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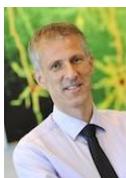
EURAXESS Links North America Regional Representative

Starting in 2013 Viktoria is working as the EURAXESS¹ Links Regional Representative for North America (USA and Canada), informing the community of European and non-European scientists of any nationality and research field based in North America (approx. 4700 members) about the funding and career opportunities within the European Research Area (ERA). She is also their first contact point before their move to Europe.

Born in Slovakia, Viktoria Bodnarova graduated from the Metropolitan University in Prague, Czech Republic in 2008 having completed a Master's degree in International Relations and European studies. Apart from Slovakia and the Czech Republic, she has spent part of her student life in the UK, France, the USA and Canada. Right after her studies she started working at the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic as a project manager and a national coordinator of the Czech EURAXESS Network.

During 5 years (2008-2013) of working there, her main responsibilities were setting up a national network, administering national as well as European projects, communicating with national authorities regarding international mobility and providing practical support to researchers and their family members moving to the Czech Republic. She was a national expert in the Working Group for Human Resources and Mobility, EURAXESS Network Management Working Group and for the questions of Long Term Permit for the Purpose of Scientific Research. Viktoria has participated as a speaker in several European and non-European events dealing with international mobility, funding opportunities in Europe, career development of researchers and entry conditions for third country national researchers.

¹ EURAXESS is a European Commission's Directorate-General for Research and Innovation initiative



Dr. Matthias Haury

Chief Operating Officer

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Dr. Matthias Haury is in charge of the scientific infrastructure and operations at the Max Planck Florida Institute for Neuroscience. His responsibilities include establishing and managing the laboratories and scientific services at the new 100,000-square-foot facility, as well as ensuring efficient budget management. Dr. Haury received his PhD in Immunology from the University of Paris VI, worked at the Pasteur Institute in Paris and performed his postdoc work at the University of California, San Francisco.

Prior to joining MPFI in February 2013, Dr. Haury spent two and a half years as Head of Science Operations at COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology), coordinating and managing a European Commission funded research networking program in Brussels.

He was instrumental in the establishment of the Gulbenkian Institute of Science (IGC) in Oeiras, Portugal, where he built the institutional infrastructure, core facilities, and technical services before becoming Chief Technology Officer and a member of executive management of the IGC.

He subsequently took on the position of Coordinating Manager of the EMBL International Centre for Advanced Training (EICAT) at the European Molecular Biology Laboratory in Heidelberg, Germany, where he contributed to the planning and opening of the €40 million Advanced Training Centre, and helped to establish the EMBL Corporate Partnership Program, raising more than €1.2 million from corporate supporters.

Dr. Haury has authored over 30 publications and, due to his extensive expertise in scientific grant and program evaluation, frequently serves on scientific review panels on behalf of the European Commission and national research organizations.
