AcademiaNet – European Expert Database of Outstanding Female Academics

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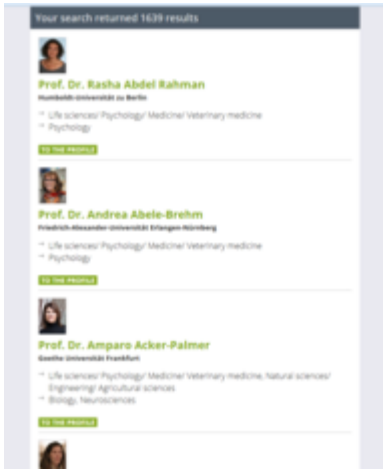
What is AcademiaNet?



It is a database accessible through internet that ...

... features **2,000 scientific profiles** of highly qualified women academics of all disciplines and fields.

... is supported by **48** renowned **scientific organizations** in **19 countries** nominating highly qualified women for the database.

... offers customized search options according to discipline, area of expertise and other criteria.

... offers current news pertaining to “Women in Science”.

AcademiaNet
A solution for Europe

We
celebrate our
5th
anniversary!

Launching event,
November 2010

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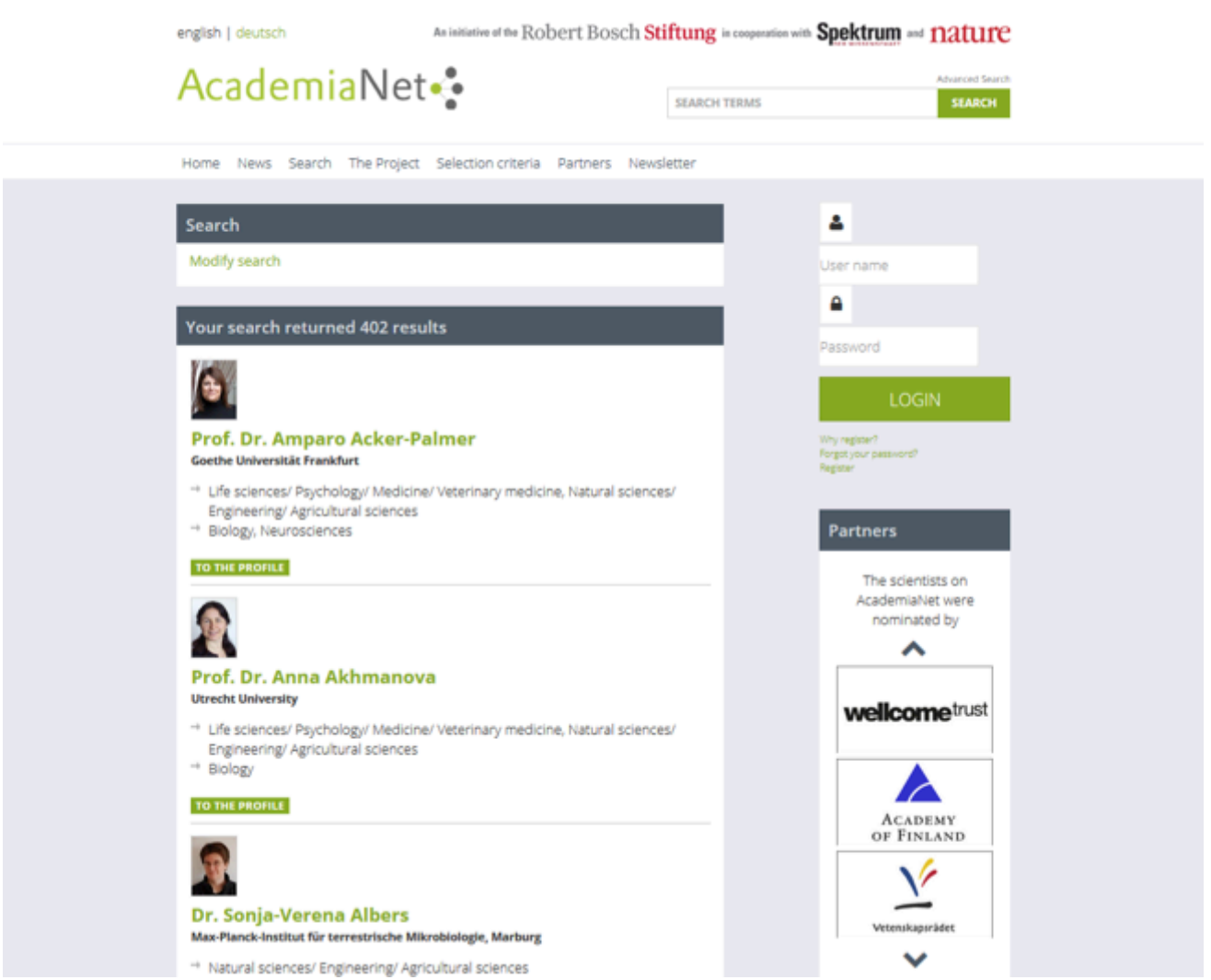
Web site, search results



