



The German Young Geoscientists Group – promoting exchange and information among the next generation of geoscientists

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The group „Young geoscientists” of the Senate Commission for Joint Geoscientific Research (Geokommission, www.geokommission.de) of the German Research Foundation (DFG), is dedicated towards the development of the working environment, workforce and scientific outcome of the next generation of geoscientists in Germany. Geoscientific research – basic as, well as applied – provides crucial contributions for mastering the economic, environmental and societal challenges of the near and medium-term future. Politics and society call for immediate answers, while geoscientific phenomena are complex and act on a large range of temporal and spatial scales. These demands, together with increases mobility requirements, lead to increasing pressure especially on young geoscientists. In this situation the main goals of the group “Young geoscientists” are:

- Promotion of networking among young geoscientists
- Information about science policy developments, funding opportunities and other relevant matters
- Representing the interests of young scientists towards (science)-policy makers

The dynamic development of geoscientific research, particularly collaborations across traditional disciplines, as well as in increasing demands from public and policy, calls for a continuous integration of young scientists. We promote this process by organizing round-table discussions, e.g. on “Guaranteeing good scientific praxis” or on “Hot topics and research funding”, by communicating information via the internet and by identifying structural deficiencies that might hinder the advancement of the geosciences and reporting them to decision makers. In this context, we are looking for:

- European or international collaborators
- Young geoscientists wishing to participate in / contribute to our activities
- Suggestions on how to improve working conditions of the young and advancing geoscientists

Personal contact and details on the work of the „Young geoscientists” can be found at this poster presentation. More information can also be found on www.geonachwuchs.de or contact Dr. Ingo Sasgen, sasgen@gfz-potsdam.de.