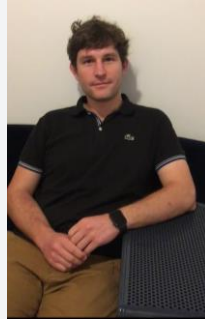


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# Irene Maier

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- 2006                    **International UNESCO-L'Oréal Fellow (Biomedicine, Europe)**
- 2007                    PhD in Biochemistry from the **University of Vienna**
- 2008-2010            Postdoctoral Scholar at **California Institute of Technology**
- 2011-2013            Researcher (Team Leader) at **University of California, Los Angeles**
- 2014-present**      **Visiting Scientist at the Medical University of Vienna, Lecturer**
- 2015-2017            Principal Investigator at the **University of Vienna**
- 2017/2018            Fulbright Scholar for Teaching and Research at **University of California, Riverside**

## **ASciNA, Mentoring and Teaching**

### **Research:**

**Protein Biochemistry, Molecular Biology and Translational Oncology**

**Current Projects: Molecular and Radiation Oncology: Effects of intestinal microbiota on radiation-mediated toxicity and genomic instability**



# ASciNA MENTORING PROGRAMM (AMP)



## MENTOR-MENTEE MATCHING



**Discussions**

**Applications**

**Leadership**

**Conferences**

**Austrian Science Talks**



Impressions at ASciNA Mentoring  
Event in Vienna, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012

**1 Fellow : 1 Scientist in the US**

## ASciNA Mentoring Programm (AMP)



**ASciNA Mentoring Get-Together on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in Washington DC**

Monika P, Irene M, Peter E, Clemens D, Jana K, Thomas Z, Paul W, Michael F, Magdalena K, Dietrich H, Arnold P, Stephan S, Nikolin O.

# ASciNA Mentoring Programm (AMP)

## Alumni Club Medical University of Vienna

2019-2020:

**Mentee Fiorella Schischlik**, National Cancer Institute –

Mentor Daniel Schramek, Lunenfeld- Tanenbaum Research Institute

2018-2019:

**Mentee Stephan Salzmann**, Hospital for Special Surgery, Weill Cornell Medicine –

Mentor Christoph Hofstetter, University of Washington, Medicine

**Mentee Thomas Zelniker**, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School –

Mentor Gerd Brunner, Baylor College of Medicine

**Mentee Christoph Kraus**, National Institute of Health - Robert Schwarcz, University of Maryland, School of Medicine

- Since 2013 **Technische Universitaet Graz** has sponsored 1 Mentoring relationship/yr
- Since 2017 **Technische Universitaet Wien** has sponsored 3 Mentoring relationships/yr
- In 2019 **Medical University of Innsbruck** joined the programme with 1 Mentoring relationship/yr

To Foster Interdisciplinary Skills and Mobility in Research and Education!

