

Annual Meeting of the New Champions 2009

Dalian, People's Republic of China 10-12 September

Young Scientists Programme

Please find below the sessions for Young Scientists at the Annual Meeting of the New Champions 2009, in which you are requested to participate.

Important: For the session on Thursday 10 September at 09.00, you will have to register and show your participant's badge to access the World Expo Center. Please make sure to either register on Wednesday 9 September or arrive early on Thursday 10 September to register. Registration opens at 08.00 on both days.

Wednesday 9 September

19.00 - 20.00
*New World Hotel,
Banquet Hall, 2nd Floor*

Young Scientists Welcome Reception

The City of Dalian invites the Young Scientists to a welcome reception and dinner before the start of the Annual Meeting of the New Champions.

Thursday 10 September

09.00 - 11.00
*World Expo Center,
Zermatt*

Science Education to Create the Innovators of the Future

Tomorrow's innovators and thought leaders need to be shaped and nurtured today. Using modern methodological approaches, teaching science to children in elementary schools (inquiry based), as well as in secondary schools and universities, is central to creating a vibrant science culture in society.

Discussions will explore ways to foster innovative spirit and create the best conditions for future talents to bloom.

Discussion Leaders

Robbert Dijkgraaf, President, Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW), Netherlands

Nitsara Karoonuthaisiri, Head of Microarray Laboratory, National Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, Thailand

Moderated by

Bruce Alberts, Editor-in-Chief, Science Magazine, USA

11.00 - 13.00
*World Expo Center,
Zermatt*

Research Priorities and Government/Business/Academia Partnerships to Address Societal Needs through Innovation

As a major factor of growth, the reconciliation of industry needs, governmental concerns and academic focus will be an essential component of future economic renewal.

The community of Young Scientists, science administrators and entrepreneurs will explore the fundamental elements of government/business/academia partnerships and discover new ways to foster and improve such collaboration.

Discussion Leaders

Adrienne Corboud Fumagalli, Vice-President for Innovation and Technology Transfer, Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL), Switzerland

Tilman Brück, Head, Department of International Economics, German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin), Germany

Moderated by

Howard Alper, Chair and President, Science, Technology and Innovation Council, Canada

Sunday 13 September

09.00 - 13.00

Venue tbc

Young Scientists Closing Day

The Community of Young Scientists will conclude its participation in the Annual Meeting of the New Champions 2009 and reflect on the knowledge gained in the previous days.

14.00 - 18.00

Visit to City of Dalian Hi-Tech Industrial Park

Transportation to be provided by organizers

The Young Scientists will visit the Dalian Hi-Tech Industrial Park, a hub for innovation, technology and science where companies from around the world conduct research and development activities.

The evening of Sunday 13 September will be free for Young Scientists' private activities.