Planning Career Steps with a Family by Paul Winkler

Going home after a day of work and knowing that your work is not yet finished is probably one of the doubtful privileges for parents. Putting two little boys to bed at night can be as challenging and exhaustive as one can imagine at the end of a long day. Luckily, they will sleep in the end and you can spend the remaining short time with your spouse cleaning up before falling down into bed yourself. While this experience is probably not very special among parents, I know for sure that our situation is unique. Being in a foreign country far from home and having my family around me is probably the biggest privilege I can think of. It’s the daily routine that gives me a feeling of home and allows me to shut down my brain for some hours every weekday and even more importantly on weekends. But how about the steps that got us here?

During my time as a postdoc in Vienna, I soon realized that probably the only way I would have a chance to secure a long-term position in science in my home country would be to go abroad. In reality, however, I knew that I would have to find the perfect place in order to persuade my wife. In September 2008 I attended an aerosol conference in Greece where I ended up drinking some beers with a German colleague from the University of Helsinki, Michael Boy. It was the last evening of the conference and I was kind of disappointed about the trip due to unmet expectations from the week. While discussing our future perspectives during dinner, Michael, a former ASP postdoc, started telling me about ASP and Boulder. It didn’t take long to get me interested, and once back home, I immediately started searching the web to learn more about Boulder and NCAR. With the confidence that I had found the right place I convinced my wife and started working on the application. The real challenge, however, started when I received the acceptance letter. How do you relocate a family with two small children ages one and four? To a place you have never seen before? Fortunately, NCAR offers great support on visas and housing which was an enormous help. My first problem was that I had underestimated the travel from Vienna to Boulder. After 20 hours of travel with no sleep, kids included, I wished that I had arranged to have someone pick us up. Searching the airport for the Supershuttle and 15 pieces of
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