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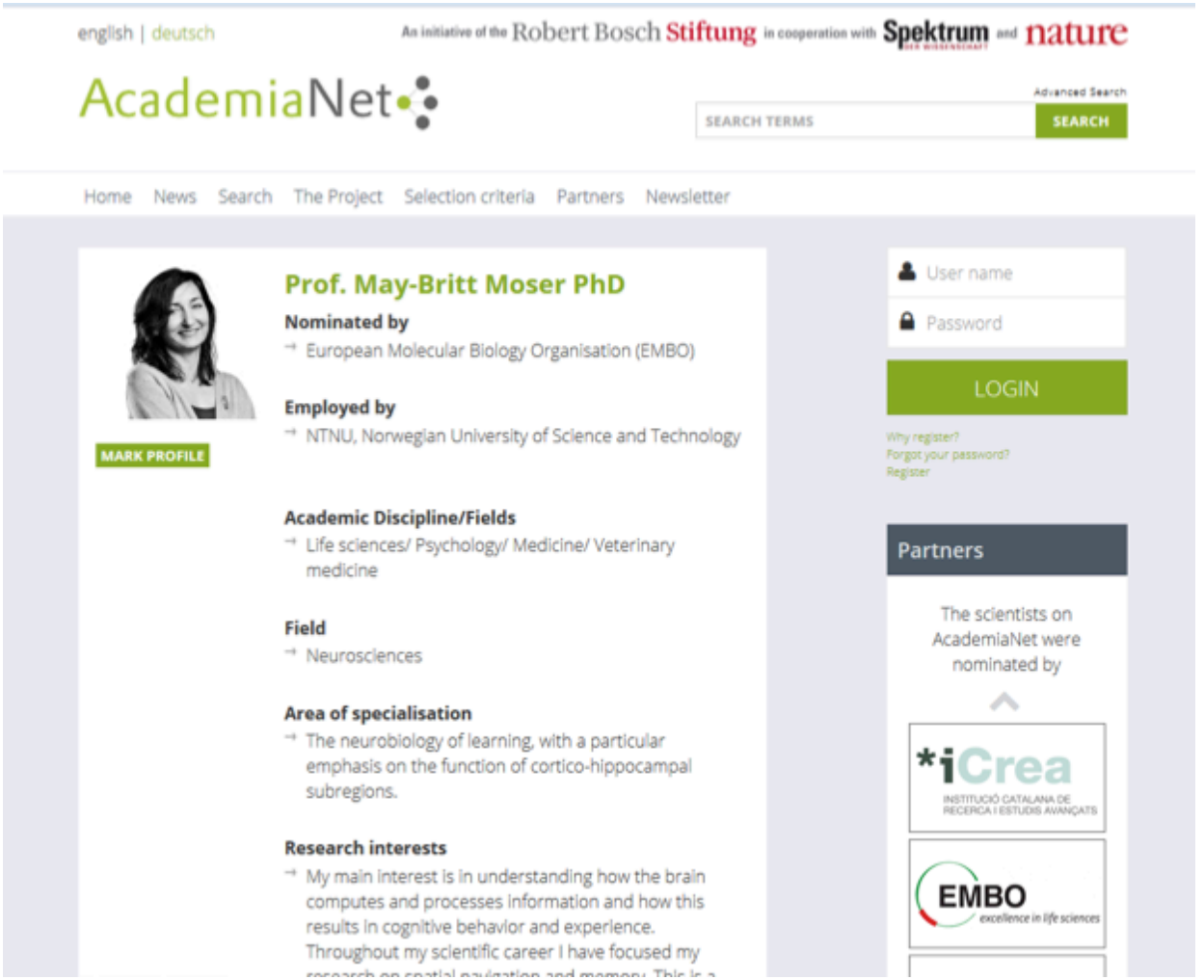
Web site, scientific profile



