

HIGH LEVEL FORUM 2016

Leading Innovation Ecosystems

25-27 SEPTEMBER 2016

"COLLABORATIVE CREATIVITY"

A Unique Forum for International Innovation Campuses

Press Release

On September 25th, 26th and 27th, representatives from more than 20 innovation campuses will visit Grenoble to participate in the fifth edition of the High Level Forum.

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In 2012, CEA Tech launched the High Level Forum organized by the GIANT Innovation Campus. Every year, the forum welcomes innovation campus representatives to exchange on various topics. This year's theme is collaborative creativity.

The 2016 edition of the High Level Forum will include participants from major campuses across Asia, Europe, the Americas and the Middle East. Regularly returning participants include representatives from Los Angeles, San Francisco, Atlanta, Chicago (USA), Tsukuba (Japan), Haifa (Israel), Dresden (Germany), Helsinki (Finland), Lausanne (Switzerland), Milan (Italy), Montreal (Canada), São Paulo (Brazil), Thuwal and Riyadh (Saudi Arabia). This year's forum will also welcome new participants from Sweden, Russia, Argentina, Chili, Mexico, Austria and Luxembourg. Overall, the event expects approximately 25 delegations made up of key players in academic, research and industrial sectors. Participants will discuss collaborative creativity, share their experiences and join forces to envision new models for innovation.

An international event held in Grenoble every other year

The first edition of the High Level Forum was organized under the leadership of Jean Therme, the French Alternative Energies and Atomic Energy Commission's (CEA) previous Director of Technological Research. Year-to-year, the forum alternates between being held in Grenoble and being hosted by an international partner campus. In 2013, Caltech (USA) welcomed the High Level Forum, and in 2015, the event went to Tsukuba, Japan. While this year's forum in Grenoble is on the starting blocks, the 2017 edition is already set to be hosted by Montreal's innovation campus.

Fostering a sustainable international community

"The High Level Forum attracts new participants every year and represents an international community built around dialogue. The forum helps develop trust between its participants and encourages fruitful discussions." highlights Stéphane Siebert, the CEA's current Director of Technological Research. The goal of the High Level Forum is to reinforce cooperation between innovation ecosystems, including public and private institutions, startups, major corporations, research organizations and a variety of industrial players. The open exchange of information and dialogue is at the heart of the forum's success. Participants share their campuses' policies, strategies and good practices for R&D, the transfer of technology and training in scientific fields. The long term vision behind this initiative is to create a World Innovation Forum at the service of our economy, society and planet.

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Guest speakers: an international mix of innovation leaders

Among this year's many participants, confirmed speakers of renown include:

- Prof. Peretz Lavie, President of Technion, the "MIT" of Israel
- Dr. Alex Peng, Vice-President and General Director of Material and Chemical Research Laboratories for the Industrial Technology Research Institute of Taiwan (ITRI)
- Dr. Monica Beltrametti, Vice-President of Research & Development for Xerox Europe

This year's program is still being finalized. For more information: www.hlf-giant-grenoble.org.

PRESS INVITATION

In 2016, the High Level Forum will open its doors for the first time to the general public and news media. Journalists and other interested parties are invited to attend the event's round table discussions on the mornings of September 26th and 27th as well as the GIANT Tour on the afternoon of September 26th.

Press breakfast on Monday, September 26th, 2016

Journalists will be able to meet and exchange with representatives from various international campuses.

If you would like to participate in the event as a media representative please contact Mary Parrinello at mary.parrinello@grenoble-em.com or by telephone: +33 (0) 6 45 61 14 48.

About GIANT

The Grenoble Innovation for Advanced New Technologies (GIANT) campus is an alliance of eight founding members (CEA, CNRS, Grenoble-INP, Grenoble Ecole de Management, University Grenoble Alps, ESRF, EMBL and ILL). The eight institutions collaborate and work to foster ties between higher education, research and industry in order to support technological breakthroughs that will contribute to both the economy and society.

GIANT aims to create an ecosystem that favors multidisciplinary collaboration, debate and exchange of ideas as well as the sharing of knowledge and skills. To meet the demands of our rapidly evolving society, the innovation campus focuses on three essential fields:

- Information and communication technology
- Renewable energy and environmental issues
- Biology and health

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