The International Office (IO) at the Max Planck Institute (MPI) for Biology of Ageing in Cologne provides comprehensive support and key services to all of its international researchers and visiting scholars who are new to living in Germany. Currently, the IO cooperates with several other major institutes in the region including the University of Cologne and the MPI for Metabolism Research in Cologne as well as the research center caesar and the German Center for Neurodegenerative Diseases (DZNE) in Bonn. Together with our partners, we aim to make your move to Germany as smooth as possible.

HELPING YOU TO SETTLE IN
The IO issues welcome packs to all newcomers. The office also assists with legal formalities such as visas, residence permits and registration with the local authorities as well as provides advice on, e.g. opening a bank account and finding suitable accommodation. Moreover, the IO organizes a range of social and sport activities as well as cultural events and German lessons, so that you can make the most of your stay in Germany.

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WHAT THE IO CAN DO FOR YOU

PROVIDING YOU WITH FAMILY SUPPORT AND DUAL CAREER PLANNING
In cooperation with the University of Cologne, the IO offers its scientists a wide range of support from finding appropriate daycare to identifying suitable job openings for spouses/partners of senior postdocs. The IO has reserved childcare slots at several nearby daycare centers as well as a comprehensive list of local schools. The IO also provides information on continuing education and job training opportunities within the area.

THE MAX PLANCK INSTITUTE FOR BIOLOGY OF AGEING is a leading institute performing outstanding research in the field of ageing. It is currently directed by three world-renowned international scientists and is home to other distinguished international faculty.

WORKING LANGUAGE
English is the working language. Thus, seminars, lectures, conferences, meetings and trainings, as well as on-site research support services and administrative affairs are conducted in English.

INTERNATIONAL PROFILE
The Max Planck Institute for Biology of Ageing encourages internationality and diversity as part of its concept of attaining a high level of scientific research. Its researchers represent more than 25 nationalities. The Institute also offers a top-tier international structured PhD programme through the Cologne Graduate School of Ageing Research which regularly enrolls a significant number of foreign students.

COLOGNE AND THE SURROUNDING REGION
The Max Planck Institute for Biology of Ageing is embedded in a vibrant bio-medical research cluster of excellence situated at the heart of Europe. The Nordrhein-Westfalen region is home to more than 20 MPI’s, Fraunhofer Institutes and national research centers, over 50 universities and technical schools and around 100 biotech companies. It is also connected to major cities by fast rail links and offers access to three international airports: Cologne/Bonn, Düsseldorf and Frankfurt.

Besides providing an excellent research environment with outstanding facilities, the city of Cologne has an international atmosphere. The surrounding region offers a wealth of social and cultural activities including world-class museums, music and theater as well as numerous world heritage sites and breath-taking countryside.

The city of Cologne itself is renowned for its openness and welcoming nature to newcomers as well as its stunning gothic cathedral and lively Carnival season.

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- World-Renowned Institute
- Academic Excellence
- International Profile
- State-of-the-Art Facilities
- Regional Life Science Cluster
- Distinguished International Faculty
- National and International Networks
- Teaching Opportunities
- Strong MPG Alumni Network
- Career Counseling
- Grant Resources
- Housing Assistance
- Dual Career Planning
- In-House Language Courses
- Scientific Soft Skills and Development Training
- Culture and Nature