

Press release

## THESE ARE EUROPE'S BEST SCIENCE TEACHERS

Science on Stage Europe e.V.

**Berlin, 04.11.2019: Eleven science teachers won the European STEM Teacher Award at the European Science on Stage Festival 2019 in Cascais, Portugal.**

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Making science, engineering, technology and mathematics (short: STEM) a vivid and colourful experience? The teachers at the 11<sup>th</sup> Science on Stage festival surely know how to enthuse their students for science.

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From 31 October to 3 November 2019 around 450 participants from 36 countries came together at Europe's largest educational fair for science teachers at the Estoril Congress Center in Cascais, Portugal. Following the motto "Skills for the Future", they presented and exchanged their innovative teaching concepts in a fair, in workshops and in lectures.

### Europe's best science teachers 2019

Eleven teachers received the European STEM Teacher Award for their particularly outstanding projects. The prize winners hail this year from Germany, Greece, Portugal, Spain, France, Norway and the Ukraine. With projects like "Optical Tweezers: The Nobel Prize in Physics 2018 at your school" or "Let's build a sustainable future - together!", they not only amazed their colleagues but also an international jury.

The jury complimented the teachers for their commitment in bringing STEM education to a higher level with exceptional ideas and teaching methods.

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

Themis Christophidou, Director General for Education, Youth, Culture and Sport of the European Commission, emphasizes the importance of disseminating best practice examples beyond national borders: "Science on Stage contributes into building a new European home. A home where students can cultivate their talent, explore new ideas and invent new products in a world of constant change."

### The European Science on Stage Festival 2019

The 11th European Science on Stage festival was hosted by Science on Stage Portugal/NUCLIO with the main support of the Municipality of Cascais and in cooperation with Science on Stage Europe. It was under the high patronage of the President of the Portuguese Republic, the patronage of Mr Tibor

Navracsics, Member of the European Commission, and was endorsed by the Portuguese Ministry of Education. The next European Science on Stage festival will take place in Prague, Czech Republic.

### **About Science on Stage Europe**

Science on Stage Europe brings together science teachers from across Europe to exchange best practice and teaching ideas and concepts with passionate colleagues from over 30 countries. Science on Stage Europe believes that the best way to improve science teaching and to encourage more schoolchildren to consider a career in science or engineering is to motivate and inform their teachers. The non-profit organisation was founded in 2000 and reaches 100,000 teachers Europe-wide.

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.

### **NOTES FOR THE MEDIA:**

- official homepage of the festival: [www.sons2019.eu](http://www.sons2019.eu)
- contact details as well as press pictures on demand
- the festival on Twitter: [#SonS2019](https://twitter.com/SonS2019)
- festival project videos at: [www.youtube.com/user/ScienceonStageEurope](http://www.youtube.com/user/ScienceonStageEurope)

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