

# German Research Foundation DFG

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January 2016: Prof. Zargham – Prof. Allgöwer, signing INSF-DFG MoU

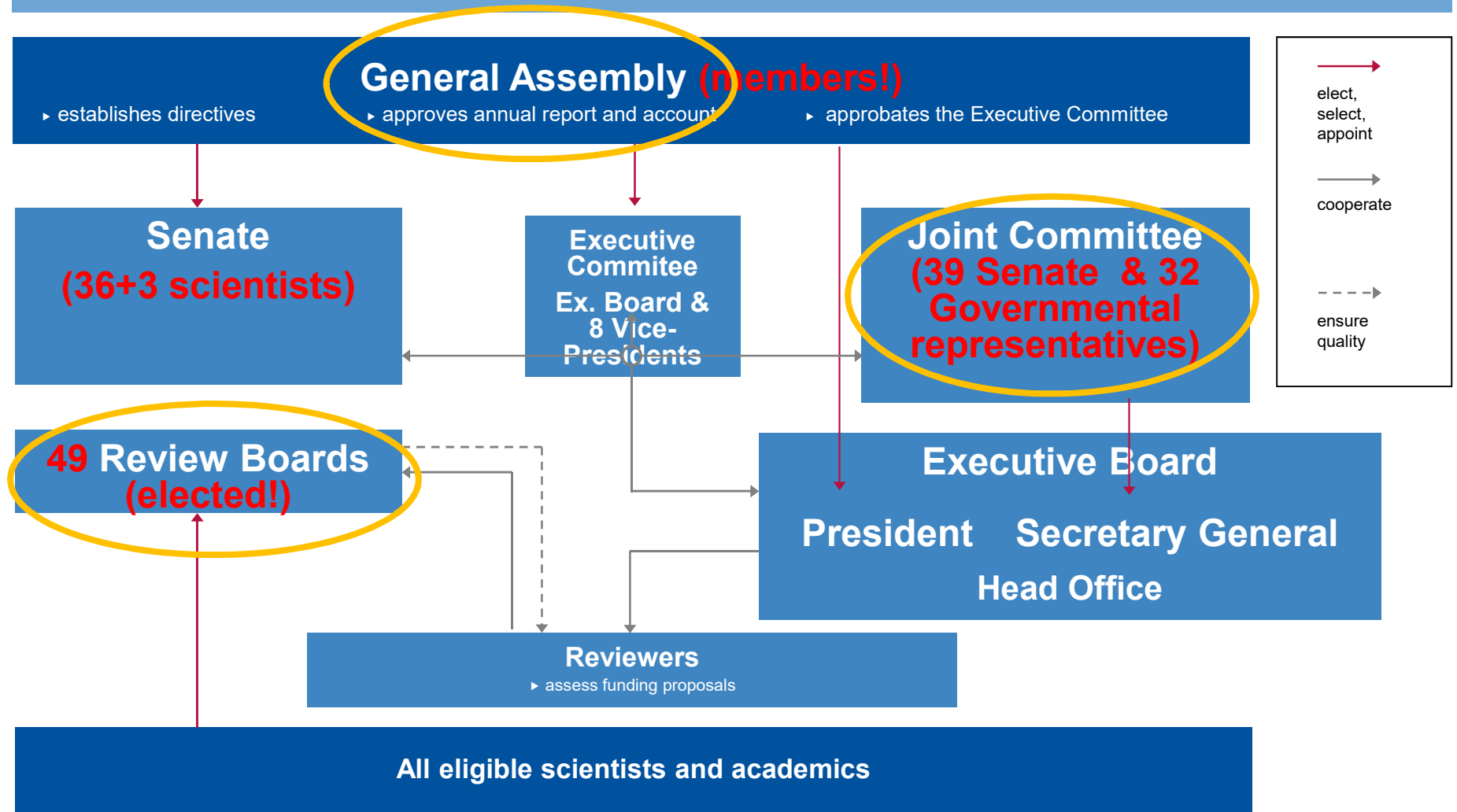
# DFG is driven by scientific demand

- ▶ DFG acts and funds **bottom up**
- ▶ **no thematic priorities (rare exceptions)**
- ▶ **No calls, no deadlines (rare exceptions)**
- ▶ no regional priorities
- ▶ **no political priorities**
- ▶ no political influence
- ▶ everything decided by scientists
- ▶ everything in competition
- ▶ everything in peer review
- ▶ Funding only if institution agrees on ethical standards



