laureates since our inception in 1911

2007	Chemistry:	Gerhard Ertl	4
2005	Physics:	Theodor Hänsch	- Min
1995	Chemistry:	Paul Crutzen	
1995	Medicine:	Christiane Nüsslein-Volhard	
1991	Medicine:	Erwin Neher, Bert Sakmann	
1988	Chemistry:	Johann Deisenhofer, Robert Huber,	
		Hartmut Michel	
1986	Physics:	Ernst Ruska	
1985	Physics:	Klaus von Klitzing	
1984	Medicine:	Georges Köhler	
1973	Medicine:	Konrad Lorenz	
1967	Chemistry:	Manfred Eigen	
1964	Medicine:	Feodor Lynen	
1963	Chemistry:	Karl Ziegler	
1954	Physics:	Walther Bothe	
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Max Planck Society International staff



Proportion of international scientific staff

International share of individual groups

Directors ¹	277	100%
From outside Germany	83	30%
Postdocs ²	2,484	100%
From outside Germany	2,212	89.3%
Guest scientists ²	1,670	100%
From outside Germany	1,000	59,9%
PhD students ²	5,252	100%
 From outside Germany 	2,453	46.7%

¹ As of 1 January 2012.

² Over the whole of 2011.

Internationalisation strategy of the MPG Dimensions





Goals: To **support** research in the MPG and **develop** sustainable international relations.

Internationalisation strategy of the MPG Instruments for reinforcing international presence







In establishing Max Planck Centers, the Max-Planck-Gesellschaft creates:



International Max Planck Center worldwide

- France: Max Planck-Sciences Po Center, Coping with Instabilities in Market Societies, Paris
- Switzerland: Max Planck-EPFL Center for Molecular Nanoscience and Technology, Lausanne
- Denmark: Max Planck Odense Center on the Biodemography of Aging, Odense
- India (2): Indo-German Max Planck Center for Computer Science, IIT Delhi
 Indo-German Max Planck NCBS-Center on Lipid Research, Bangalore
- Israel (2): Max Planck-Weizmann Center for Integrative Anthropology & Archaeology, Rehovot Max Planck Hebrew University Center for Sensory Processing of the Brain in Action, Jerusalem
- Japan: Max Planck-RIKEN/ASI Center for Systems Chemical Biology, Tokyo
- Canada: Max Planck-UBC Center for Quantum Materials, Univ. of British Columbia, Vancouver
- Korea (2): Max Planck-POSTECH Center for Attosecond Science, Pohang Max Planck-POSTECH Center for Complex Phase Materials, Pohang
- USA: Max Planck-Princeton Research Center for Plasma Physics, Princeton University MAX-PLANCK-GESELLSCHAFT | 23 April 2013 | PAGE 10















Max Planck Institutes abroad: Member Institutes







Max Planck Institute for Comparative (or International), European and Regulatory Procedural Law, Luxembourg

"Member Institutes" under the umbrella of the MPG:
Legal entity in their own right
MPG Governance
Directors appointed as Scientific Members
Economic independence

(permanent and sufficient financing outside of the regular institutional budget of the MPG by the host country)

Apply the proven MPG proceduresto assure excellence and quality

Max Planck's Internationalisation Strategy - Presence worldwide -







International junior and guest scientists (2011): 7,045

6,045 junior researchers; 1,000 guest scientists





4,987 international projects (2011)

including 5,905 international research partners in 120 countries



Scientific Cooperation of the Max Planck Society with UK



- 181 Visiting scientists from UK (2011)
- 491 Projects (in 2011)
 - 234 Chemistry, Physics and Technology Section
 - 186 Biology and Medicine Section
 - 71 Human Sciences Section
- 11 Max Planck Directors from UK
- 2 Max Planck Research Group Leader from UK





 1 Max Planck UCL Center for Computational Psychiatry and Ageing Research (in progress)

Max Planck Institute for the Science of Light









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These rankings are based on the number of papers that were published in 2011 from the institutions listed below. These rankings only include primary research papers that were published as "Articles, Letters and Brief Communications" in Nature and/or Nature monthly research journals.

Re	search Articles		
Institution		CC3	Articles ⁴
1.	Harvard University, USA	<mark>13</mark> 0	292
2.	Stanford University, USA	67.48	141
3.	Max Planck Society, Germany	63.97	187
4.	+ National Institutes of Health (NIH), USA	58.21	213
5.	The University of Tokyo, Japan	42.88	109
6.	French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), France	42.47	206
7.	University of California Berkeley, USA	37.57	90
8.	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), USA	37.56	107
9.	Yale University, USA	37.07	84
10.	University of California San Diego (UCSD), USA	34.27	103
11.	University of California San Francisco (UCSF), USA	34.15	91
12.	University of Oxford, UK	29.95	155
13.	University of Washington, USA	29.4	85
14.	University of Cambridge, UK	28.79	114
15.	Columbia University in the City of New York, USA	28.36	79

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Central benchmarks

- Flexible platforms for scientific exchange between Max Planck Institutes and international partners
 - Measures: exchange of scientists, joint PhD programmes (IMPRS), workshops, "theme years" with specific annual topics, etc.
 - Pooling of competencies and expertise
- Quality-assured evaluation procedure and Scientific Advisory Board
- No independent legal capability
- Low level of institutional ties and practicable use of resources
- Limited in time (5 years + extension)