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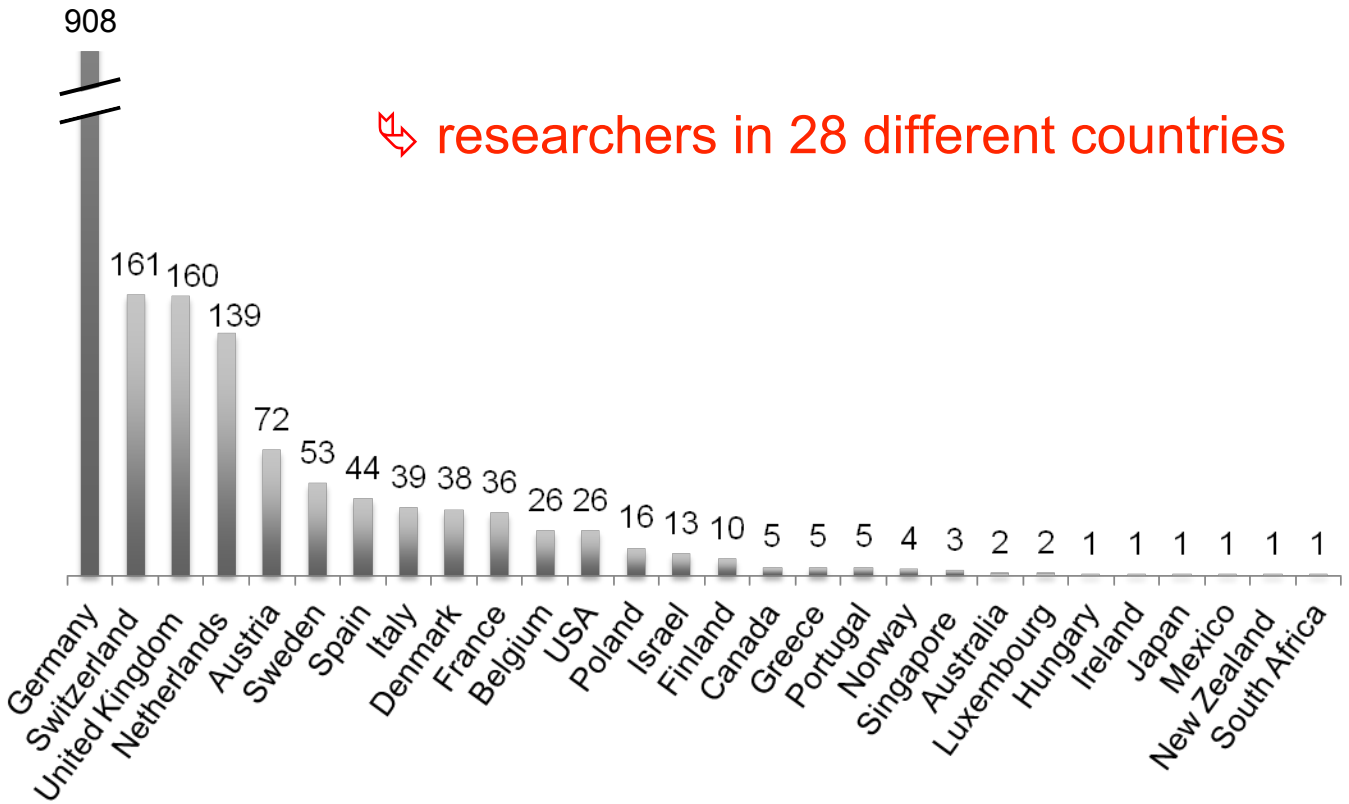
Distribution of AcademiaNet researchers



