



Nominations sought for the position of Director

The Max Planck Society has approved plans to establish a new scientific direction for the MPI for Medical Research in Heidelberg.

Stefan W. Hell, (<http://nanobiophotonics.mpibpc.mpg.de/index.html>) and Joachim P. Spatz (<http://www.is.mpg.de/spatz>) will join Ilme Schlichting (http://www.mpimf-heidelberg.mpg.de/departments/biomolecular_mechanisms) as new directors at the Institute. The institute will focus on cutting-edge research in chemistry, physics and materials science leading ultimately to fundamental discoveries in biology or medicine. A specific goal will be to discover and develop novel chemical and physical approaches that analyze biomolecular mechanisms, modulate and control cellular physiological function, and image molecular interactions at the nanometer level, non-invasively and in real time. These approaches should ultimately provide a quantitative understanding of the (patho)physiology of cells at the molecular level.

The MPI for Medical Research (<https://www.mpimf-heidelberg.mpg.de/en>) is now in the process of identifying candidates for a further new Director, namely in the general area of Biological Chemistry. The Institute seeks in particular candidates with a strong interest in the organic synthesis of reporter and effector molecules for cellular analysis and control at the nanometer scale. However, other innovative approaches in the field of biological chemistry will also be considered.

The institute invites nominations for this position. Nominees must have a record of innovative research at the highest international level, and will have demonstrated their potential to inspire and lead. Their scientific interests could either complement existing research at the Institute or represent completely new directions. The goal is to identify the strongest and most creative scientist worldwide (early- to mid-career), and to offer her or him many years of stable and predictable funding.

Written nominations will be treated in strictest confidence, and should include a short description of the nominee's background and most significant scientific accomplishments. Self-nominations will not be considered.

The Max Planck Society encourages the nomination of women for these positions, since it seeks to increase the number of women in areas where they are under-represented.

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