



LINDAU NOBEL LAUREATE MEETINGS

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70th Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting takes place virtually as an online event

- Preparing for a hybrid format pursued to the last, now no longer practicable
- Record participation of about 80 Nobel Laureates
- All selected young scientists admitted to participate on site within the next years

The 70th Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting (27 June – 2 July 2021) takes place virtually as an online event. In the context of the continuously uncertain situation and the lack of perspectives and guidelines for meetings and larger events in Germany, the Council for the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings made this decision heavy-heartedly.

The previous plan of a hybrid event, meaning online and with the presence of some Nobel Laureates and young scientists on site in Lindau, will thus no longer be pursued for this summer. We are now focusing our planning on an extensive and interactive anniversary programme, in which around 80 Nobel Laureates and more than 600 international young scientists will participate online and interact with numerous guests.

Top-class programme for the 70th anniversary

For this year's 70th anniversary and interdisciplinary Meeting, the previous online component of the hybrid concept will be expanded even further in the upcoming weeks. "With the Online Science Days 2020 we already offered our participants a great experience. Now the scope of the programme is much larger and the number of active Nobel Laureates is twice as high. And this time we want to bring the Lindau Spirit to life even more strongly via the internet by creating versatile opportunities for exchange between generations and cultures – in terms of a professional context as well as informal encounters. In summer 2022, however, we will once again host a traditional Lindau Meeting and welcome guests on site, including our academic partners and many long-time and deserving supporters of the Meeting," said Countess Bettina Bernadotte, President of the Council for the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings.

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Comprehensive measures to reduce the risk of infection

An almost 40-pages long hygiene concept, a plan with expanded areas in a catering tent including a test station in front of the Inselhalle, fewer young scientists determined by a weighted randomised selection as well as close coordination with the local authorities and the Federal Foreign Office regarding the possibilities of entry to Germany and the EU – these were just some of the measures envisaged to reduce the risk of infection in and around the Inselhalle.

“Precisely because we were well prepared for the dual-track format on site and via internet and since many participants were eager to come to Lindau, the decision to opt for the purely online format was very difficult. Now, at the last possible time, we made it with complete conviction and unanimity in the entire Council – in line with our commitment to the programme and the versatile meeting formats that make up the experience of a Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting. As was the case last year, the safety of the people of Lindau as well as that of our participants remains the top priority. Worldwide travel and a larger gathering, especially indoors, would be the wrong signal at this time, for which there is rightly little or no understanding,” said Countess Bettina Bernadotte.

Participants will experience Lindau on site within the following years

The Council has also decided on another important change: For all more than 600 young scientists selected for the interdisciplinary 70th Lindau Meeting from all over the world, the door to Lindau is still open. Their selection remains valid and the Council will admit them to the next meetings of their respective disciplines in the coming years (Chemistry 2022, Physiology or Medicine 2023 and Physics 2024). “The anticipation for Lindau 2022 and the following years will thus continue to grow among all participants and even the pandemic will not stop us this year from coming together as the Lindau science community and celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings from 27 June – 2 July 2021.” Finally, this year's programme will conclude with the next Online Sciathon, probably held from 10 – 12 September 2021.

You can [download a photo here](#).

Caption: Like the Online Science Days 2020, the 70th Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting will take place virtually this summer.
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About the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings

Since their foundation in 1951, the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings have developed into a unique international scientific forum. The annual Meetings provide an opportunity for an exchange between different generations, cultures and disciplines. The theme of the Lindau Meetings alternates between Physics, Chemistry or Physiology and Medicine – the three Nobel Prize scientific disciplines. Every five years an interdisciplinary Meeting takes place, while the Lindau Meeting on Economic Sciences is held every three years. Through the medium of various declarations (2020 for Open Sciences, 2015 on Climate Change, 1955 against the Use of Nuclear Weapons,) the scientists have repeatedly joined in the public debate with political appeals.

It was the Lindau physicians Franz Karl Hein and Gustav Wilhelm Parade who approached Count Lennart Bernadotte af Wisborg with the idea of a conference of Nobel Laureates and proceeded to jointly implement this with him – since 1953 with the participation of young scientists. Some 35,000 students, PhD candidates and post-docs have since taken part. Their experience of the Meeting may be literally once-in-a-lifetime, but they remain permanent members of the Lindau Alumni Network and ambassadors for scientific dialogue.

All year long the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings continue to pursue their “Mission Education” aimed at emphasising the importance of science and advocating science and research. This is also the purpose for which the online mediatheque is being developed into a learning platform which includes teaching materials for schools.

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