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# Start of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Lindau Online Sciathon: 48 Hours of Global Collaboration among Scientists in the Field of Biomedicine

- Lindau Online Sciathon from 28–30 April 2023
- Almost 30 project groups collaborate online to develop ideas for innovative applications in medical research
- After evaluation by the jury, the best projects will be announced on sciathon.org in June
- Live broadcast of the opening and closing event: sciathon.org
- Updates on the competition via social media #Sciathon

This Friday at 17:00 CEST, the Lindau Online Sciathon 2023 will start with the opening event. Based on the concept of a hackathon, almost 30 groups of scientists from all over the world will work intensively for 48 hours on projects submitted by Lindau Alumni. These Alumni also lead the working groups of Young Scientists selected for the 72<sup>nd</sup> Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting and of other Lindau Alumni.

The motto of the third edition of the Sciathon is "Innovative Applications of Medical Research", aiming at creative, innovative application of instruments from biomedicine to solve (societal) problems.

# Opportunity for Finalists to Present Their Idea at the Lindau Meeting

A jury of experts chaired by Professor Stefan H. E. Kaufmann will evaluate the results of the Sciathon on the basis of criteria such as creativity of the idea, quality and relevance of the project as well as feasibility. As a result, representatives of up to five projects will have the opportunity to discuss their ideas in a workshop during the 72<sup>nd</sup> Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting this year: With Lindau Supporters, business representatives and other players who want to make a difference through science, the aim is to discuss how these scientific ideas can be turned into viable concepts. A ranking of the three best projects will also be decided upon in this context.

The opening and closing events of the Sciathon will be broadcasted live on sciathon.org – an excellent opportunity for potential future Young Scientists, among others, to get a first impression of the Lindau Meetings.

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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 <u>Lindau Mediatheque</u> as a learning platform with teaching materials for schools.

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