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Henkel Facilitates Student Participation at 59th Conference of Nobel Prize-Winners in Lindau

Young Scientists Meet Nobel Prize-Winners

As scientific forums, the Nobel Prize-Winner Conferences held in Lindau are quite unique. Every year since 1951, young researchers from different countries have been meeting with Nobel Prize-winners at this town on Lake Constance. From June 28 to July 3, a total of 580 students from 67 countries are discussing aspects of sustainable chemistry with 23 Nobel Prize-winners. This year for the first time, Henkel facilitated the participation of 60 chemistry students from 20 countries.

Düsseldorf/ Lindau – During the one-week conference Henkel also invited the young scientists to an exclusive dinner. The focus of the get-together was very much on encouraging an exchange of views and ideas between the students, two of the Nobel Prize-winners and members of Henkel's senior management.

All the upcoming researchers had completed a multi-staged international selection process in order to qualify for participation at the Nobel Prize-Winner Conference held on the shores of Lake Constance. They count among the most promising scientific talents in the chemistry field, their names having been put forward by numerous universities, foundations or international research institutions around the world. For these scientific brains of the future, this one-week event constitutes a real high point in their career to date.

“Forging personal contacts with committed students is of great importance for us. The dinner provided a good opportunity to get to know a range of young yet already highly qualified scientists from around the world,” explained Jessica Thiel, Global Head of Talent, Leadership and Learning.



In his welcoming address, Prof. Dr. Thomas Müller-Kirschbaum, Corporate Senior Vice President Global Research & Development at Henkel's Laundry & Home Care business sector, explained why the keynote issue of this year's conference is also of high relevance for Henkel: "We see enormous potential for innovations that combine performance and quality with responsibility for people and the environment. Our aim is to establish a new quality standard in the marketplace and to assume issue leadership in the field of sustainability within the markets of importance to us."

For all the latest information on the Henkel approach to sustainable development and corporate social responsibility, please go to: www.henkel.com/sustainability.

Science enthusiasts around the world can also follow the papers, presentations and panel discussions of the conference via the live stream available at www.lindau-nobel.de. The official conference blog at www.scienceblogs.de/lindaunobel also provides an exciting insight into the discussions taking place between those present while enabling online participants to also join in.

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