Gain is a network of German scientists and scholars in North America. Since its founding in 2003, GAIN has established itself as a platform for networking and at the same established itself as a podium that helps German scientists to verbalize their interests. GAIN presents events and publications for a better flow of information in both directions across the Atlantic.

The three-day event takes place once a year for the numerous German scientists currently working in North America, so they can exchange information with representatives of the German scientific and industrial community about their career paths and future research perspectives in different areas in Germany and Europe. It is expected that over 400 participants attend this year’s event.

For the first time in 2013, the L3S Research Center takes part in the conference, representing the Leibniz University and its faculties, including MUSIC and QUEST, among the circle of the TU 9 Initiative and the NTH, and will present vacant research positions from different scientific disciplines and specialties.

GAIN is a joint initiative of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG). The Fraunhofer Society, the Helmholtz Association, the Leibniz Association, the Max Planck Society, the German Rectors' Conference and the German Cancer Society are associate members. The GAIN office is located at the German House in the DAAD office in New York.

The Talent Fair will take place again this year as well, and is organized by GAIN together with the German Scholars Organization. Here is not only the L3S represented, but numerous other institutes of the Leibniz University of Hannover.

Our goal is to enable an exchange of existing initiatives and to identify required developmental needs. Subject-specific issues are discussed as well as practical tips for the time after completing the postdoc.

The participants at the GAIN Annual Meeting come from all scientific disciplines, particularly from biology, medicine, chemistry, physics, computer science, engineering and humanities and work at leading universities and research institutions in the U.S. and Canada.

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