

Europe's best: Hungarian science teacher from Budapest awarded at the Science on Stage festival 2015

Márta Gajdosné Szabó from the Kempelen Farkas Gimnazium wins European Science Teacher Award in London

(London, 25th June 2015) To enthuse students about natural sciences is a real challenge. The teachers at the Science on Stage festival 2015 do know how to master it perfectly well: From 17-20 June around 400 participants from 24 European countries and Canada came together at Europe's largest educational fair for science teachers at Queen Mary University of London to present enthralling teaching ideas from teachers for teachers. The most innovative projects got awarded by Science on Stage Europe with the European Science Teacher Award. One of the prize winners is Márta Gajdosné Szabó from the Kempelen Farkas Gimnazium in Budapest.

Conquering European classrooms: The best science teachers 2015

Eleven teachers received the European Science Teacher Award. The prize winners hail this year from Canada, Czech Republic, Germany, the Netherlands, Switzerland and the United Kingdom and - Hungary. With the German-Hungarian joint project 'Worldwide Mountains – We move the Mountain to Europe' that shows how mining can be cleverly connected to chemistry teaching, Gajdosné Szabó and her German teammates Ute Eckhoff and Frank Walter from Goslar not only enthused their colleagues but also an international jury. It complimented the project for its outstanding creativity and commitment:

'The awarded project shows how students can easily be fascinated for science with creative ideas and it is a big motivation for every teacher who wants to make the difference' said Anders Blomqvist, Chair of Science on Stage Sweden and member of the board.

The project will now find its way into classrooms all across Europe through teacher trainings or teaching materials forwarded by the education initiative Science on Stage Europe.

Science on Stage: Revitalising Europe's education landscape by networking

Science on Stage started as an education initiative of the European Union. Since 2007 the initiative has been continued by Europe's most committed science teachers: The non-profit association is the biggest European network for science educators reaching by now about 100,000 pedagogues. It supports the improvement of teaching by connecting teachers with exceptional hands-on ideas for science classes across borders. Teachers from 25 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 and the border cities

Frankfurt (Oder) and Stubice. The ninth European Science on Stage festival has this year been hosted by Science on Stage UK in cooperation with Science on Stage Europe. The next Science on Stage Festival will celebrate its 10th jubilee in Debrecen (Hungary) from 29th June to 2nd July 2017.

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

The Hungarian project: Worldwide Mountains – We move the Mountain to Europe

Kempelen Farkas Gimnazium, Budapest, Márta Gajdosné Szabó and Christian-von-Dohm-Gymnasium in Goslar, Dr. Frank Walter und Ute Eckhof (Germany): Chemistry is to be found in daily life, not only taking place in aseptic laboratories! Gajdosné Szabó and her German colleagues investigate in their classes local metal-, chalk-, aluminium- and coalmines. Their students learn how chemistry is used in mining e.g. how copper can be won or how the lime content of stones can be analysed.

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 by now about 100,000 teachers and teacher trainers across 24 European countries and Canada. 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.

Editorial references:

- Find further information on the Festival 2015: <http://bit.ly/1qRAe1j>

- See the film of the Festival 2013: <http://bit.ly/1KE7ONS>

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