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Dear colleagues, dear alumni and alumnae,

It is my pleasure to invite you to the 3rd Max Planck Symposium for Alumni and Early Career Researchers, taking place 20th to 23rd September 2018 at the Harnack House in Berlin.

Two years ago, we initiated what has now become a proceeding dialogue between Max Planck Alumni and Early Career Researchers of all institutes, both on a professional and personal level, in the best possible environment that the Max Planck Society has to offer: the Harnack House. Since 2016, over 300 participants of the Max Planck Symposia have travelled from distant places in the world to come re-join the Max Planck family. They exchanged experiences regarding careers in and outside of science, participated in fruitful workshops regarding all matters scientific and non-scientific, and helped to shape the Max Planck Alumni Association – a global network of over 20 regional groups that the Max Planck Society is proud to foster and nourish and whose members we specifically invite to consider participating.

Due to the rapid developments in recent years, the motto of this year's Symposium "Advances in Digitalization" is particularly important to the Max Planck Society and to me. We will welcome Alumni Keynote Speakers who are now in the field of Big Data, Data Analysis, Data Storage and Open Access and we will traditionally dedicate the entire second conference day to intensive Expert Career Workshops, facilitated by participants in cooperation with professional coaches.

Although in principle open to any alumni and early career researchers of the Max Planck Society, participation to the symposium will be limited to ensure a productive working atmosphere and a most stimulating experience for

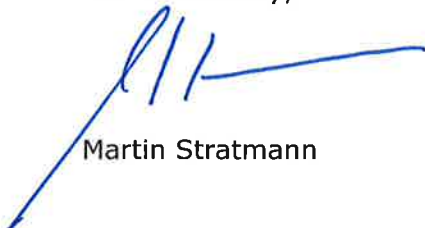


everyone. We will therefore ask all registrants to emphasize their specific interest in the Symposium within a short questionnaire and the final participants will be selected on the basis of their answers. You are also welcome to add a specific workshop topic during registration in case it doesn't already appear on the preliminary agenda and we will help find a professional co-chair for your workshop to make the most of your input.

We invite everyone to register online until 31st July 2018:
www.mpg.de/symposium2018

Vice President Ferdi Schüth will open the symposium on my behalf and I am looking forward to learning about the many new ideas and outcomes of your discussions in the Harnack House Berlin.

Yours sincerely,



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