**DFG 2017: 3 Bil. €**

# How is the DFG structured?

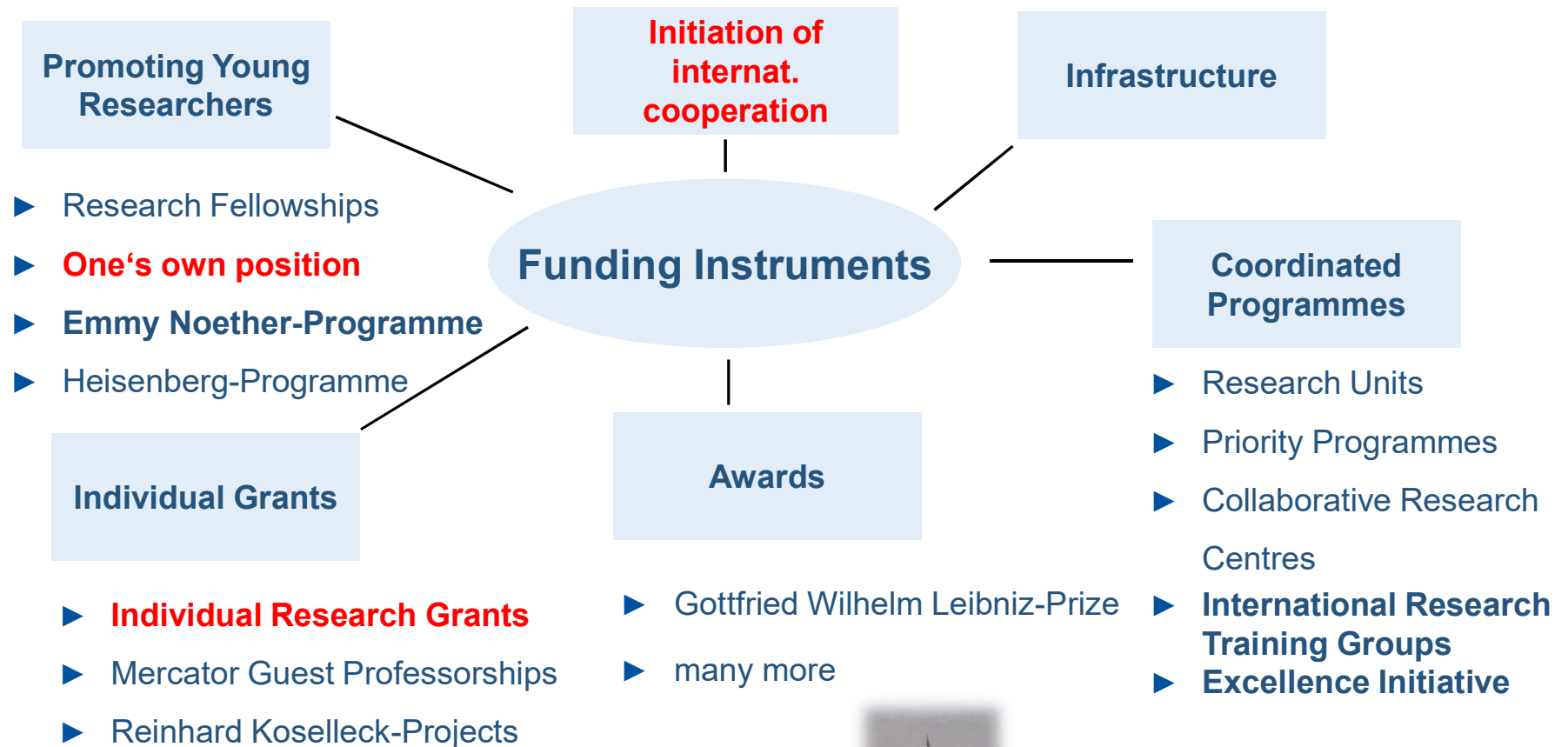


# What are the DFG's funding criteria?

- ▶ everything in competition
- ▶ everything in peer review
- ▶ DFG reviewers evaluate proposals based on
  - ▶ projects' scientific merit
  - ▶ applicants' qualifications
  - ▶ goals and work program
  - ▶ proposed use of funding
  - ▶ quality and added value of the cooperation



# DFG's Funding Instruments – **all open to international co-operation** and to foreign researchers working in Germany



**D**iversity  
**F**lexibility  
**G**lobal View



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**Be aware:**

**Proposals to DFG can only be submitted  
by a researcher working (!) in Germany.**



**DFG**



# Initiation of International Cooperation

- Mobility funding to get to know each other,
- establish mutual trust and understanding,
- and to prepare a joint project proposal
  
- Very lean and easy proposal
- Partner in Germany can cover all costs for international partners
  
- Workshops in Germany or abroad
- Short individual visits in Germany or abroad
- Visits up to three months in Germany or abroad



