In 2016, the Department of International Affairs: ISGS once more invites high flying executives from internationally renowned companies to present stepping stones of global careers to PhD candidates. These networking dialogs highlight the professional and personal competencies required in the industry, and give hints for assistance within decision-making processes. In the course of this informal meeting the young researchers will have the opportunity to present their own career plans and receive honest feedback.

**Networking Dialog with the proALPHA Software GmbH’s Director Quality Assurance**

**Dr. Ulrich Becker**

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- PhD in Physics (Growth of Thin Films and Optical Characterization of CdS), University Kaiserslautern (1992)
- 1997 – 1999: University of Saarland, Head of technical services and maintenance of medical equipment
- 1999 – today: proALPHA Business Solutions GmbH, Head of Software Quality Assurance

**proALPHA Software GmbH**

- Founded in 1994
- 550 employees
- 27 subsidiaries and certified partners
- Fields of specialization:
  - Mechanical engineering,
  - Electrical engineering
  - High-tech industry
  - Metal Processing
  - Plastics industry, Wholesale and Automotive & Supply
- Around 1,700 customers in 50 countries
- International leader in the ERP business, providing software, consulting, service, training and maintenance, all from one source