

Dear Fellow Postdocs,
here it goes our sparkling monthly newsletter! This month as special edition.
KI Postdoc Association is part of the European Network of Postdoctoral Associations (ENPA).
As a consortium, we have been drafting our aims. We are now taking our first collaborative effort and we need few minutes of your time. Before that, please read the following letter KIPA co-signed with the other associations part of the network.

A MESSAGE FROM THE EUROPEAN NETWORK OF POSTDOCTORAL ASSOCIATIONS (ENPA)

“Dear Postdoctoral Researcher,
The European Network of Postdoctoral Associations (ENPA) is conducting a survey to evaluate working conditions, training opportunities and career perspectives of postdoctoral researchers across Europe.
We hereby invite you to participate in this survey (time required to complete the survey: 15 minutes):
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfADM7q-ZhVpAJqv6X15Xzz8PnvaV9rWDA6k2ife59qHvd4qw/viewform>

The European Network of Postdoctoral Associations (ENPA) was recently formed to bring together postdoctoral associations and individual postdoctoral scientists currently working in Europe.

ENPA aims to

- 1) Represent postdoctoral scientists working in Europe, regardless of their nationality;
- 2) Advocate for the improvement of current working and training conditions;
- 3) Advocate for better opportunities for career development and progression;
- 4) Describe, discuss and compare the organization, objectives, and activities of existing post-doctoral associations/movements;
- 5) Describe, discuss and compare the integration and career perspectives of postdoctoral researchers and their opinions on science policies at the local and national level. This analysis is based on information we collect through surveys completed by the postdoctoral community;
- 6) Draft a proposal of the best practices regarding the management of postdoctoral researchers to bring to the attention of decision makers.

In order to achieve these goals and take action, we first need to assess what the current situation is across the different European institutions and countries. The European Postdoc Survey was developed as a way to gather sufficient data to evaluate working conditions, training opportunities and career perspectives.

The results of this survey will allow ENPA to gather invaluable information to identify and prioritise critical aspects that require change and to determine the best working and training conditions for postdoctoral scientists.

We strongly believe that our joint action can significantly improve the career perspectives of postdocs in Europe.

We encourage you to take this survey. Your opinion counts!

Please feel free to distribute this survey amongst your postdoctoral colleagues.
Thank you in advance!

Best regards,
European Network of Postdoctoral Associations

Find below the information about the postdoctoral associations in the network. Feel free to contact us. If your association is not listed and wants to join and take action with us, let us know!

E-mail: enpassociations@gmail.com

Website: <https://www.uc.pt/en/iii/postdoc/ENPA>

Current members

Karolinska Institutet Postdoc Association (KIPA), Sweden

(<http://kipostdocassociation.org/>)

The Postdocs of Cambridge (PdOC) Society, UK (<http://www.pdoc.cam.ac.uk/>)

PostDocs@UC, Portugal, (<https://www.uc.pt/en/iii/postdoc>)

Institute of Science and Technology (IST), Austria - Postdoc Association (PDA),

(<https://ist.ac.at/research/postdoc-association/>)

MPItermic, Postdoctoral Community, Max Planck Institute for Terrestrial Microbiology, Germany (<https://www.mpi-marburg.mpg.de/postdoctoral-community>)

Postdoc Initiative at the MPIPZ (PIM), Max Planck Institute for Plant Breeding Research, Germany (<http://www.mpipz.mpg.de/PIM>)”

JOIN KI POSTDOC ASSOCIATION!

If you like to get more involved in the association while gaining invaluable management experience, **join us!** Beside professional development, you will contribute to the formation of a strong postdoc community at KI, while working and having fun with a group of highly motivated and enthusiastic people!

If you are interested or have any further question, send an email to info@kipostdocassociation.org.

Have a glad midsommar!

Cheers,

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