



# The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation - Connecting excellent researchers worldwide

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# Key sponsorship programmes at a glance

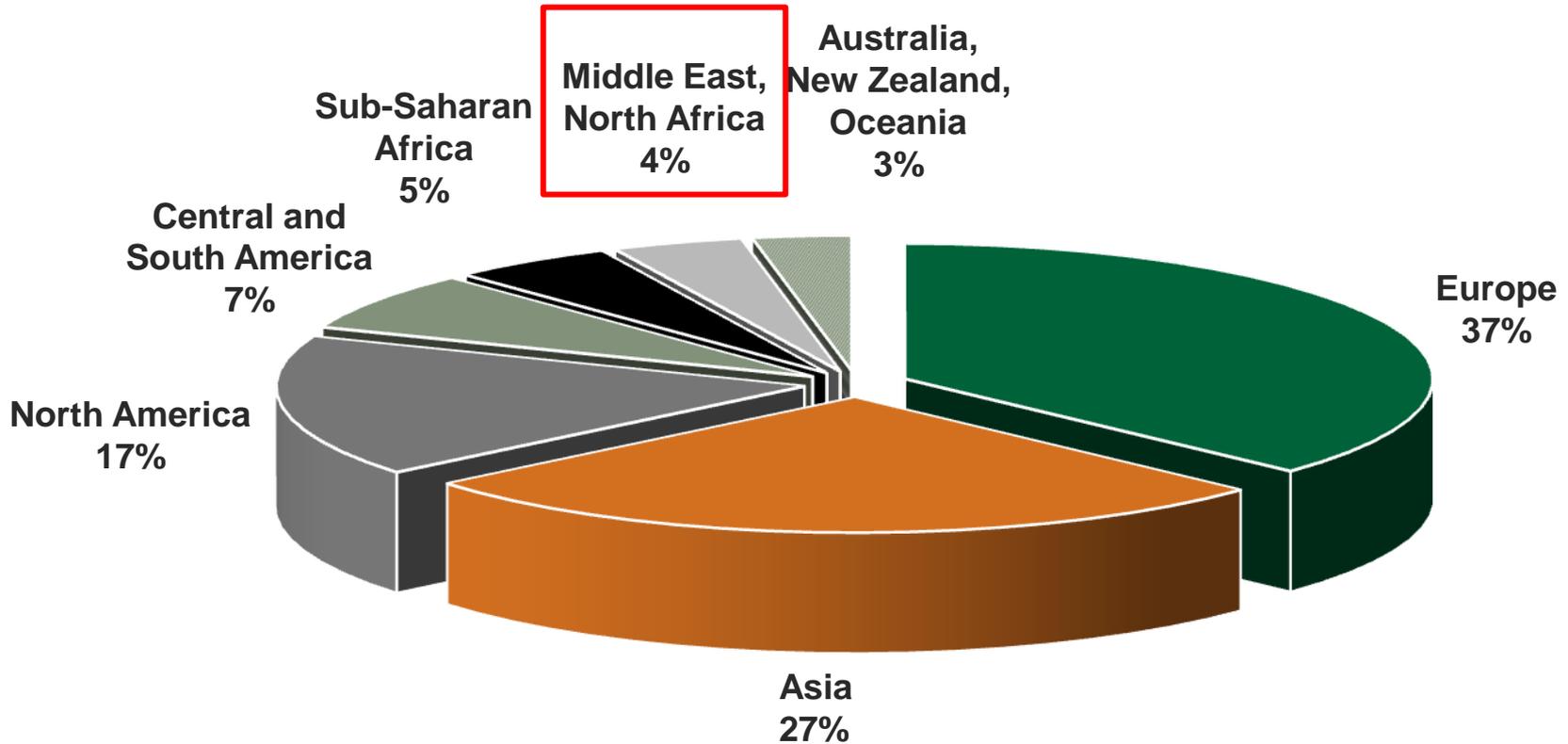
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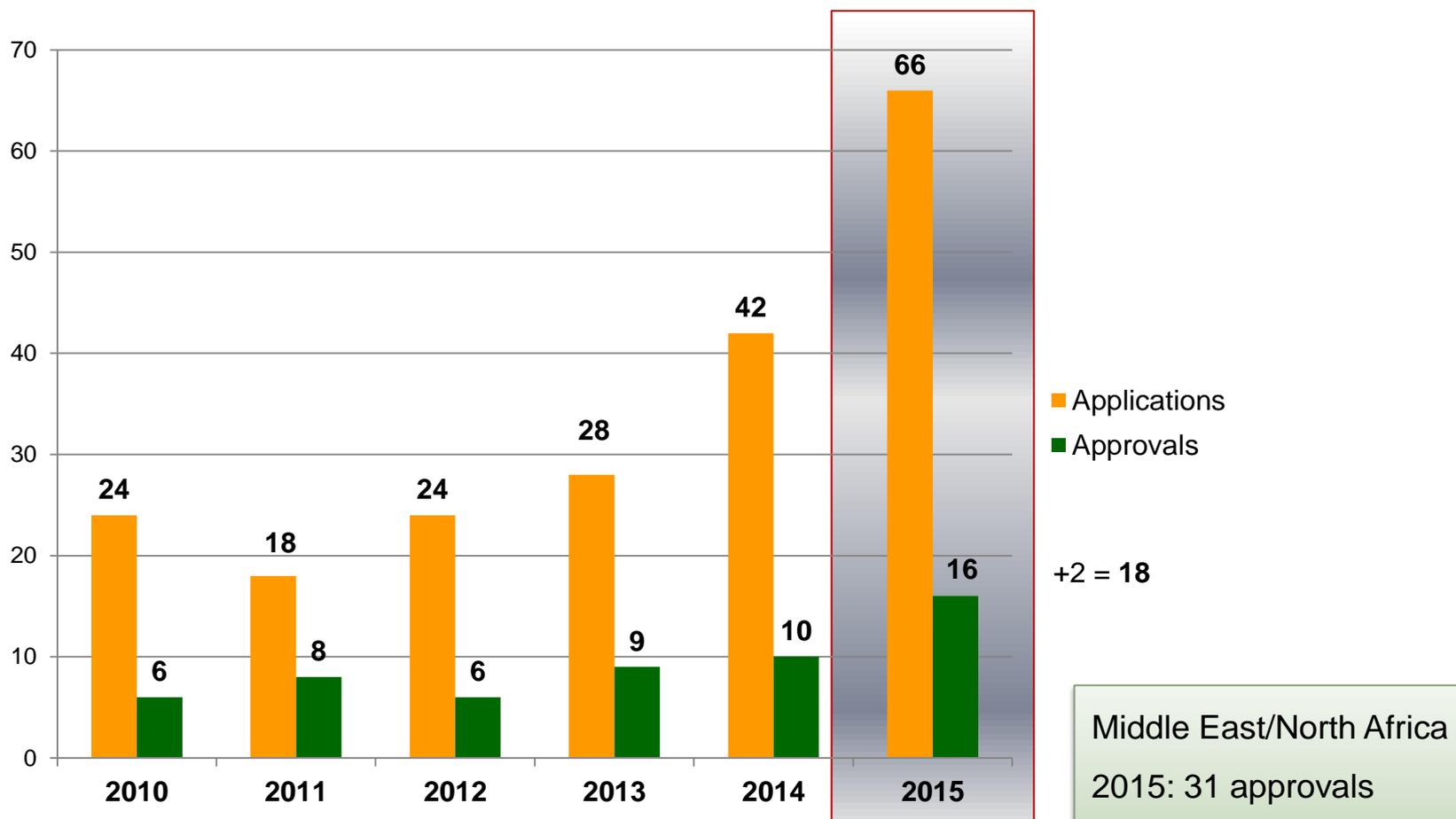
2010–2014:

