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UNM Cancer Center Scientist Named a Research Ambassador to Germany

Angela Wandinger-Ness, PhD, will help match students and faculty to German opportunities

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November 12, 2013 — Albuquerque, NM (UNM Cancer Center) — Angela Wandinger-Ness, PhD, has a global view on scientific collaboration. As a first generation bilingual American, she has experienced how diversity in culture, opinion and backgrounds can spark scientific discovery. Dr. Wandinger-Ness completed her postdoctoral work in Germany and is an internationally-recognized expert in GTPases, the molecular switches that control cell behavior. She is now a University of New Mexico Professor of Pathology at the UNM School of Medicine and the Associate Director for Education, Training and Mentoring at the UNM Cancer Center. The German Academic Exchange Service, DAAD, recently named her a Research Ambassador to Germany.

“The German Academic Exchange Service has a very comprehensive program of research exchange with multiple universities and institutions,” says Dr. Wandinger-Ness. “I’m on the ground locally so I can help students and faculty navigate to the right opportunities for their level and their interests.” Of the 93 Research Ambassadors throughout the United States and Canada, Dr. Wandinger-Ness is the only one in New Mexico, the only one within a 450-mile radius, and is one of a few actively engaged in research in a STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) field. But as a Research Ambassador, Dr. Wandinger-Ness can help students and faculty in any field.

Dr. Wandinger-Ness was invited to apply for the Research Ambassador opportunity because of her previous, 5-year postdoctoral experience at the European Molecular Biology Lab in Heidelberg, Germany. She later returned to Germany as a Visiting Professor at the Max Planck Institute in Dortmund, Germany. With her experience and contacts, Dr. Wandinger-Ness is well-positioned to help others find the right opportunities. And, having thoroughly enjoyed her time in Germany, she is looking forward to helping others achieve a rich international experience, too.

About the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

The Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD)/ German Academic Exchange Service is a private, publicly funded, self governing organization of higher education institutions in Germany. DAAD promotes international academic relations and cooperation by offering mobility programs primarily for students and faculty, but also for administrators and others in the higher education realm.

DAAD is the German national agency for the support of international academic cooperation. We offer programs and funding for students, faculty, researchers and others in higher education, providing financial support to over 67,000 individuals per year. We also represent the German higher education system abroad, promote Germany as an academic and research destination, and help build ties between institutions around the world.

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About the UNM Cancer Center

The UNM Cancer Center is the Official Cancer Center of New Mexico and the only National Cancer Institute-designated Cancer Center in the state. One of just 68 premier NCI-Designated Cancer Centers nationwide, the UNM Cancer Center is recognized for its scientific excellence, contributions to cancer research, the delivery of high quality, state of the art cancer diagnosis and treatment to all New Mexicans, and its community outreach programs statewide. Annual federal and private funding of over \$72 million supports the UNM Cancer Center's research programs. The UNM Cancer Center treats more than 60 percent of the adults and virtually all of the children in New Mexico affected by cancer, from every county in the state. It is home to New Mexico's largest team of board-certified oncology physicians and research scientists, representing every cancer specialty and hailing from prestigious institutions such as M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Johns Hopkins University, and the Mayo Clinic. Through its partnership with Memorial Medical Center in Las Cruces, the UNM Cancer Center brings world-class cancer care to the southern part of the state; its collaborative clinical programs in Santa Fe and Farmington serve northern New Mexico and it is developing new collaborative programs in Alamogordo and in Roswell/Carlsbad. The UNM Cancer Center also supports several community outreach programs to make cancer screening, diagnosis and treatment available to every New Mexican. Learn more at www.cancer.unm.edu.

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