# Funding for Initiation of International Cooperation

- Travel costs and daily allowance for travelling to e.g. Iran
- Travel costs and daily allowance for guests in Germany
- Travel costs and daily allowance for needed specialist(s) from third country
- Several people can travel!
- Several trips can be combined within 12 months
- No upper limit, but up to 20.000€ more easy.....





# Individual Research Grants

## Purpose

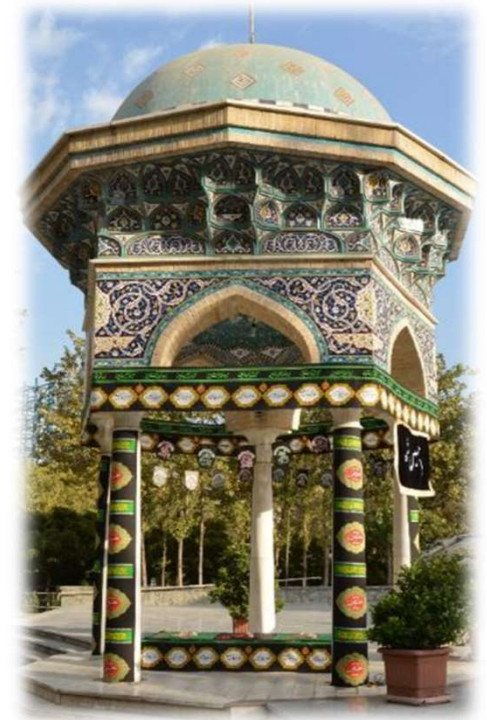
To carry out a thematically defined research project within a specific time frame

## Eligibility

Researchers from all disciplines at German research institutions who have completed their scientific training (in most cases by achieving their doctorates)

## Duration

Project-specific (usually three years)



# Funding for individual projects?

- ▶ staff funding (PhD-students, post-docs; not permanent staff!)
- ▶ funding for direct project costs and consumables
- ▶ travel allowances
- ▶ instrumentation funding
- ▶ funding for other items such as
  - publications
  - trial-related expenses
  - PR activities



\*if a good scientist!

## Ones own position

(Temporary positions for principal investigators)

### Purpose

To carry out an individual project in the researcher's chosen research environment

