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# WE ARE RESEARCHGATE

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Connect the world of science. Make research open to all.

## THE COMPANY

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HEADQUARTERS

**BERLIN**

### FOUNDERS

DR. IJAD MADISCH (CEO)  
SÖREN HOFMAYER (COO)  
HORST FICKENSCHER (CTO)

### INVESTORS

**ANGEL ROUND:** JOACHIM SCHOSS  
**SERIES A:** BENCHMARK CAPITAL  
**SERIES B:** FOUNDERS FUND  
**SERIES C:** BILL GATES, TENAYA CAPITAL

EMPLOYEES

**175**

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

IJAD MADISCH  
MATT COHLER  
LUKE NOSEK

FOUNDED

**2008**

HANNOVER &  
BOSTON

## THE NETWORK

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MEMBERS

**8**<sup>+</sup>  
million

COUNTRIES

**193**

PUBLICATIONS

**80**<sup>+</sup>  
million

MEMBERSHIP

**FREE**

FULL-TEXTS

**19**<sup>+</sup>  
million

NOBEL  
LAUREATES

**48**

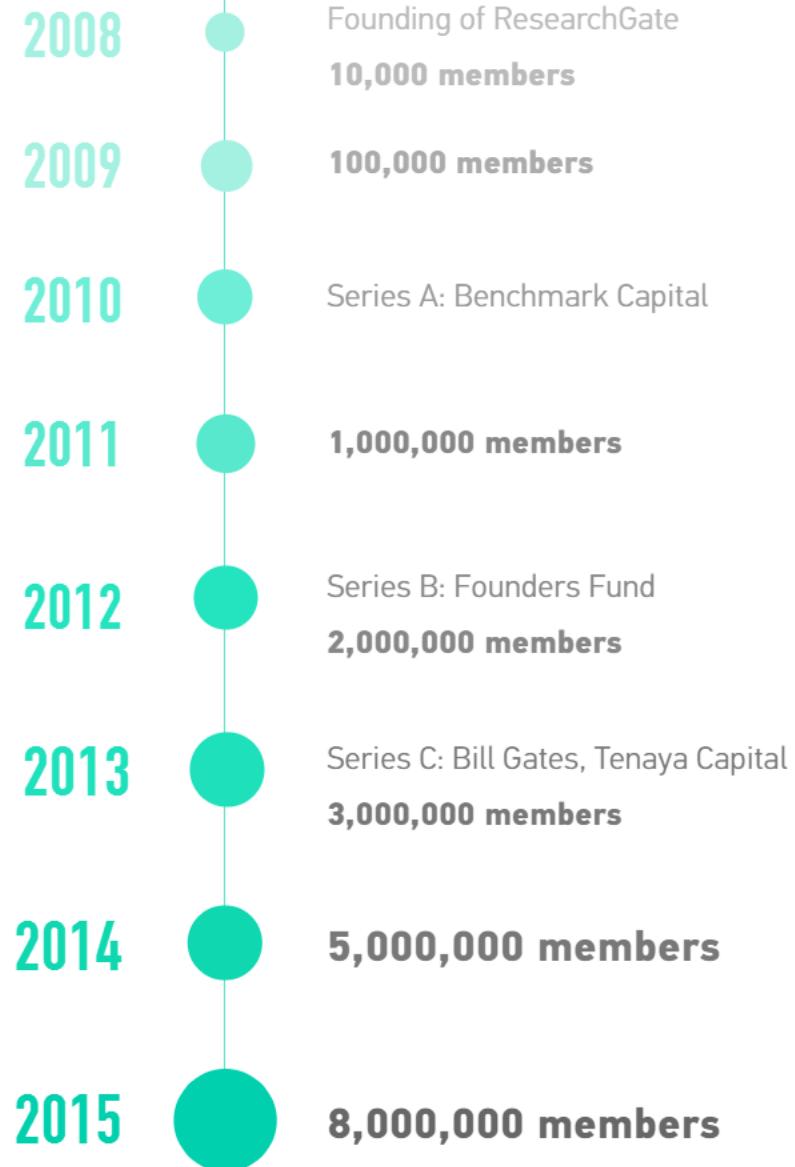
# OUR STORY

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ResearchGate, the professional network for scientists, was founded by virologists Dr. Ijad Madisch and Sören Hofmayer and IT-specialist Horst Fickenscher in 2008.

Convinced that collaboration spurs progress, they set out to bring scientists around the globe together to share their results and build on each other's knowledge.

Today, more than eight million scientists worldwide use the network to present and get feedback on their research, collaborate, and build reputation.



# MEET THE CEO

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**Dr. Ijad Madisch** (35) is co-founder and CEO of ResearchGate. Ijad earned his doctorate in virology while studying computer science on the side. He spent several years working as a researcher on an interdisciplinary project at the crossroads of tissue engineering and radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. During his time in Boston he ran into a problem in the lab that he couldn't solve himself and was unsuccessfully looking for an expert who could help him. That's when Ijad's idea of ResearchGate was born. He founded the network in 2008 along with his friends, fellow physician Dr. Sören Hofmayer and IT-specialist Horst Fickenscher. Today Ijad serves as the company's CEO.



# OUR FEATURES

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## THE PROFILE

The profile is where everything comes together.

This is where researchers present themselves and their research.



## STATS & METRICS

 provide feedback.

Citations, Impact Points, and the RG Score – our own metric based on peer-to-peer evaluation – help track research impact. Reads let researchers gauge interest in their work.



## CONTRIBUTIONS

 are at the core of the profile.

Researchers share their work with their peers, including articles, data, results from failed experiments, or even research they're currently working on. Because everything is displayed on the profile, it makes discovering research, and the person behind it, that much easier.



## Q&A

Q&A is where researchers from all fields ask research-related questions and share their expertise, making progress happen faster.



## PUBLICATIONS

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## JOBS

ResearchGate Jobs is where professionals from all areas of research come to find the latest career opportunities matched to their specializations.

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# THE BREAKTHROUGHS

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Picher, Oklahoma is a former mining centre turned toxic ghost town, located at the heart of the Tri-State mining district. The geologist **William (Bill) Andrews** had an idea that would help clean up the town, but couldn't proceed because he needed to find a mineral economist he could collaborate with. When he turned to ResearchGate, he found **Carlos Gavilán Moreno** from Spain. Together with another colleague they discovered a recycling method that could reduce the town's toxic contamination at a profit. Their solution is now being investigated by private companies.



Asthma research is a complicated field because there are so many contributing factors to be considered. It is less about finding a cure than it is about piecing together a large jigsaw puzzle. One of the puzzle pieces almost went missing when pharmacologist **David Wright's** cell sample was infected by a bacterium largely resistant to antibiotics. He turned to ResearchGate's Q&A for help. Following his peers' advice, his cells soon returned to a normal state saving him months of work – and potentially a piece of the puzzle.



The Giant African Swallowtail is an enigma. Very little is known about the largest butterfly on the African continent – except that its habitat is being destroyed at an alarming rate. Biologist **Safi Sáfián** wanted to learn more about the elusive creature and monitor its flight patterns before it was too late, but mountainous terrain and dense rainforest stood in his way. When he turned to his peers on ResearchGate, he was advised to attach tiny radio transmitters to the butterflies to help track their movements. Thanks to their help he'll now be able to document the movement of the illusive insects.

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