Laureates of mathematics and computer science meet the next generation

A Meeting of Minds

LAUREATES

> Recipients of the most prestigious prizes in mathematics and computer science: the Abel Prize, ACM A.M. Turing Award, ACM Prize in Computing, Fields Medal, IMU Abacus Medal and Nevanlinna Prize

YOUNG RESEARCHERS

> 200 promising young researchers from around 70 nations
> Undergraduate/Pre-Master, Graduate PhD and Postdoc from mathematics, computer science and related disciplines
> Selected by independent international reviewers from the scientific community

JOURNALISTS & SCIENCE COMMUNICATORS

> Journalists from top news outlets and scientific publications as well as independent science communicators from around the world
> A limited number of HLFF travel grants encourage a diverse range of perspectives

GUESTS

> A wide variety of special guests from scientific organizations, academia and business

Background

The nonprofit Heidelberg Laureate Forum Foundation (HLFF) was established in 2013 by physicist and SAP co-founder Klaus Tschira with the goal of fostering mathematics and computer science.

The HLFF organizes the annual Heidelberg Laureate Forum (HLF) and conducts local and regional educational outreach via the Mathematics Informatics Station (MAINS).

The HLFF is funded by the German foundation Klaus Tschira Stiftung, which supports the natural sciences, mathematics and computer science through education, research and science communication.

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A Unique Event

The HLF is an annual scientific networking conference where 200 carefully selected young researchers in mathematics and computer science engage in cross-generational and interdisciplinary dialogue with recipients of the most prestigious prizes in their fields.

For me each time it is wonderful to witness the unique atmosphere, the stimulating discussions and deep interaction between the young researchers and the laureates, both across generations and across disciplines.

Scientific Chairperson, HLF

Personal and Down-to-Earth

The intimate and informal setting of the HLF provides the space and time for relaxed, unmediated exchange, networking as well as the opportunity to continue the scientific debates of the day during the evening’s social events.

Contemplation Meets Inspiration

The HLF’s scientific program inspires ideas and fosters lively exchanges through a variety of formats, such as lectures, panel discussions, workshops and a number of outreach activities.

I love the opportunity to tell the students: “Here’s the problem. Do you have any good ideas for solving it?” So this is very much a two-way street.

Laureate

In the Footsteps of Giants

Taking place in the historic university city of Heidelberg, Germany, the HLF’s backdrop imbues the conference with the vibrant atmosphere of Germany’s foremost thinkers.

Dreams do come true. Going from reading footnotes about these powerful minds in mathematics to meeting them in person is such a miracle to me. I got to learn a lot from these rich decades of experience.

Young Researcher

Sustainable Networks

Our exclusive alumni activities provide long-term networking and career growth opportunities for young researchers, even after the HLF.

A week of both formal and informal communications between some of the world’s leading minds and brilliant young researchers? As a science communicator, there’s not much more you can ask for.

Journalist

A Strong Foundation

The HLF enjoys the strong support of the award-granting institutions the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM), the International Mathematical Union (IMU) and the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters (DNVA), as well as many additional scientific and academic partners.