

## YIN Day 2013: Network Celebrates 5th Anniversary

Young Investigator Network (YIN) Is Platform and Democratic Representation of Young Scientists at KIT – Podium Discussion on Careers in the German Science System



Networking, representation of interests, and advanced training of the members are offered by the Young Investigator Network (YIN) at KIT.  
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Since 2008, the Young Investigator Network (YIN) has been representing excellent young scientists at KIT and supporting their networking and advanced training. YIN members are responsible for research projects, manage working groups, and teach at KIT. The 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of YIN will be celebrated on Saturday, October 12, 14 hrs, at the Audimax on KIT Campus South. The podium discussion with prominent representatives of science and industry will focus on careers in the German science system. Representatives of the media are cordially invited to come to the YIN Day 2013. Kindly register using the fax form attached or by e-mail.

The keynote speech will be made by YIN alumna Professor Katja Schmitz, Head of the Biochemistry Working Group of TU Darmstadt. She will speak about “Molecular Tools for the Manipulation of Leukocytes.” Subsequent podium discussion will focus on “Karrieren im Dschungel des deutschen Wissenschaftssystems” (careers in the jungle of the German science system). The discussion participants will be KIT President Professor Holger Hanselka, President of the German Rectors’ Conference Professor Horst Hippler, KIT Vice President for Research and Information Professor Detlef Löhe, Max Planck Director and Nobel Prize winner Professor Christiane Nüsslein-Volhard, and Wilfried Porth, Member of the Board of Management, Human Resources, and Director of Labor Relations of Daimler AG.

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KIT wishes to attract top-class young researchers, above all in the areas of engineering and natural sciences, from all over the world and to offer them excellent working conditions. As a central instrument to promote young scientists at KIT, the Young Investigator Network (YIN) was established in 2008. Presently, it has 59 members. This self-administrated organization is to give the young scientists a platform to represent their interests to the KIT board and other bodies as well as to political institutions and the public and to promote their networking and further personal development.

YIN members have access to a comprehensive advanced training program qualifying them for executive posts in research, education or industry. This includes workshops on university education, project management, staff management, and other issues as well as a comprehensive coaching and mentoring program designed by YIN together with the Staff Development Service Unit of KIT.

The YIN members are responsible for research projects funded by third parties in various areas, often in cooperation with industry partners. As they head working groups, they also are responsible for staff. In addition, they make major contributions to education at KIT. YIN is unique in Germany and meanwhile has become one of the distinctive features of KIT.

The YIN Day 2013 will take place under the auspices of the former KIT President Professor Eberhard Umbach and the Baden-Württemberg Minister of Science Theresia Bauer.

### **Program of the YIN Day 2013**

**Saturday, October 12, 14 to 17 hrs, KIT Campus South,  
Audimax**

#### **Welcome and Presentation**

Heike Mund, radio and TV presenter, TV author, lecturer at the Institute of Journalism of TU Dortmund

#### **Welcome Addresses**

Professor Holger Hanselka, President of KIT  
Dr. Frank Mentrup, Lord Mayor of the City of Karlsruhe

#### **Five Years Young Investigator Network: Past and Future**

YIN spokespersons: Dr. Bastian Rapp and Dr. Katja Träumner

**Keynote Speech:**

**“Molecular Tools for the Manipulation of Leukocytes”**

Professor Katja Schmitz, YIN alumna and Head of the Biochemistry Working Group of TU Darmstadt

**Award of Certificate**

Dr. Elke Luise Barnstedt, KIT Vice President for Human Resources and Law

**Podium Discussion:**

“Karrieren im Dschungel des deutschen Wissenschaftssystems”

Professor Holger Hanselka, President of KIT

Professor Horst Hippler, President of the German Rectors' Conference

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Reception

Musical program by the band Belém+

**Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) is a public corporation according to the legislation of the state of Baden-Württemberg. It fulfills the mission of a university and the mission of a national research center of the Helmholtz Association. Research activities focus on energy, the natural and built environment as well as on society and technology and cover the whole range extending from fundamental aspects to application. With about 9000 employees, including nearly 6000 staff members in the science and education sector, and 24000 students, KIT is one of the biggest research and education institutions in Europe. Work of KIT is based on the knowledge triangle of research, teaching, and innovation.**

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