Checklist of Important Documents for your stay in Germany

As a future resident in Germany it will be inevitable to deal with certain administrative matters. Therefore, IScO recommends to have the following documents available during your stay in Germany.

- **Passport** (or equivalent piece of identification) valid for the entire duration of your stay in Germany.
- **Visas** for yourself and your accompanying family members. Please apply as early as possible. If you are uncertain whether you need a visa to enter Germany please contact our office and / or the nearest German embassy or consulate.
- **Biometrical Passport Pictures.** We recommend to have several recent passport pictures with you. The photos should fulfill the criteria of biometric passport pictures.
- **Birth Certificates** and **Marriage Certificates** should be brought along if applicable. They should be translated in German or English and certified by a notary public. In some cases a certificate of authenticity might be necessary (Haager Apostille).
- **Health Insurance** Coverage is obligatory for your stay in Germany. If the insurance from your home country is also valid in Germany please bring a confirmation.
- **Travel Health Insurance** - We recommend to conclude a travel health insurance covering the first weeks after your arrival.
- **International certificate of vaccination.** We recommend to bring a certificate of vaccination. It is preferable to have necessary check-ups and medical tests before coming to Germany. Prescriptions for special medication are best arranged before at home.
- **Diploma and Ph.D. certificate.** Please bring notarized copies if applicable, ideally with German or English translations.
- **Scholarship / Fellowship.** Please bring a confirmation of the scholarship from the granting body.