



List of questions for the host's statement

Please provide a two to four page expert's statement by answering the following questions in the order given and upload it with the signed hosting agreement and confirmation from the administration.

1. Do you know the applicant personally, or are you in contact with anyone at her/his current institute?
2. How do you rate the applicant's **academic qualifications**
 - a) **by international comparison** with junior researchers at the same career stage?
 - b) by comparison with **German** junior researchers at the same career stage?
 - c) How do you rate the applicant's personal academic **profile**?
3. Has the applicant already achieved **outstanding** scientific results? If so, which?
4. a) How do you rate the applicant's **key publications** with regard to originality, current relevance, quantity, and place of publication? Is the publication record commensurate with his/her career stage?
 - b) Should the publications be classed as **important routine publications** or have they made a decisive contribution to the **advancement** of the discipline?
 - c) Do they provide a **basis** for the proposed research project?
5. a) What qualifies the applicant for the intended **career move**?
 - b) Do you consider the **research outline** described in the application to be scientifically significant and innovative? Please state your reasons.
 - c) Has the research outline been competently described and what are the **chances of success**?
 - d) Please evaluate the **financial plan and costs for staffing**. Comment on any deviations from standard rates of pay.
6. a) Can the research outline be carried out using the existing **resources** at your institute?
 - b) How will it be integrated in ongoing research work at your institute?
 - c) What synergy effects are expected?
7. Have there already been discussions or even plans for the researcher **to remain** at the institute once the sponsorship provided by the Sofja Kovalevskaja Award has come to an end?
8. Please describe the intended use of the **administrative flat-rate** (e.g. welcome package, dual careers).
9. Will the award winner be given the opportunity to supervise **doctoral** candidates through to submission at your institution?
10. Is there anything in the enclosed documentation or **any other aspects you know of which might militate against granting the award**? (e.g. possible conflicts with legally-binding principles of scientific ethics, danger of armaments-related technology transfer in the legal sense)?