researchers in 28 different countries

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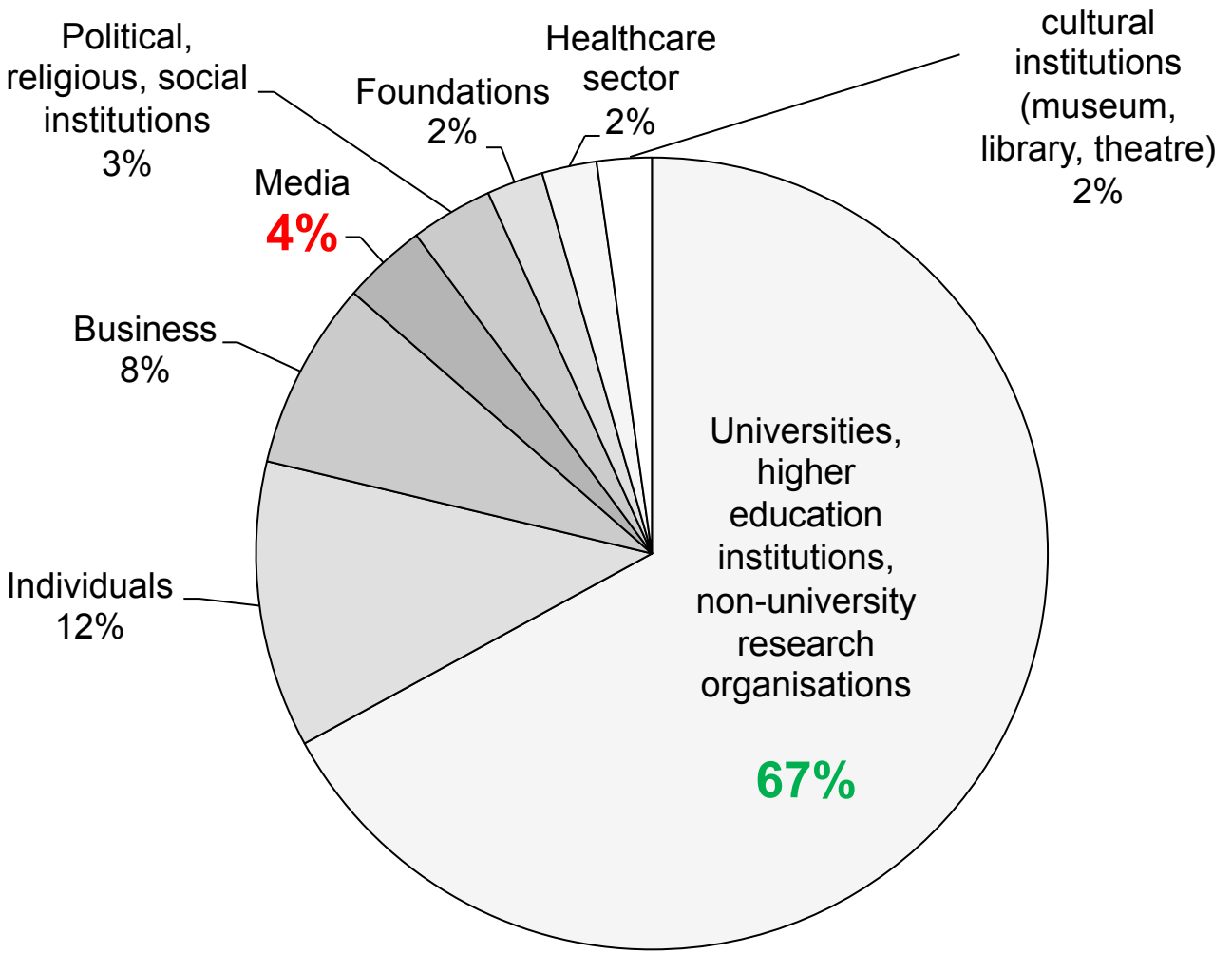
User Groups



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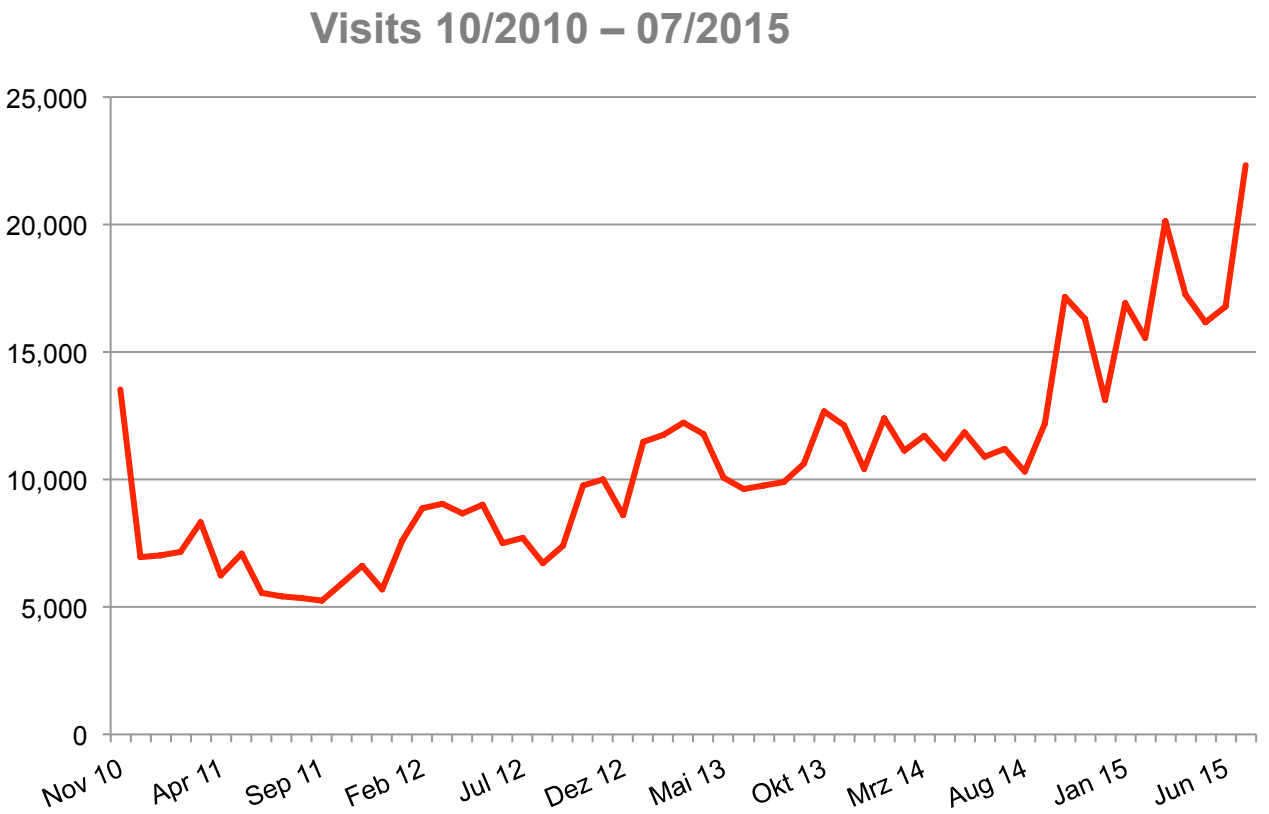
Visits of the Website



