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Press Release

New Humboldt club founded in Tübingen

A local meeting point for Humboldt fellows and professors in the network spanning Germany

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Tübingen has its own Humboldt group, one of 17 across Germany, complementing the network of former Humboldt fellows and professors within the Deutschen Gesellschaft der Humboldtianer. The regional Humboldt clubs work closely with the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation to keep in touch with former Humboldt grant holders.

Tübingen has no less than 60 Humboldt fellows and professors, including Professor of Quantitative Linguistics Rolf Harald Baayen, and Professor of Molecular Genetics Marja Timmermans at the Center for Plant Molecular Biology. These Humboldt Professorships are Germany's richest research prize, each bringing in €5m. The new regional group, initiated by Professor Frauke Berndt of the Deutsches Seminar and Professor Thomas Potthast of the International Center for Ethics in the Sciences and Humanities (IZEW) offers Tübingen's Humboldt associates a forum for meetings and discussion.

Humboldt prizes and fellowships bring outstanding researchers to work in Germany, helping to internationalize science and academia in this country, while giving top German researchers the chance to work and gain experience abroad. This promotes both the exchange of ideas as well as personal contacts between the Humboldt fellows and their hosts – who in many cases are themselves fellows. The Humboldt family has no geographical, national, cultural or academic boundaries.

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