Max Planck PhDnet
Max Planck Society (MPS)

84 institutes (79 in Germany)
≈ 14,000 researchers
≈ 4,500 doctoral researchers
60 graduate schools

Focus on basic research
“Insight must precede application“

3 sections:
Biology & Medicine (BM)
Chemistry, Physics & Technology (CPT)
Human Sciences (HUM)
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Annual General Meeting
Promote regional scientific and social interaction

Currently 9 Hubs with 4-12 institutes each

Support PhDnet’s bottom-up structure and actions

Hub Coordinators can be link to Steering Group
Recent Big Successes

2015 Change from stipend to contract as main funding scheme for PhDs in MPS.

2015 New PhDnet statutes approved and enacted → democratic legitimization.

2017 Survey with 49% participation (2218 replies), huge interest in the results from MPS administration.

2017 Regular participation and impact in MPS committees (health management, work safety, works councils).
Spokesperson
Jana Lasser

Section Reps
Ezgi Bulca (BM)
Julia Misersky (HUM)
Severin Daiß (CPT)

Financial Officer
Greta Giljan

General Secretary
Mohamed El Brolosy
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- Improve qualifications of MPS doctoral researchers
  - General Meeting
  - Interdisciplinary conference
  - Funding and organization of seminars

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  - Career fair
  - Collaboration with MPAA (mentoring)
  - Development of an MPS wide career support strategy

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1 Collaboration with GA
2 Career strategy
3 Survey
4 Working conditions & mental health
5 Conflict management for doctoral researchers
6 Political activity and N²
7 Events
8 External and internal communication
9 Open Science
10 Parenting & PhD
Questions?
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