### Eligibility

Researchers from all disciplines who have completed their doctorates

### Duration

Three years initially

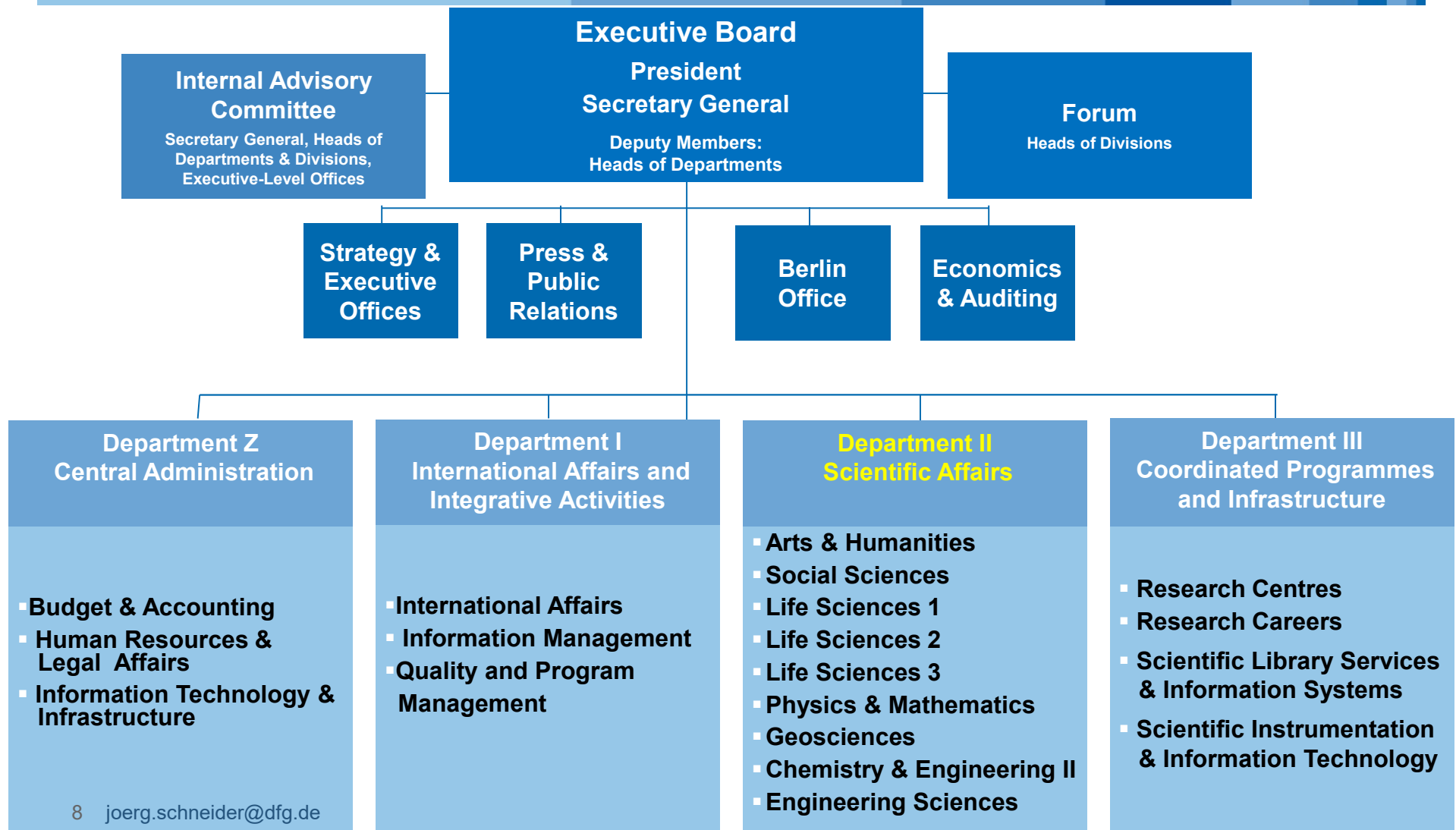


# Funding for ones own position?

- ▶ Up to five years for PI (the applicant!)
- ▶ staff funding (PhD-students, post-docs)
- ▶ funding for direct project costs and consumables
- ▶ travel allowances
- ▶ instrumentation funding
- ▶ funding for other items such as
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# DFG's Head Office – with mission to help!





**Please contact us on specific questions on Iranian-German coopertion!**

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### **Further Information**

- ▶ On DFG
- ▶ On German research institutions
- ▶ On projects funded by DFG
- ▶ On German research landscape

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