Greetings from the DAAD Information Center San Francisco,

I hope you had a good start to the New Year! May 2015 be a successful year for you, filled with wonderful opportunities and many happy moments!

I will be on the road again in 2015, and here are a few confirmed travel dates for DAAD San Francisco for the first half of the year. If you would like to meet at one of the below mentioned events, please do let me know. If you would like a DAAD representative to give a presentation at your university, either in person or online, please send a request to daadsf@daad.org.

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Destination Europe Conference

When? February 12, 2015
Where? San José, CA, Downtown
For more information and registration details go to https://destinationeuropec sanjose.teamwork.fr/en/registration
Destination Europe events showcase the vibrant and exciting research and innovation culture in Europe and the opportunities available to researchers, from anywhere in the world, interested in working there or cooperating with European researchers.

Come to the Destination Europe event in San José, to:

* Meet experts from European research organisations, universities, funding agencies and European Commission services who will present programmes, initiatives and opportunities to cooperate or to pursue a career in Research and Innovation in Europe.

* Find information about the practical support available for moving to Europe (scientific visa, mobility centres etc.).

* Destination Europe is a joint initiative of the European Union and its Member States.

Representatives from DAAD and the DFG will be available at the conference for individual consultations.

Invitation: DAAD Alumni Association Reception
January 20, 2015 at Stanford University

The DAAD Alumni Association of the US cordially invites you to a discussion on international exchange, followed by a reception honoring Dr. Thomas Südhof, recipient of the 2013 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 7pm.

Dr. Südhof holds the Avram Goldstein Professorship as well as Professorships of Molecular & Cellular Physiology, Psychiatry, and Neurology, all at the Stanford University School of Medicine.

We are also honored that German Consul General in San Francisco, Stefan Schlüter, will join us to talk about funding for academic mobility.

Location: The Lorry I. Lokey Stem Cell Research Building, 265 Campus Drive, Room G1002, Stanford University.
Call for DAAD Young Ambassadors 2015/16

Do you know of any students who are interested in promoting Germany on your campus? The DAAD Young Ambassador (https://www.daad.org/ambassadors) program helps returning study abroad students to put their newfound knowledge and experience to good use.

DAAD Young Ambassadors are undergraduate students from North America who have recently studied or interned in Germany and are interested in promoting study in Germany at their home institutions. DAAD has about 30 spots available for students from all over the US and Canada to share with their peers what makes Germany such a unique and attractive destination for study abroad.

DAAD Young Ambassadors are responsible for organizing at least one event per semester on their campuses to promote study in Germany. Additionally, they will collaborate with their universities' study abroad offices and other German institutions in their areas to inform their fellow students on educational and research opportunities in Germany. DAAD Young Ambassadors are also available for email inquiries about their respective German host universities, study abroad programs or about life as a student in Germany in general. Their contact information as well as short profiles can be found on the DAAD website. Please visit https://www.daad.org/ya2014-15 to learn more about the current DAAD Young Ambassadors.

The application deadline is May 18, 2015.

Although students may apply directly to DAAD to become a Young Ambassador, special preference will be given to candidates nominated by their university's study abroad office. (Only one student should be nominated per college or university.)

Complete program information, including application and nomination forms, is available at https://www.daad.org/ambassadors.
The Berkeley Prize for Undergraduate Essays in German Studies

The Berkeley Undergraduate Essay Prize is awarded annually by the Department of German for outstanding unpublished papers written during the previous calendar year by undergraduate students enrolled at a North American university/college. Thus the 2015 prize will consider papers written during 2014 on a broad range of topics in German studies. The winning essays carry a cash award of $500 each and will be considered for publication in the department's electronic journal TRANSIT (http://german.berkeley.edu/transit).

Essays for submission may be written in German or in English; one submission per student. They should be double-spaced, between 3000 and 5000 words in length (including notes and references), and without the students name on the paper, since the Awards Committee reads the essays anonymously. A separate cover sheet with the students name, major, year of study, title of the paper, address, phone number, e-address, and plans for graduate school (if applicable) should accompany the essay. The essay may be submitted in hard copy or electronically. The paper has to have been written in the 16 months prior to the essay deadline.

The submission deadline is March 13, 2015; winners announced May 1. Send to:

Undergraduate Essay Prize

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