

**DAAD-Programm „Hochschuldialog mit der islamischen Welt“****Projektprofil****Titel des Projekts:**

LIASE - Linking Iran and Germany: Science, Culture and Education

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**Partnerland/-länder:**

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**Kurzbeschreibung / Projektziele:**

The project was initiated based on a long-standing collaboration between the German Westphalian Wilhelms-University / University Hospital in Münster and the medical faculty in Mashhad, Iran. Core idea of this joint venture is the likewise benefit of knowledge transfer and intercultural understanding on both the scientific and patient care level. To this end, German neurologists and neuroscientists attend Iranian scientific congresses sharing their own experience on neurological and neuroscientific topics and at the same time, see Iranian patients with different neurological symptoms to give treatment advices. Furthermore, talented and motivated Iranian doctoral students (MD and PhD) in neuroscience are invited to spend a research stay in Germany for several months. Via the mutual personal exchange, professional and personal familiarization, we aim at improving the participants' clinical and scientific expertise while developing at the same time reciprocal understanding of the Muslim and Western world and their ideologies. Initially the collaboration between the applicant Sven Meuth and the project coordinator Ali Gorji started already years ago. Sporadically Iranian students and physicians have come to Münster in order to work for their doctoral theses or in the clinics. Sven Meuth visited Iranian universities to give talks. The 1st year DAAD funding in the program "Hochschuldialog mit der islamischen Welt" was used to further intensify this joint venture. Thus, in April 2017 15 neurologists and neuroscientists (assistant physicians, MD students, PhD students, postdocs, consultants; among them 9 women) from Germany received the opportunity to attend the '1st international neuroimmunology congress and student festival of neuroscience' in Mashhad (April 11-13th, 2017).