2,805 research fellowships granted to academics from abroad



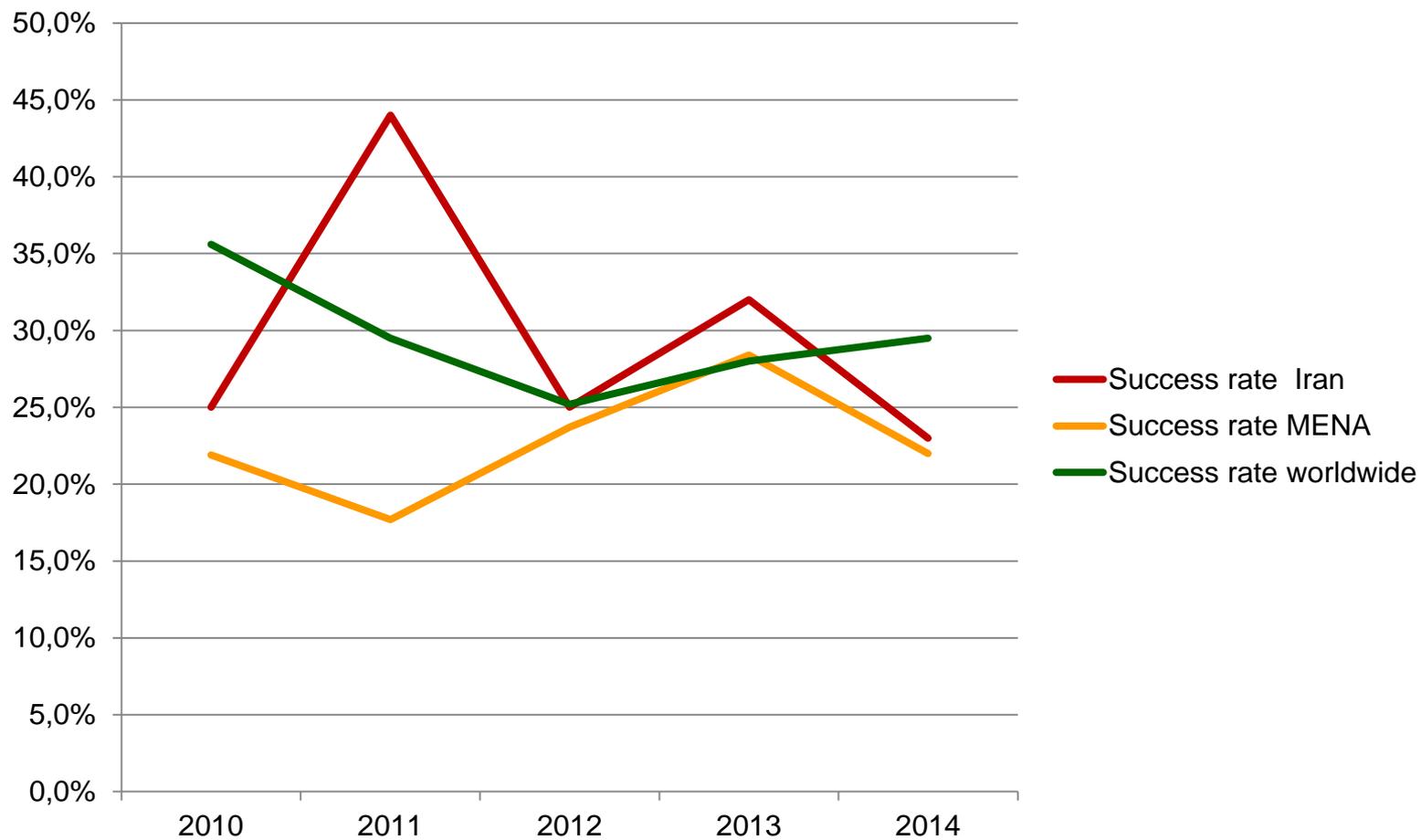


# Iran: Applications and Fellowships 2010-2015





## Success rates 2010-2014





# Research Location Germany



# Germany – a country full of attractive research institutions

- Universities
- Leibniz Institutes
- Max Planck Institutes
- Helmholtz Centres
- Fraunhofer Institutes



- approximately 100 full **universities**
- 82 **Max Planck Institutes**: basic research
- 67 **Fraunhofer Institutes**: applied research
- 18 **Helmholtz Centres**: technical-scientific
- 89 **Leibniz Institutes**: wide range of disciplines



