



# LINDAU NOBEL LAUREATE MEETINGS

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## Press Release

### 72<sup>nd</sup> Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting: Record Number of Laureates Expected – Full Capacity Also for Young Scientists

- 25–30 June: Physiology/Medicine as [programme](#) discipline [#LINO23](#)
- Key topics related to medicine: diversity, AI, climate change
- 635 Young Scientists from 98 countries
- Two Lindau Alumni among around 40 Nobel Laureates
- Kick-off at the end of April with the [Lindau Online Sciathon](#)

In research institutions and universities around the globe, 444 Young Scientists discover pleasant news in their mailboxes today: the invitation to the 72<sup>nd</sup> Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting, which will gather Nobel Laureates and Young Scientists in the field of Physiology/Medicine at Lake Constance in the last week of June 2023. The applicants were informed by the Council for the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings, which thus successfully concludes this year's selection of participants in cooperation with its Academic Partners.

In addition, there are 191 Young Scientists who also represented the discipline of Physiology/Medicine at the interdisciplinary 70<sup>th</sup> Meeting that was conducted online. They will now have the opportunity to experience the Lindau Spirit on site. This special atmosphere of the Lindau Meetings arises from the personal encounters between scientists from all over the world with each other – and with the participating Nobel Laureates.

"The meeting of scientists from many countries, different cultures and several generations is at the core of the Lindau Meetings. We know from our Alumni that they take their time at Lake Constance home with them as an unforgettable source of inspiration, not least because of the global network they establish here," says Countess Bettina Bernadotte af Wisborg, President of the Council, describing the importance of the meetings.

### Nobel Prizes 1991 and 2022 for Former Participants in 1963 and 1986

Participation in a Lindau Meeting usually remains a once-in-a-lifetime event – unless you receive a Nobel Prize yourself. Two of the Nobel Laureates contributing to the programme of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Lindau Meeting had this experience.

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[Bert Sakmann](#), 1963 Lindau Alumnus, was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 1991. Since then, he has participated at twelve more meetings.

And just last year, another Alumnus from 1986, [Morten Meldal](#), received the highest scientific recognition: the Danish scientist is one of the pioneers of click chemistry and will return to Lindau this summer as a Nobel Laureate in Chemistry.

"It is a great honour for me to welcome two Lindau Alumni to the circle of participating Nobel Laureates in 2023. This once again proves the excellence of the scientists selected for Lindau," emphasises Countess Bettina Bernadotte. "We also have the pleasure of welcoming a number of other Laureates in Lindau for the first time." From the discipline of Physiology or Medicine, these are [Charles Rice](#) (2020), [John O'Keefe](#) (2014), [Thomas C. Südhof](#) (2013) and [Mario R. Capecchi](#); for Chemistry, [Emmanuelle Charpentier](#) (2020) and [Frances H. Arnold](#) (2018).

## Versatile Programme Formats

In addition to the lectures and Agora Talks of the Nobel Laureates, the panel discussions with Laureates, Young Scientists and other experts form the programme, which is organised by the Scientific Chairs for Physiology/Medicine of the Lindau Meetings, [Stefan H.E. Kaufmann](#) and [Klas Kärre](#). This year, current issues of diversity in science, artificial intelligence in medicine and the impact of climate change on health will be discussed. As part of the [Next Gen Science Sessions](#), Young Scientists will be given a stage to present their own research.

A very important aspect of the Lindau Meetings are the personal encounters between the Nobel Laureates and the young participants. This exchange is promoted by [formats](#) such as "Open Exchanges", "Science Walks" and "Laureate Lunches" as well as other social events such as the "International Get-Together" (host country 2023: Republic of Indonesia) or the Bavarian Evening. The final day of the meeting, traditionally held on Mainau Island including arrival and departure by boat, also provides an opportunity for personal conversations and discussions among all participants before the scientists leave as new Lindau Alumni for all continents again.



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## Online Competition in the Run-up to the Meeting

However, newly selected scientists do not have to wait until the end of June to become part of the Lindau Community. As early as the end of April, they can join virtually networked project teams and spend an entire weekend working on innovative ideas for medical applications: For the third [Lindau Online Sciathon](#) they are invited to a hackathon-type event. While Lindau Alumni submit project ideas, Young Scientists 2023 can register to work in the groups from 14 April.

### Participants at the 72<sup>nd</sup> Lindau Meeting:

635 Young Scientists from 98 countries

52 % addressed as “she”, 47 % as “he”

Youngest participant: 20 years

Oldest Nobel Laureate: Walter Gilbert, 91 years

### Media Accreditation

Interested media representatives, journalists and bloggers may [accredit for on-site coverage](#) from April 2023.

Images from previous meetings are available [for download here](#).



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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 meeting 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 Mediatheque](#) as a learning platform with teaching materials for schools.

## Further Information

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