

## **Illuminating Science Education: Europe's best science teachers awarded at the Science on Stage festival 2015**

Eleven science teachers win European Science Teacher Award in London

**(London, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2015)** To enthuse students about natural sciences is a real challenge. The teachers at the Science on Stage festival 2015 do know how to master it perfectly well: From 17-20 June around 400 participants from 24 European countries and Canada came together at Europe's largest educational fair for science teachers at Queen Mary University of London to present enthralling teaching ideas from teachers for teachers. The most innovative projects got awarded by Science on Stage Europe with the European Science Teacher Award.

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## **Conquering European classrooms: The best science teachers 2015**

Eleven teachers received the European Science Teacher Award. The prize winners hail this year from Canada, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, the Netherlands, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. With projects like 'Honey Kingdom – Doing research on bees in kindergarten', 'Bodyheater, Heater Meals and Active O2 – true-to-life chemistry classes' or 'Natural alternatives to antibiotics: scientifically sound or muddled myth?' they not only amazed their colleagues but also an international jury. This complimented the teachers for their outstanding creativity and commitment:

*'The awarded projects show how students can easily be fascinated for science with creative ideas and they are a big motivation for every teacher who wants to make the difference'* says Anders Blomqvist, Chair of Science on Stage Sweden and member of the board.

Their projects will now find their way into classrooms all across Europe through teacher trainings or teaching materials forwarded by the education initiative Science on Stage Europe.

## **Science on Stage: Revitalising Europe's education landscape by networking**

Science on Stage started as an education initiative of the European Union. Since 2007 the initiative has been continued by Europe's most committed science teachers: The non-profit association is the biggest European network for science educators reaching by now about 100,000 pedagogues. It supports the improvement of teaching by connecting teachers with exceptional hands-on ideas for science classes across borders. Teachers from 25 countries come together every two years to exchange ideas on the Science on Stage festival, an educational fair that

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has in the past been hosted in Berlin, Copenhagen and the border cities Frankfurt (Oder) and Stubice. The ninth European Science on Stage festival has this year been hosted by Science on Stage UK in cooperation with Science on Stage Europe.

The main supporter of Science on Stage is the Federation of German Employers' Associations in the Metal and Electrical Engineering Industries (Gesamtmittel) with its initiative 'think ING'.

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## About Science on Stage

Science on Stage Europe provides a European platform for science teachers to exchange teaching concepts and to share ideas during various activities such as educational fairs, workshops and teacher trainings. Science on Stage was launched in the year 2000 and reaches by now about 100,000 teachers and teacher trainers across 24 European countries and Canada. A network of [National Steering Committees](#) in these countries provides the interface to their national science teaching communities. Science on Stage Europe is the umbrella organisation that supports the [member countries](#) with the realisation of their activities and helps to coordinate Science on Stage festivals.

## Editorial references:

- Find further information on the Festival 2015: <http://bit.ly/1qRAe1j>
- See the film of the Festival 2013: <http://bit.ly/1KE7ONs>
- Contact details as well as press pictures on demand

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