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9 Junior Researchers from Udice Universities to Meet Nobel Laureates in Lindau

From 28 June to 3 July 2026, 9 junior researchers from 5 French research-intensive universities, all members of Udice, will take part in the 75th Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting, an interdisciplinary one celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Meeting.

Held annually in Lindau, Germany, the event brings together hundreds of talented junior researchers from across the globe with Nobel Prize laureates in an exceptional week of scientific exchange.

Founded in 1951, the Lindau Meeting aims to foster intergenerational, interdisciplinary and intercultural dialogue between promising junior researchers and Nobel laureates who have shaped the world of science.

A French delegation coordinated by Udice

The 9 participants were selected through a campaign coordinated by Udice, the network of French research-intensive universities, in close collaboration with their institutions:

- Jan Kochanowski : **Institut Polytechnique de Paris**
- Mila Gorodnichy, Nathan Jourdainne and Lou Ruffino : **Université Côte d'Azur**
- Jessica Monaldi : **Université de Lorraine**
- Anna Borne : **Université Grenoble Alpes**
- Luca Ferrini, Federica Namor and Marie Robert : **Université Paris Cité**

These junior researchers – including PhD candidates and postdoctoral fellows – embody the scientific excellence, diversity and international openness of the French research landscape.

A high-level interdisciplinary programme

Throughout the week, participants will engage in a rich programme of plenary lectures, agora talks, panel discussions, open exchanges and science walks, all designed to foster personal and intellectual connections with 70 Nobel laureates.

Some of the highlights of the 2026 meeting include:

- Lectures on mRNA for therapy, history of artificial intelligence, the role of chemistry and AI in building a sustainable future, etc.
- Round-table discussions on global issues such as global health, international research priorities, trust in science, the question of understanding in the age of artificial intelligence, etc.
- Several interdisciplinary discussions bringing together Nobel Laureates to explore topics such as food security, ageing and the rhythms of life, the future of scientific publishing, and lessons to be learnt from research journeys;
- A Science breakfast: “From Equations to Global Policy: Science Diplomacy in Action”;
- Science walks enabling junior researchers to chat informally with Nobel laureates;
- A boat trip to Mainau Island, followed by a science picnic and the closing ceremonies marking the 75th anniversary of the Lindau Nobel Meetings.

Among the 70 attending Nobel Laureates are Katalin Kariko, Michel H. Devoret, Omar M. Yaghi, Ferenc Krausz, Shimon Sakaguchi, Geoffrey Hinton, James E. Rothman, Patrick M. Hanrahan, Frederick J. Ramsdell et John M. Martinis.

The Udice's delegation of junior researchers will also be welcomed by the French Embassy in Germany, with the support of the Science and Technology Department and BayFrance

A unique opportunity to promote French scientific talent and international collaboration

Participation in the Lindau Meeting reflects the commitment of Udice and its member universities to support junior researchers' talent, promote international scientific engagement, and showcase France's strengths in research and innovation within the global scientific community

Visit the Lindau website for the detailed programme, including all the speakers and participating Nobel Laureates : [Lindau 75th programme](#)

Established in October 2020, Udice is an alliance of 13 French research-intensive universities committed to excellence in research and higher education, and to the development of attractive innovation ecosystems.

Members: Aix-Marseille University, Sorbonne University, University Claude Bernard Lyon 1, Université Côte d'Azur, University of Bordeaux, Université Paris Cité, University of Strasbourg, Grenoble Alpes University, Paris-Saclay University, Paris Sciences et Lettres University, University of Montpellier, Institut Polytechnique de Paris, Université de Lorraine.

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