

Networking for STEM education: Europe's biggest science teacher festival hosted in Hungary

(Berlin, 21.06.2017) 'Inventing the future of science education' is the motto of the 10th European Science on Stage festival. Europe's biggest educational event for science teachers will take place from 29 June to 2 July at the Kölcsey Convention Centre in Debrecen, Hungary. Around 450 Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) teachers from 30 countries come together to exchange innovative teaching ideas at a fair, in workshops and on stage. With its festival, Science on Stage Europe supports teachers' professional learning and development. The overall aim of Science on Stage is to encourage more students into science, engineering and IT by increasing the quality of STEM teaching. The festival is under the patronage of Mr Tibor Navracsics, Member of the European Commission. Further patrons are Zoltán Balog, Minister of Human Capacities as well as Dr. József Pálinkás, President of National Research, Development and Innovation Office.

Educational experts: Raising the quality of STEM teaching through exchange

At Science on Stage, teachers are the experts when it comes to fascinating students with STEM. With projects such as 'Chemistry at Breakfast', 'Construction of a Weather Balloon' and 'Design of Organic LEDs in the Classroom', the participants of the Science on Stage festival 2017 qualified by passing a preliminary selection process in their home countries. Now the teachers meet at the festival for a cross-border exchange of inspiring and enthusing ideas. The most outstanding teaching projects have the chance to receive the European STEM Teacher Award. After the festival the projects find their way into European classrooms through teacher training and teaching materials.

Science on Stage: Best practice from teachers for teachers

Science on Stage started as an education initiative funded by the European Union. Since 2007 the initiative has been continued by Europe's most committed science teachers: The non-profit association is the biggest pan-European network for science educators reaching around 100,000 pedagogues. It supports the improvement of teaching by connecting teachers with exceptional hands-on ideas for science classes across borders. Teachers from 30 countries come together every two years to exchange ideas on the Science on Stage festival, an educational fair that has in the past been hosted in Berlin, Copenhagen, the border cities Frankfurt (Oder) / Słubice and London. The 10th European Science on Stage festival is this year hosted by Science on Stage Hungary in cooperation with Science on Stage Europe.

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

Press release



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 approximately 100,000 teachers and teacher trainers across 30 countries. 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.

European Science on Stage festival 2017:

Date: 29 June to 2 July 2017

Opening Ceremony: Thursday, 29 June, 5 pm

Open Day: Saturday, 1 July, 10 am to 5 pm

Venue: Kölcsey Convention Centre, Hunyadi u. 1-3, Debrecen, 4026 Hungary

For media representatives: Please register for the festival via press@science-on-stage.eu.

Editorial references:

- Find further information on the Festival 2017: www.science-on-stage.eu/festival2017 and www.sons2017.eu
- Video impression of past festivals: <http://bit.ly/1KE7ONs>
- Contact details as well as press pictures on demand
- Festival project videos: <http://bit.ly/2rPKPjE>
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