Call for proposals for a Minerva-Gentner Symposium 2019

Deadline: 9 July 2017

The Minerva Foundation is inviting proposals to hold a Minerva-Gentner Symposium in 2019.

Gentner Symposia may be held in **all areas of research**. The aim of Gentner Symposia is to initiate new collaborative efforts in fields that are not yet in the focus of German-Israeli cooperations.

The Gentner Symposia shall bring together Israeli scientists with colleagues from Germany and from other countries. They shall enable the scientific discourse, exchange of ideas, and new interactions in a given field of research. Not yet established but promising young scientists (PhD students, post docs) shall have the opportunity to get in contact with senior scientists during these symposia. Roughly 50% of the participants should belong to the group of not yet established scientists. In each country, the scientists should come from various institutions.

The venue may be in either Germany or Israel.

Scientists from German universities and non university research institutions as well as from the six Israeli universities and the Weizmann Institute are eligible for applications for a Gentner Symposium.

Gentner Symposia are funded with up to EUR 30,000. This budget is allocated for expenses for travel, boarding and lodging of Israeli and German participants. Senior scientists (lecturers) may also receive financial support, however no honoraria.

Please send proposals **in English only** (in hard copy **and** by e-mail) and refer to the following points:

- Title, content, and subject area of the symposium
- Specific topics to be addressed during the symposium
- Course of the programme (incl. preliminary schedule)
- Expected participants and lecturers (names and institutions), please state that the attendees have already confirmed their participation.
- Future impact of the symposium for the corresponding field of research
- Budget plan (if the costs exceed EUR 30.000,-- indicate the source for the additional funds) *see enclosure*
- Conference venue and date
- Names and affiliations of the organizer and co-organizer
- Co-operating institutions

Please note that your proposal for a Gentner Symposium should not involve similar/identical topics or the same group of people as previous ones (http://www.minerva.mpg.de/gentner/list.html).

Because selection is competitive it is recommended to submit a detailed proposal (average: 4-6 pages).

The deadline for submitting applications is 9 July 2017
(for the hard copies: date of postmark)

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Eligible Expenditures

On principle, only costs for the scientific part of the event can be taken into account. A subsequent increase of the lump sum following the grant is not possible.

The grant may be used for
- rent for accommodation
- costs for board and lodging
- travel allowances
- costs for supplement programs
- printed matter and office supplies
- postage and phone costs
- other material costs

Non-eligible Costs

The following items can, on principle, not be discounted at the expense of the project funds:
- personal salary of the project heads
- expenses for administrative duties
- emoluments
- costs for printing reports on the Gentner Symposium
- expenses for construction and installation measures
- operational and maintenance costs (e.g. electricity, gas, water, cooling agents), maintenance contracts
- contributions for property insurance, expenditures for letters of safe conduct
- expenses for the use of an institute's own service facilities (such as computing centers or other – also scientific – services) on the basis of an internal performance settlement
- expenses for apparatus which must be considered as up-to-date initial equipment (for the respective field)
- expenses for the supplementation or repair of apparatus which is not the property of the Minerva Foundation Ltd.
- turnover tax insofar as it can be deducted as input tax