

**Declaration of Commitment by the Austrian Science Fund  
“The European Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct for the  
Recruitment of Researchers”**

The Austrian Science Fund (FWF) welcomes the initiative of the European Commission concerning the *European Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers*.

In its meeting on September 26<sup>th</sup> 2006 the Executive Board of the Austrian Science Fund (FWF) has expressed its full support of the general principles and requirements laid out in the Commission’s Recommendation of March 11<sup>th</sup> 2005.

The FWF, being Austria’s central body for the promotion of basic research, sees his responsibilities in:

- the promotion of High-quality scientific research, which represents a significant contribution to society, culture and the economy,
- the promotion of Education and training through research, because support for young scientists represents one of the most important investments in the future,
- the promotion of Knowledge transfer and the establishment of a science-friendly culture via an exchange between science and other areas of society and
- public relations in the field of scientific research.

In its area of responsibility as a funding organization the FWF is in line with the principles and requirements of *Charter and Code*. The funding programmes, the working procedures, the review processes and the funding decisions of the FWF respect the principles set out by the Commission in all its concerns.

The FWF already sees all aspects of *Charter and Code* as basic rules in supporting researchers and will do so in the future.



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