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### **New for 2009: The Source Event Science Career Fair expands to Berlin**

In 2009 the Source Event science career fair will expand into Continental Europe and will be held in Berlin, Germany in addition to the established London, UK event. The Source Event, London takes place on 25th September 2009, followed by The Source Event, Berlin on the 4th December.

The Source Event is organised by *Naturejobs*, the Nature Publishing Group resource providing scientific career information and job postings.

The expansion of the Source Event to Germany follows a successful second annual Source Event in London. On the 26 September 2008 more than 900 scientists and 30 employers gathered for the one-day event that combines an exhibition with conference and workshop sessions, all dedicated to science.

The Berlin conference programme will follow the format of the London event, split into 3 streams: graduate, postdoctoral and non-traditional science careers. Regional advisors and event ambassadors will help to set the programme but it is likely to cover topics such as choosing a PhD mentor, careers in industry, grant applications, scientific writing and preparing to do research abroad.

It is anticipated that The Source Event, Berlin will draw exhibitors and delegates from across Europe just as The Source Event in London has over the past two years.

Yvonne Ritze from the Universität Stuttgart who exhibited at The Source Event, London in 2008 said, "As a niche participant looking for interdisciplinary PhDs and PostDocs I was pleased to find such a great variety of interesting and interested people at the Source Event."

Yvonne continued, "The Source Event offered us a great platform to get to know young researchers in an excellent and stimulating environment. I was delighted by the young researchers and ambitious professionals that I met at the Source Event".

The feedback from delegates at The Source Event 2008 was equally positive. Djuke Veldhuis is about to commence postdoctoral research and commented "The Source Event was one of the most informative and overall useful careers events I have ever attended. It opens your mind to the different options you have when taking your next career step".

Rose Spear, a 2nd year PhD student at Cambridge University, reported "I gained an insight into the way businesses are run, what employers look for, and how to apply what I've done as a research student in the 'real world' of work".

The Source Event 2008 held in London was sponsored by London Development Agency, Almac, Pfizer, Research in Germany, DAAD, Baden-Württemberg and AWE.

Details of the Source Event can be found at [www.source-event.com](http://www.source-event.com).

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