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Press Release

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70 Hours of the Lindau Anniversary Meeting Programme Come to an End – Volkmar Denner Honorary Senator of the Foundation

- Closing panel discussion: “Why trust science?” – [livestream today from 9 a.m. CEST](#)
- Bosch CEO Volkmar Denner appointed as Honorary Senator of the Foundation
- 75 programme sessions available in the [Lindau Mediatheque](#)

Outlook

- 71st Lindau Meeting (Chemistry), 26 June – 1 July 2022, #LINO22
- 7th Lindau Meeting on Economic Sciences, 23 – 27 August 2022

It is not only the pandemic that shows the great relevance of scientific research and its importance for society. Against this background, the final panel discussion of the 70th Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting will take place relating to the very central topic “Why trust science?”. Among others, Nobel Laureate Brian P. Schmidt and Carl-Henrik Heldin, Chairman of the Board of the Nobel Foundation, will discuss this issue. Since 1951, the Lindau Meeting has traditionally ended with a panel discussion on Mainau Island.

This session, as well as all other formats from almost 70 hours of conference programme broadcast from the studio in the Lindau Inselhalle to the whole world, [can be accessed in the Lindau Mediathek](#) after the meeting. Other topics with top-class discussants and engaged debates included future pandemics, gene editing, climate change and [the 10 goals of the Lindau Guidelines](#).

During the conclusion of the meeting, Dr Volkmar Denner, Chairman of the Board of Management, Robert Bosch GmbH, was appointed as Honorary Senator of the Foundation Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings. Countess Bettina Bernadotte, Member of the Board of Directors of the Foundation and President of the Council, paid tribute to his close connection to academia:

“Dr Denner has dedicated himself for years to artificial intelligence, quantum technology and the question of how a company can prepare



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itself for the developments that will change all our lives. We are only at the beginning of these new technologies. But they suggest enormous and disruptive innovation potential.

The Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings have benefited for many years from his love of science. Starting with the participation of the promising young scientist Volkmar Denner at the Physics Meeting in 1982, continuing with a regular and enriching exchange ever since, to his current generous support." The Honorary senate is the most prestigious committee of the Foundation Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings. Its members function as distinguished ambassadors for the cause of the Lindau Meetings and as advisors to the board.

"Being accepted into the Honorary Senate of the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings is a great honour for me and our company. It comes at a time when we are reminded every day of the existential importance of scientific progress, for without research it would be impossible to combat the pandemic. Science becomes fruitful for the benefit of mankind when it does not remain in the ivory tower. That is why the appeals of the Nobel Laureate Meetings on climate protection, among others, are so important. With its ethos 'Technology for Life,' Bosch is close to this thinking." Volkmar Denner, Chairman of the Board of Management of Robert Bosch GmbH

Resumes Professor Jürgen Kluge, Chairman of the Foundation Board of Directors at the end of the meeting: "On the occasion of their 70th anniversary, the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings have demonstrated what a globally outreaching conference looks like these days. Nevertheless, everyone in Lindau, as well as Nobel Laureates and young scientists alike, anticipate nothing more than to finally experience a classic Lindau Meeting in 2022 – certainly complemented by digital added value as recently proven."

During the 70th Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting 74 Nobel Laureates contributed to the programme – more than ever since 1951. On the side of the young scientists, 690 young researchers from around 100 countries were invited to exchange ideas, both professionally and personally, with the Laureates in versatile online formats.

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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 Science, 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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