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## **MIN FACULTY'S FIRST INTERNATIONAL STAFF TRAINING WEEK: A CONTRIBUTION TO THE INTERNATIONALIZATION OF UNIVERSITÄT HAMBURG**

In order to promote the internationalization of MIN subjects in the Faculty of Mathematics, Informatics and Natural Sciences (MIN) at Universität Hamburg, the Office of the Dean organized the first International Staff Training Week (ISTW), held from 12 to 16 June 2017. 30 representatives selected from 26 higher education institutions throughout Europe, Asia, and the Americas participated in the international event focusing on the internationalization of MIN subjects.

“The main focus of the international event was clearly on sharing personal experiences and promoting international cooperation among colleagues,” said Dr. Janie Wermter, advisor for internationalization and support for young researchers and responsible for organizing the ISTW. “We set up groups to discuss ways to optimize international cooperation. The 30 participants each offered insights into their work methods and contributed valuable suggestions and ideas for the various areas of international cooperation.”

The five-day international program included a tour of the Universität Hamburg campus, visits to DESY and the Hamburg Observatory, and a guided tour of the Elbphilharmonie.



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“The MIN Faculty’s first ISTW is a great opportunity to make an active contribution to the University’s internationalization process,” says Dr. Ingenuin Gasser, the MIN Faculty’s vice dean for internationalization and support for young researchers. “The participants also had the chance to network, discuss successful endeavors, find new opportunities for cooperation, and strengthen current ones.”

Katja Grannis, coordinator of the SICSS MSc program added: “The ISTW gave my colleagues and me the opportunity to forge valuable contacts, which will hopefully lead to close cooperation in the future.”

Representatives from participating Chinese higher education institutions will also promote the MIN Faculty’s participation in the PhD Workshop China 2017, a recruitment event for highly qualified Chinese doctoral candidates in the MIN disciplines, at their home institutions.

When asked what they found best about the event, participants Aprahamian Tamar and Maintz Twan from Utrecht University answered: “We really liked meeting university representatives from all over the world, discussing the challenges of internationalization, and finding solutions. The best things were the international networking evening, the work group on mobility hurdles for students and successful strategies, and the individual discussions with representatives from the MIN Faculty.” Zhang Xinyan from the Dalian University of China had one wish: “We should have this event more often—once every year would be best!”



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