



LINDAU NOBEL LAUREATE MEETINGS

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Press Release

Lindau Mentoring Hub: Launch of a New Online Platform

- Start of the new digital mentoring platform today
- Exclusive access for the Lindau Community
- Based on an idea developed during the first Online Sciathon
- Advice for potential participants on the application process 2022
- Short [video presentation](#) introducing the project

Today, the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings launch the [Lindau Mentoring Hub](#), a new online platform to gather mentors and mentees in a digital network. Its goal is to further support Lindau Alumni, young scientists and young economists by helping them gain access to support and guidance through mentoring relationships. The platform is also open to Nobel laureates who would like to engage with the next generation of scientists in this way. As Laureate Martin Chalfie recalls for his career: "I think there's a whole series of people, not just one person. You often hear stories where one person does everything and changes someone's life, but I've been mentored or helped by a great number of people." (Nobel Life, Chapter 7 on Mentoring)

From the start, the Lindau Mentoring Hub addresses a variety of cases, including short-term advice and longer-term career development mentoring, and mentoring topics, including transitioning between academia and industry or diversity in science. Leading up to the next nomination and application process, potential applicants will be able to receive advice from Lindau Alumni in fall 2022 and learn how to manage the application process successfully.

User-Friendly Features for Networking

One of the strengths of the Mentoring Hub is that it allows users to assume a dual role: Lindau Alumni can sign up for the new platform to seek advice as a mentee, to share advice as a mentor – or to do both. This allows former and future participants of the meetings in all career-stages to find value in the mentoring platform. The user-friendly, browser-based digital application utilises a powerful search function to allow mentees to find suitable mentors. Once connected, mentors and mentees can use the built-in communication features, including video or audio calls, a messaging system and calendar, to schedule meetings and have conversations.

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As an additional strength, the Lindau Mentoring Hub includes a resource library. Mentors can record and share videos with the community, creating a growing advice database which, over time, will reduce repetitive questions and will give mentors and mentees more time to address individual aspects.

One of the First Open Access Mentoring Platforms Worldwide

In line with the Lindau Guidelines for global, sustainable and collaborative open science, the code of Lindau Mentoring Hub will be released as open source. The system and included services are designed to be one of the first open-access mentoring platforms for use by other organisations. Lindau Mentoring Hub is thus an exclusive offer for the Lindau community, but the open source technology itself can also contribute to fostering talent in other organisations worldwide in the future.

The Lindau Mentoring Hub is run by the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings and the members of the Sciathon group who developed the concept during the first Lindau Online Sciathon 2020: Greta Babakhanova, Frady Gouany, Ella Kasanga, Caroline Kijogi, Krishna Maremanda, Michael Bogdan Mărgineanu, Iris Odstrcil, Kwadwo Asare Owusu, Aderonke Sakpere and Raisa Sherif.

Invented by a Project Group of Lindau Alumni

These ten Lindau Alumni, young scientists and young economists, representing 14 countries (due to their different countries of origin and locations of operation), came together during the 48 hours competition to work on the exciting concept of a mentoring platform for aspiring academics and scientists. The group was led by Michael Bogdan Mărgineanu, who pitched the project based on an initiative he started in his home country Romania to help identify mentors for high school and university students interested in biomedical research.

After the Sciathon, [Group Mărgineanu](#) and the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings together with a supporter agreed to collaborate to create a global, open-source mentoring platform as a strategic next step in the Lindau Alumni initiative. The Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings and Team Mentoring Hub gratefully acknowledge the support of the Dieter Schwarz Foundation for the development of the platform and the possibility to scale the idea and the project. All Lindau Alumni are encouraged to join the platform and become a mentor or mentee, depending in each case on their current position or level of training.



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Mentor

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 Reachable by audio and video call

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In the Lindau Mentoring Hub, interested scientists have the chance to search for mentors/mentees based on several criteria.

Michael's Profile / Articles / Network

Introduction
Lecturer in Human Physiology and biomedical scientist conducting research in the area of immunology, with research experience in neuroscience, cancer biology, the microbiota and metabolism. Alumnus of the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings (Medicine & Physiology 2018). Passionate about scientific, entrepreneurship, led successful projects supporting young entrepreneurs in Germany and in Saudi Arabia. Currently managing an NGO empowering youth from Romania interested to pursue a research career in biosciences and medicine.

What I can offer
PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT MENTORING | RESEARCH GRANT ADVICE | STUDY ADVICE

Research experience Not added yet

Education Not added yet

Reviews Not added yet

Michael Mărgineanu had the idea to found Lindau Mentoring Hub, he is registered as a mentor on the platform.



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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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