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The **Office of Science & Technology (OST)** is a strategic **interface** between the national innovation systems of Austria and the US & Canada.

The **OST's** activities ultimately aim at increasing transatlantic cooperation in R&D.



- Development and support of a **network** of Austrian Scientists & Scholars in the US and Canada
- Publication of *bridges*, an international online magazine on US, Canadian, and European Science & Technology Policy
- Promotion and support of specific transatlantic scientific & technological **collaborative efforts**



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As a strategic crossroads for Austria and North America in the sciences, research, and research policy, the OST's main focus is in the following areas:

- The establishment and maintenance of a **network** of Austrian scientists and scholars in North America
- **Policy consulting** in the sciences, research and technology
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brain drain
into
brain gain.”**





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Network 2006:

- comprises > 1100 scientists
- complemented by „ASCINA“





To turn *bridges* into
the transatlantic
Science & Technology Policy
Magazine.



“bridges - The OST's magazine on S&T policy”



- a quarterly free on-line magazine
- around 4300 subscribers
- about 20,000 readers a month
- reports on new S/T/E developments
- informs on policy issues and trends in the US, Canada and Europe

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- **July 06:** *Science* magazine features article on scientist Simron Singh whose expertise on the Nicobarese Islands helped save their culture after the devastating Tsunami in 2004. The *Science* editors first learned about Simron Singh and his research through a 2005 feature article on Singh in *bridges*.





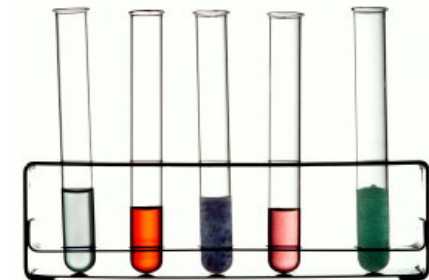
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for increased transatlantic
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