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Dear Eurasia-Pacific Uninet Members, Dear Representatives of the Rectorates, Dear Representatives of Foreign Offices,

Every year we have held scholarship interviews at our member universities in China and Mongolia. This will also continue in the future. The scholarships however have been renamed as Eurasia-Pacific-Ernst Mach Fellowships.

We may bring to your attention that these annual Eurasia-Pacific fellowships' form of application also has changed. In accordance with the wishes of the Austrian Federal Minister of Science, Research and Economy as sponsor we are obliged to use a fully computer guided system for application. So no paper applications will be possible in the future.

For full information please refer to our home page http://www.eurasiapacific.net/. There you will find the necessary links that will connect you and any applicant interested, with the platform "scholarship.at", where the applications can be launched.

A current call is open until beginning of September 2015. Please help us to encourage PhDs and postdocs from your university to submit their applications as before. The cooperation of the Foreign offices and university authorities will be necessary and appreciated as before, as notification and approval will be required from that side. The number of applicants should also be within the traditions of the last years.

After receiving the application, the formal requirements will be checked and the scientific significance of the project evaluated. Applicants approved for an interview will be contacted and as in earlier years a team of professors will perform the interviews on site in China and Mongolia. Their evaluation will form the basis for the approval by the ministry and a fellowship agreement document will be issued.

We are aware that any change in the system will require some time to get accustomed to, but after that, we sincerely hope that this system will work as in the previous years.

Naturally we ask you for any input, questions, be they technical or administrative and look forward to a good cooperation. So we welcome your comments.

With kind regards,

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