



LINDAU NOBEL LAUREATE MEETINGS

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Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings

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Press Release

New Council Members Elected

- Valeria Nicolosi and Pernilla Wittung Stafshede complement the Council
- Heiner Linke changes discipline to Physics as scientific chairperson
- Lars Bergström has left the Council

During its recent meeting the [Council](#) for the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings elected [Valeria Nicolosi](#) and [Pernilla Wittung Stafshede](#) as new members.

Valeria Nicolosi is professor of nanomaterials and advanced microscopy at Trinity College Dublin. As a 2004 Lindau Alumna, she experienced Lindau as young scientist: "I have the Lindau Meetings at heart. It was one of the first meetings I attended as a student myself. It has inspired me in my career ever since."

Pernilla Wittung Stafshede is professor for chemical biology at Chalmers University of Technology in Gothenburg. As a co-opted member of the Nobel Committee for Chemistry 2021 she was part of the panel that announced the new Laureates for Chemistry two weeks ago. She is looking forward to this new task: "Although I have never been to Lindau so far, I have heard a lot about it. The people who have attended are all so excited. I think it really makes a difference."

[Countess Bettina Bernadotte](#) and [Jürgen Kluge](#) as President of the Council respectively Foundation Board Chairman welcomed the new members and thanked them for their time and commitment in the years to come.

Along with the new staffing, council member [Heiner Linke](#) will from now on act as Scientific Chairperson for Physics, together with [Rainer Blatt](#), whereas professors Nicolosi and Wittung Stafshede bring in their expertise in the field of Chemistry, also chaired by [Wolfgang Lubitz](#).

The Council belatedly bid farewell to Lars Bergström, who had resigned from the Board after the 70th Lindau Meeting in summer 2021. He was first elected as a member in 2004.

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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 of the Lindau Online Mediatheque as a learning platform with teaching materials for schools.

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