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It's time to leave the lab and get on stage!

**Registrations are now open for our
Seed Money SCIENCE SLAM 2018**

Introduction

The Science Slam 2018 is organised by the Cooperation and Development Center (CODEV) within the framework of the Seed Money Programme, which seeks to encourage scientific cooperation and transdisciplinary research at EPFL by providing Seed Money grants through an annual call for projects.

Date and venue

Monday 12 November from 9am to 1pm at the EPFL Campus (Room BC 420)

What is a Science Slam?

A Science Slam is an innovative method of science communication that combines scientific expertise and entertainment in the form of a competition. Researchers go on stage for a max. period of 10 minutes to present their own research work to a broad audience. A Science Slam is all about having the creative freedom to convey your enthusiasm about a topic in any way that you deem suitable. Your presentation might take the form of a poem, a live demonstration or you could even use some appropriate metaphors from daily life to present your project. At the end, the audience is the judge and decides who wins the competition and becomes the slam master.

Goals

With this Science Slam, CODEV's aims are to:

- Promote the Seed Money Programme
- Encourage new forms of science communication
- Provide EPFL researchers with an opportunity to share their research work and collaboration experiences

Rules

- Participating slammers must be researchers from the EPFL or partner institutions who are involved in projects that have received grants from the CODEV Seed Money Programme.
- Each participant will be given 10 minutes to present her/his Seed Money project, which should focus on the following issues:
 - * Experiences with partners and the local context in the target country
 - * Research findings and the impact for global development challenges
 - * The usefulness of seed funding for future research

- The audience will be the sole judge of who wins the competition and becomes the slam master.
- Participants can use any means or methods that they wish to make their presentations. They may sing a song, dance, use a PowerPoint presentation, bring equipment onto the stage, or do a live experiment. Participants are encouraged to use creative freedom to think about how to simplify a topic without losing the core message.
- It is important not to confuse entertainment with comedy. Jokes are obviously entertaining but good stories and metaphors can also be entertaining. You should try to be yourself on stage and present your slam in a way that you feel comfortable with.
- Slammers will receive voluntary coaching to help them prepare their slams.
- Slams can be in English or French (or both).

Moderator and coach

The Science Slam will be moderated by Marc Folini, an environmental scientist who is passionate about science communication. Marc will be available before the event to coach slammers as they prepare their slams. Coaching dates: 5 and 6 November 2018 (afternoon).

Registration

If you would like to participate as a slammer, you must register by 26 October 2018 using the attached **registration form**. The competition is open to a maximum of eight participants; participants will be selected on a first come, first served basis until the maximum number of eight is reached.

Resources

The YouTube channel of Science Slam Zurich:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCY4628P5wR7pQ9rdkAS9yZQ>

Information about what a science slam is:

http://scienceslamzurich.ch/index_en.html

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DVa6k9zyWiE>

Examples of scientists on stage:

<https://youtu.be/KEuZVoTRpL8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FMv1y710kYs>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=752Ymp8nl7E>

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