# Our portfolio – Sponsorship Opportunities offered by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation





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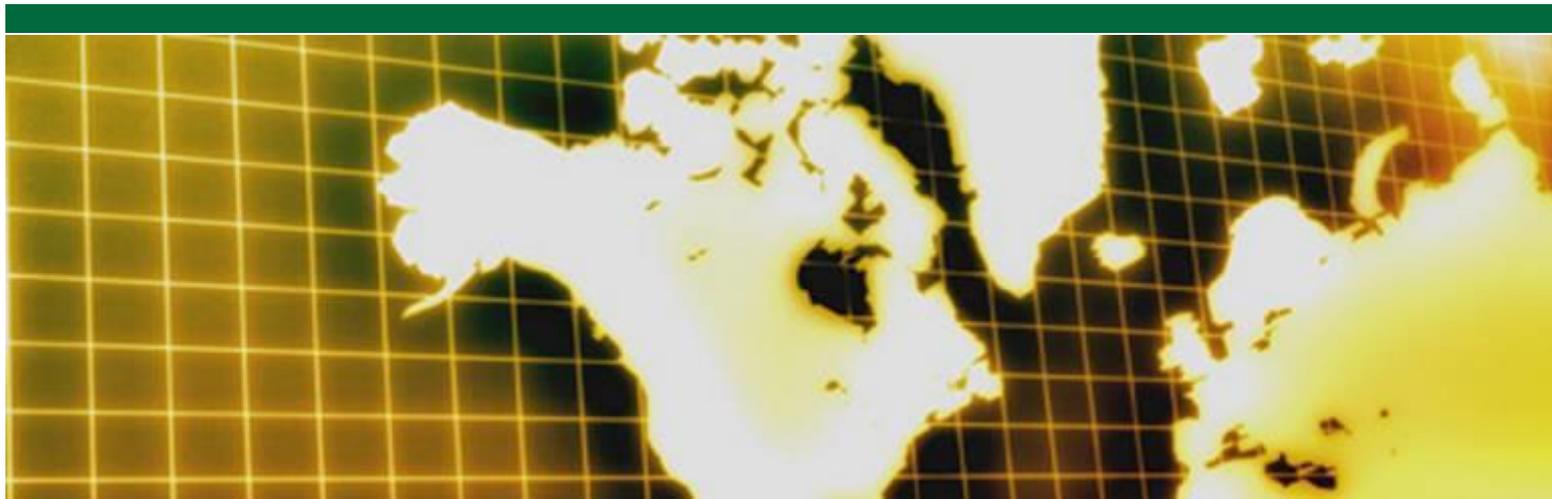
## For postdoctoral and experienced researchers

### Humboldt Research Fellowship

- worldwide, all disciplines, no quotas

### Georg Forster Research Fellowship

- researchers from emerging and developing countries, all disciplines, no quotas
- research projects with relevance to development



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## Humboldt Research Fellowship / Georg Forster Research Fellowship

|                                | Postdoctoral researchers   | Experienced researchers   |
|--------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>Duration of sponsorship</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 6 to 24 months</li></ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 6 to 18 months, may be divided up into 3 stays</li></ul>                        |
| <b>Application period</b>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● applications at any time, doctorates completed less than 4 years ago</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● applications at any time, doctorates completed less than 12 years ago</li></ul> |
| <b>Fellowship amount</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 2,650 EUR per month (plus additional benefits)</li></ul>                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 3,150 EUR per month (plus additional benefits)</li></ul>                        |

# Research fellowships for research stays abroad

## For postdoctoral and experienced researchers

### Feodor Lynen Research Fellowship

- worldwide, all disciplines, no quotas
- members of the Humboldt Network abroad as hosts  
[www.humboldt-foundation.de/lynen-search-for-host](http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/lynen-search-for-host)
- host contribution (negotiated individually)
- 1 Lynen fellow so far in Iran





# Benefits provided I

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- fellowship
- travel lump sum
- German language courses
- benefits for families
- allowance for research costs for the academic host
- possibility of Europe research stay

