



University of Stuttgart and MIT extend cooperation program

Contract signing in Boston at the GAIN conference 2018

The cooperation between the University of Stuttgart and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) is being continued. In the framework of the 18th annual GAIN conference from 7. until 9 September in Boston Professor David Dolev from MIT and Professor Wolfram Ressel, Rector of the University of Stuttgart, signed the agreement on the extension of the joint support program Seed Fund until 2020.

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Professor Wolfram Ressel signed the cooperation agreement with MIT. Standing behind from left to right: Justin Leahey (Program Manager MISTI Germany), Professor David Dolev (MIT), Professor Markus Bühler (MIT), Head of Department Ulrich Steinbach, Dr. Wolfgang Holtkamp (Senior Advisor International Affairs at the University of Stuttgart)



Professor Wolfram Ressel and Professor Markus Bühler with the deed. The text on the deed is a quotation by the MIT President L. Rafael Reif, "We are all in this great enterprise together. We have a great deal to accomplish, and the world is waiting. So let's get started."

The aim of the agreement is to forge a closer relationship in research and teaching between the universities. The agreement on the Seed Fund opens up the opportunity for young scientists from the University of Stuttgart to apply for financing for their research projects. In this way they are provided with the opportunity to develop research projects jointly with research partners MIT and to create synergies. Postdoctorates from all disciplines have funds available to them for this amounting up to \$25,000 if students are involved in the projects. The program is managed by MIT International Science and Technology Initiative (MISTI) and the Department of International Affairs at the University of Stuttgart. The cooperation program was agreed for the first time in 2015. Five projects have been funded since then.

Traditionally great interest at the University of Stuttgart at the GAIN conference.

The University of Stuttgart once again registered great interest in Boston. The University presented itself with its own fair stand. In his



capacity as the Rector of the University of Stuttgart and as President of the TU9, the alliance of the leading technical universities in Germany, Wolfram Ressel took part in various specialized work groups and provided information in the form of a lecture about career paths in the engineering sciences. At the fair stand of the University of Stuttgart the Head of Department Ulrich Steinbach from Ministry of Science, Research and Art Baden-Württemberg was also a guest.

Around 500 German participants from all disciplines visited the GAIN conference. In top-class lectures, discussions and workshops they were given information on current developments in science and research in Germany, on the vocational landscape, application, funding and career opportunities. The GAIN conference (German Academic International Network) that takes place annually in America is one of the most significant academic career fairs for German scientists in the USA and Canada. The annual conference is hosted by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and the German Research Foundation (DFG) in the framework of their joint initiative GAIN. It is considered to be an important forum internationally for university and scientific and political exchange.

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