:: over 1,3 million clicks in total

:: about 17,000 visits per month ↳ the trend is upwards

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The idea behind it

:: Idea: Improve the access to excellent women for those seeking for candidates for leadership positions and committees. This instrument should be rapid, easy to use, free of charge and usable anywhere.

:: Goals:

1) **Raise the visibility of excellent female researchers**

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2) **Increase the number of women in leading positions** in science and research:

- in committees and management positions in science
- in grade A positions / professorships
- more women academics as lecturers at conferences and
- as authors in journals and in interviews in the media

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Quality assurance

:: Researchers can **only** join upon **nomination** by a highly recognized scientific partner organization.

:: This filter ensures that all AcademiaNet researchers are **outstanding representatives of their scientific field**.

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A strong partners' network

:: Only highly recognized science and research organizations **with selection mechanisms for excellence** are invited to become partners of AcademiaNet.

:: Their role is to **nominate female scientists who are best in their field** (according to set selection criteria).

:: Partners serve as **multipliers** and promote AcademiaNet within their organizations and communities.

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Who are the main partner organizations?

:: **United Kingdom:** The Royal Society, Research Councils UK, the Wellcome Trust, the Royal Society of Edinburgh

:: **Germany:** Max Planck Society, German Research Foundation, National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina

:: **Western Europe:** Academy of Moral and Political Sciences (France), Catalan Institution for Research and Advanced Studies, Academy of Sciences of Lisbon

:: **Nordic Countries:** Academy of Finland, Swedish Research Council, Research Council of Norway, Danish Council for Independent Research

:: **Eastern Europe:** Estonian Research Council, Latvian Academy of Sciences, National Science Centre Poland

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Only highest qualifications!

Examples:

:: The Nobel Prize Winner of 2014**, Professor May-Britt Moser**, was AcademiaNet member before receiving this award

:: **Four professors from AcademiaNet** received the Leibniz Prize in 2014 (the most important research award in Germany)

:: **Professor Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell**, AcademiaNet member, has become the first female president of the Royal Society of Edinburgh (RSE) in October 2014

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Voluntary ambassadors

"The launch of AcademiaNet was a magic moment. I am proud that we also recommend our excellent female researchers."

Prof. Dr. Liselotte H Højgaard,
Chair of the Danish National Research Foundation

"AcademiaNet provides the best access to female scientists: their knowledge, their experience and their networks."

Prof. em. Dr. Helga Nowotny,
Former President of the ERC

"I sincerely hope that committees will use this database to find excellent female researchers."

Prof. Dr. Jörg Hacker,
President of the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina

Dr. Philip Campbell,
Editor-in-Chief of „Nature"

"AcademiaNet will become even more important as work to address gender imbalance accelerates."

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More than virtual

:: AcademiaNet offers **exclusive networking possibilities** to its members:

→ *AcademiaNet Dialogue Forum*
Annual meetings on invitation by the Bosch Stiftung in November in Berlin; including networking possibilities with participants of the "Berlin Debate on Science Policy" and participation at the Falling Walls Conference

→ *AcademiaNet Clubs*
Regional network meetings, organized by AcademiaNet members (e.g. in Berlin, Munich, Frankfurt, London, etc.)

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