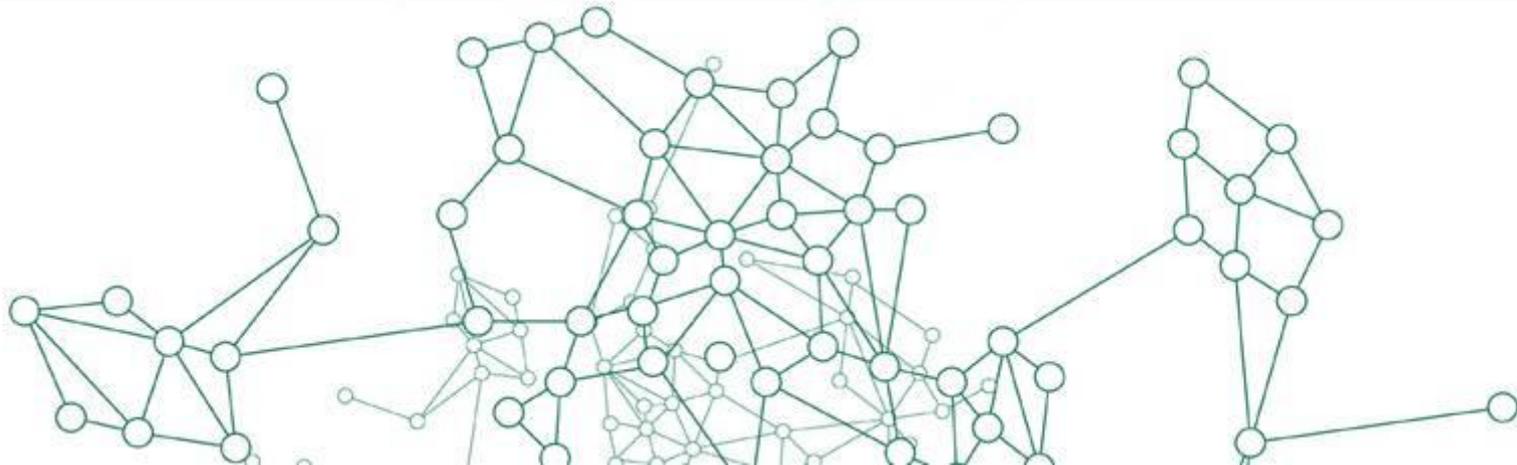




## Benefits provided II

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- intensive and individual mentoring in Germany and abroad by personal contacts at the Foundation
- study tour, network meeting, annual meeting
- return fellowships for specific regions
- alumni sponsorship