# Academia and Mobility in AUT



Presentation: June 5, 2014

Amerika Haus / US-Embassy in Vienna

Peter Ertl und Elke Wagner,

Heads of ASciNA Alumni Austria Vienna



Collaboration with Stefanie Meier and  
Alexandra Dorfer-Novak

2 Phases:

1) Survey to evaluate  
motivation in/for mobility

2) 6 issues were determined  
and evaluated

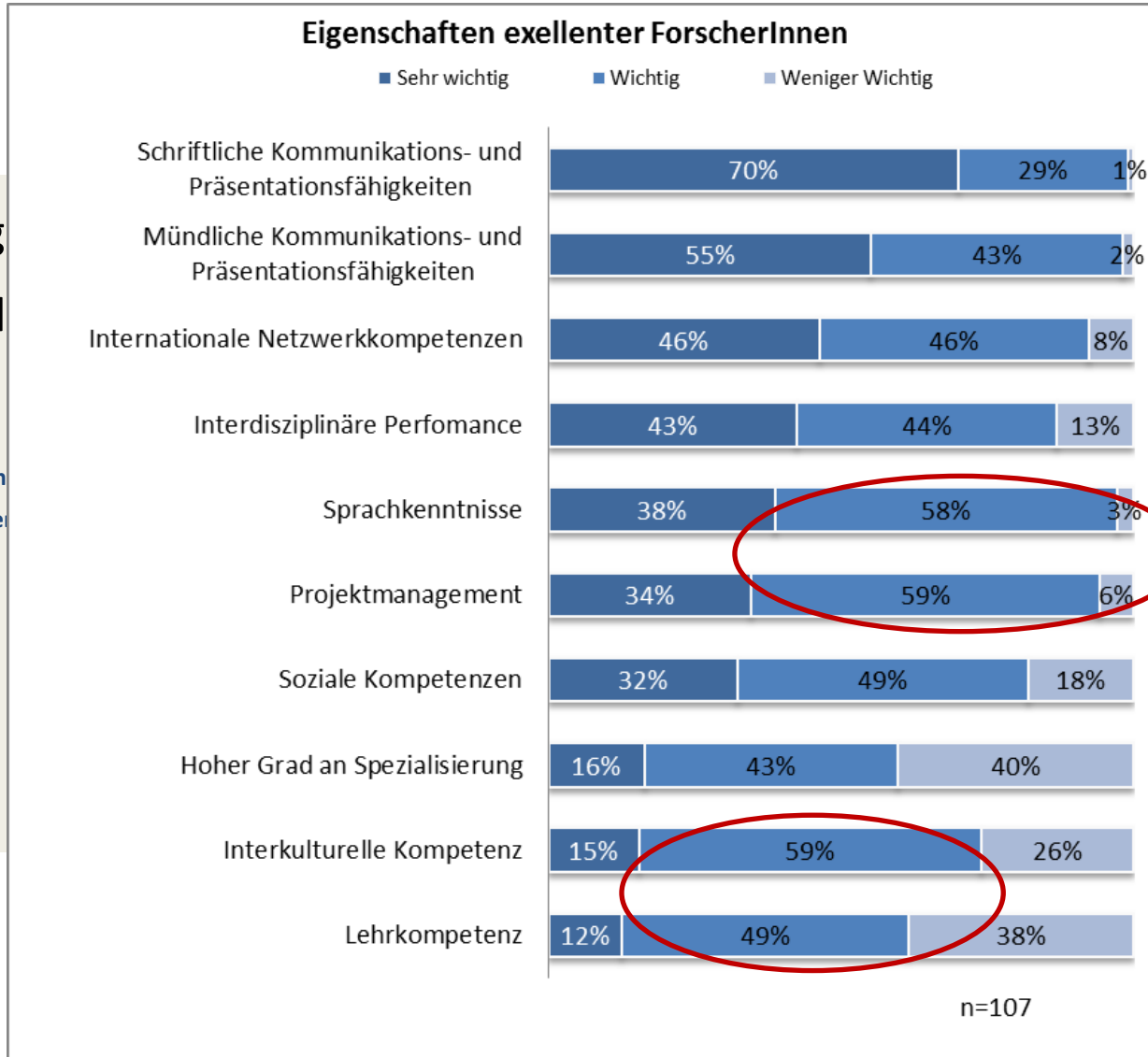
Survey was sent to all members of ASciNA-;  
Fulbright Alumni-, colleagues from OeAD-  
und Euraxess

Mobility, Issues, Return, Support, Benefit,  
Accreditation

## Vorteile durch internationalen Austausch

Im Folge  
ausschl

erstens Komm  
professionelle



st Verbesserungen auf

## Ergebnis

- Größte Bedenken Rückkehr: Exklusion aus der Scientific Community; Integration der Familie und **Anerkennung der Leistungen.**
- Langfristige Änderungen auf institutioneller Ebene  
(Transparenz, Jobvergabe, Auslandserfahrung als **Wettbewerbsvorteil**)

Unmittelbare Unterstützung zum Zeitpunkt der Rückkehr  
(Interviewgrants, Information & Ratschläge)

DERZEIT: 1-3 Jahre RÜCKKEHR OHNE ANSTELLUNG

**ZUSÄTZLICHE UMORIENTIERUNG / ALTERNATIVEN ?**



Beiträge zur Aufwertung akademischer Mobilität durch den tert. Bildungssektor könnten sein:

Akademische Mobilität und Internationalität sichtbarer machen, direkt durch **Lehrperson**

**Universitäten und Kampagnen:** Image akademischer Mobilität verbessern, Hervorhebung Vorteile (s.o.) globaler Kompetenz, verstärkte Bewusstseinsbildung

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Internationalisierung der univ. Fakultäten und Lehrkörper

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Finanzierung und verbesserte Austauschprogramme inkl. erleichterte Rückkehr

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Verpflichtende internationale Lernerfahrungen (inkl. Sprachkursangebote) und einfache Anerkennung

2014

# CONCLUSIO 1

ASciNA –

Our principal objective is to support and promote Austrian scientists and scholars in North America and to facilitate **interaction and collaboration between Austrian scientists and scholars and international research institutions.**

*A ist Ascina – Lesebuch 2012*

We believe that our goals and activities constitute a **lasting and valuable contribution to the advancement of Austrian scholarship, leadership, and research.**

# CONCLUSIO 2

## ASciNA PEOPLE

**Austrian Roots** – usually primary education

**American Spirit** – Highest standards, Inclusion, Professionalism

**Higher Education** (at least 3 generations, more than 50% women)

**International Networking and Top-Level Collaborations**

AWAITING MORE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT  
(Highly qualified jobs and role models)

NOT JUST “MONEY”.

# Greetings from the President, Dr. Dietrich Haubenberger, MD !

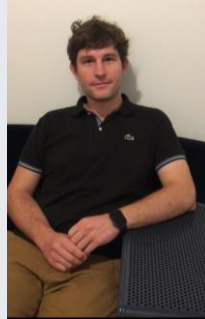


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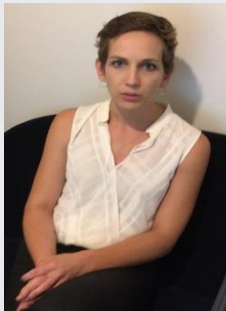
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