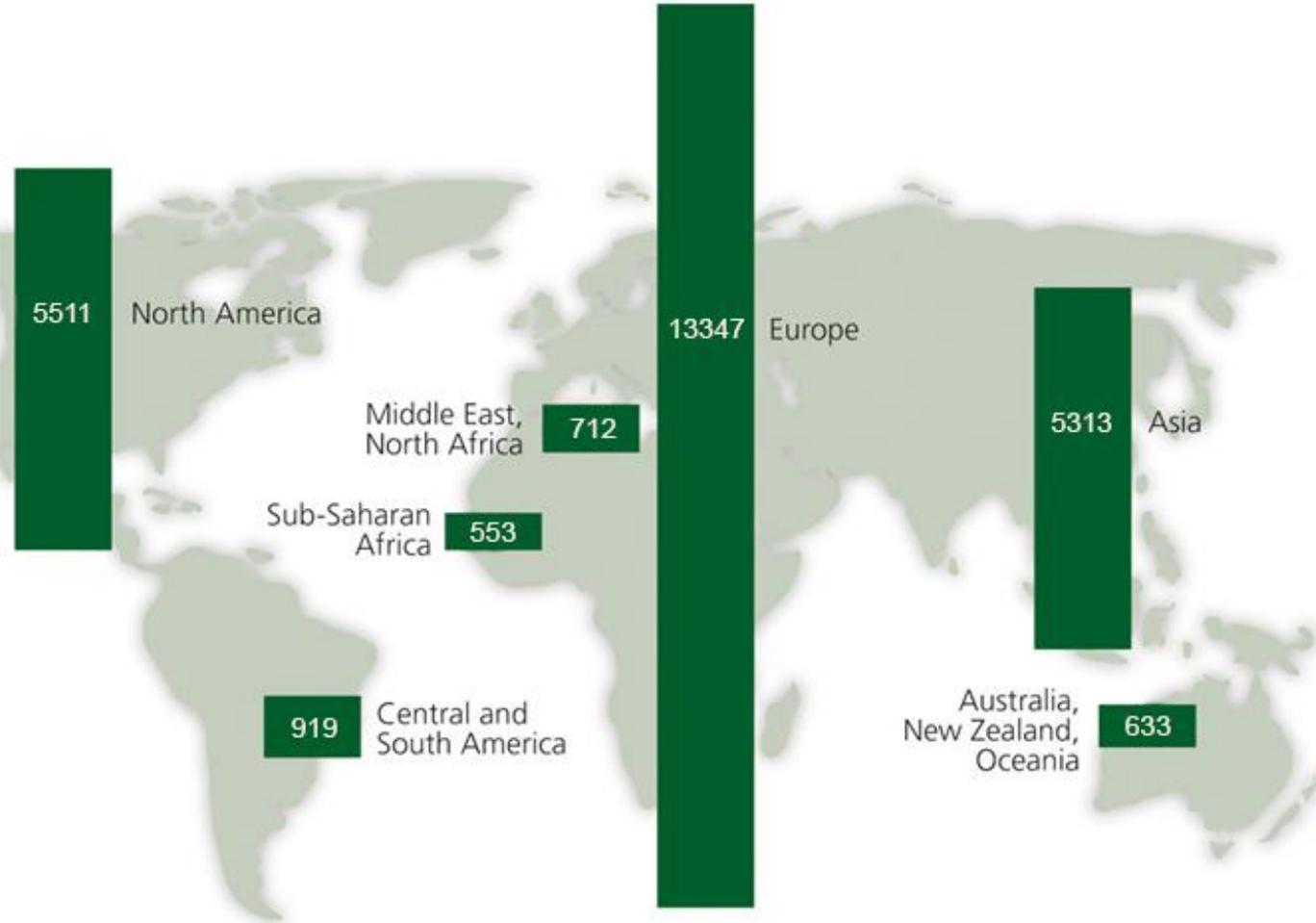
# “Once a Humboldtian, always a Humboldtian” – Alumni and Networking sponsorship



# The Humboldt Network – more than 27,000 Humboldtians worldwide

## Result of a representative survey within the Humboldt Network (2014):

- 78% of Humboldtians have scientific contacts with at least one other Humboldtian
- 66% have scientific contacts with two or more other Humboldtians



as of: January 2015



# The Foundation's Ambassador Scientists



**Prof. Dr. Saeed Balalaie**  
K. N. Toossi University  
of Technology, Teheran

- Dissemination of information about Humboldt Foundation's programmes
- Advisors for the Humboldt Foundation
- Contact partners for Humboldt Alumni



# Alumni sponsorship instruments I

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## Coming back to Germany (3 years after your first research stay)

- **Short visits up to 30 days**
  - e.g. for active participation (lecture, posters, etc.) in international congresses in Germany, for lecture tours or short working visits to research institutes in Germany.
  - Daily allowance, reimbursement of conference fees
- **Renewed research stays for up to 3 months**
  - for continuing or completing work started during first research stay in Germany or initiation of new joint research projects with colleagues in Germany, free choice of academic host
  - Monthly fellowship amount, support for accompanying family



# Alumni Sponsorship Instruments II

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## Support for cooperative projects

- **Research group linkage programme**

„Institutional“ partnership between a Humboldtian and a German partner for working on a joint research project

Goals:

- building of sustainable scientific partnerships
- integration of junior researchers

Funding of up to 55.000 €, up to 3 years, to be spent on:

- academic auxiliary staff
- equipment (for the partner institute outside Germany)
- conferences
- reciprocal research visits
- publications and consumables



# Alumni Sponsorship Instruments III

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## Support for alumni in their home countries

- Invitation of professors from Germany for short research stays at the home institution of Humboldtian
- Book donations
- Equipment subsidies (up to 20,000 EUR)
- Humboldt Kollegs (up to 40,000 EUR)





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