



**Re: Christmas Lecture by Nobel Prize Laureate Prof. Stefan Hell at Leopoldina Academy on 2 December 2015**

David CHIKVAIDZE to: Mattia Villa

08/10/2015 11:24 AM

Cc: Andrew Gilmour, Asif R. Khan, Christine VILELA, Katrina HARDIE, Sophie TORELLI CHIRONI, Wook-Jin Chang

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Mattia Villa	Dear David, Many thanks for your thorough response. There doesn't seem to be any additional compelling reason, hence we will disregard the invitation based on your recommendation.
Asif R. Khan	I am out of the office until 19/10/2015.
David CHIKVAIDZE	Dear Mattia, Thanks for your timely reply.

Dear Mattia,

Thanks for your timely reply.

Best regards,

David

- Generic invitation  
- Does not merit SS's response  
- back to control



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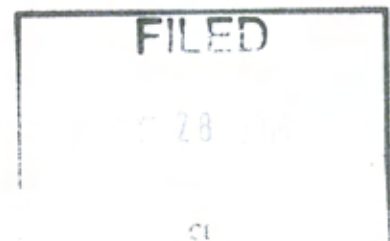
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Mattia Villa	Dear David, Many thanks for your thorough response...	08/10/2015 17:22:47
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Many thanks  
Mattia



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David CHIKVAIDZE Dear Mattia, Thank you for your e-mail to my c...

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Date: 08/10/2015 08:54 AM  
Subject: Re: Christmas Lecture by Nobel Prize Laureate Prof. Stefan Hell at Leopoldina Academy on 2 December 2015

Dear Mattia,

Thank you for your e-mail to my colleague Christine Vilela forwarding the above-referenced letter and asking if Director-General Møller could be available to represent the Secretary-General at this lecture on 2 December.

Unless there is some additional compelling element that we are not aware of, in our view, this letter on its own merit not only does not warrant the Secretary-General's consideration and representation, but even a reply, as it is a circular letter addressed primarily to an internal audience and some undefined "friends".

Please advise, if there is any additional compelling reason why this letter should be treated differently from our above stance and we would be happy to review the case.

Thanks and best regards,

David



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Date: 08/10/2015 11:09  
Subject: Fw: Christmas Lecture by Nobel Prize Laureate Prof. Stefan Hell at Leopoldina Academy on 2 December 2015

Dear David,

As discussed and requested, please.

Thank you and kind regards,  
Christine

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Dear Christine.

This is Mattia from the SG's office, hope my email finds you well.

With reference to the invitation above mentioned, the SG will not be available to attend. Hence, DPI recommended that Mr. Moller could represent the SG at such event, and I was wondering if you could confirm his availability.

Grateful if you could kindly revert by 9 October please.

Many thanks,  
Mattia

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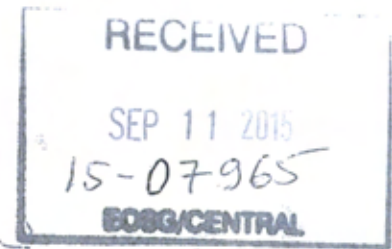
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Der Präsident



Halle (Saale), August 2015

Dear members, friends and staff of the Leopoldina,

Scientists today are increasingly searching for ways to share their findings with as wide an audience as possible, thus helping to equip our society with the knowledge it needs to make full use of the great opportunities of the future. As well as perseverance, this commitment requires a willingness to engage with the views of all dialogue partners. In this regard, events that bring together representatives from civil society, politics, business and science on an equal footing can contribute significantly to realising the goal behind science-based policy advice: to support democratic decision-making processes with recommendations that are founded on reliable and transparent information.

I would like to briefly mention three such events that, over the past few months, have highlighted our academy's function as a forum for science-based and socially relevant debate at both national and international level. I should make it clear from the outset that we in no way consider these events as self-contained, short-lived initiatives; they are important way stations within a larger strategy that should ensure that the impact of our activities continues to be felt long after the individual events passed.

- On 29 April, as part of the G7 Dialogue Forum, the national science academies of the G7 countries presented German Federal Chancellor Angela Merkel with three statements prepared under the leadership of the Leopoldina for the G7 summit at Schloss Elmau. In these papers we call for a globally coordinated approach to combating the health risks presented by infectious diseases, for advances in the treatment of neglected tropical diseases, and for measures to ensure the sustainable use and protection of our oceans. We were delighted that the heads of state and government chose to include all three of these topics in their final communiqué at the Schloss Elmau summit.

Spurred on by this success, we are now assisting with science-based advice for the 2016 G7 summit, working in close cooperation with the other national academies, under the leadership of the Science Council of Japan. We have already been invited, and I am confident that the scientific competence of the members of the participating national academies will give rise to new G7 statements that effectively communicate the progress of research into pressing global challenges.

- From 15 to 17 July, the Leopoldina held the first Joint Science Conference on the Western Balkans region in cooperation with the Federal Chancellery, the Federal Foreign Office, the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation and the Prussian Cultural Heritage Foundation. The conference was organised as part of the Western Balkans intergovernmental initiative, which brings together government representatives of Germany, the nations of Southeast Europe (including Croatia and Slovenia), France, Italy and Austria as well as the European Commission. At the suggestion of the Federal Government, the Leopoldina has assumed responsibly for the topic “science and society” within the initiative. All participants are currently compiling the results of the conference into a joint statement that is to be presented to government heads and foreign ministers at the next Western Balkans Summit, taking place in Vienna in late August. Activities surrounding the Joint Science Conference are scheduled to continue until at least 2018. Given the complex political situation at present, we view this as an initial success. We are confident that this “science diplomacy” initiative will improve the situation for the scientific systems in Western Balkan nations in the years to come.
- On 20 May in Berlin, the Stifterverband für die Deutsche Wissenschaft and the Commission of Experts for Research and Innovation (EFI) joined the Leopoldina for the first time in hosting the German Research Summit. Representatives from science, business, politics and civil society engaged in an intense exchange of views on strategies that should allow Germany to maintain its competitiveness despite growing cost pressures in the global innovation system – perhaps through new forms of collaboration between companies, research institutes and universities. Of course, the issue was not discussed exhaustively at the first Research Summit; we therefore reached an agreement with the Stifterverband and EFI to continue addressing the issue in another unique discussion event. We hope that the Research Summits will provide forward-looking impetus for shaping the German innovation system and give it even greater momentum beyond the three-percent share of Gross Domestic Product spent on research and development.

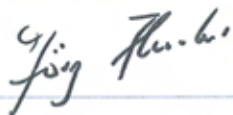
I would like to express my gratitude on behalf of the Presidium and thank the scientists for their commitment, without which the Leopoldina would not have been able to undertake these and many other activities. In this context, the global high-grade networking of Leopoldina members plays an increasingly important role in our work. We want to exploit the great potential to be gained from coordinating our national and international activities even more closely, and I would like to ask for your support in this.

I will take this opportunity to mention the Leopoldina's forthcoming Annual Assembly to be held on 18 and 19 September in Halle (Saale), led by Prof. Martin Quack. Under the title "Symmetry and Asymmetry in Science and Art" we will deal with a topic that affects all areas of reality, making it a common thread in the arts as well as the sciences. Symmetry and asymmetry are two structural principles that are defined in abstract terms in mathematics and philosophy and are used to help the empirical sciences explain a large variety of natural and cultural phenomena. In addition, every form of art – from music to architecture – creates, in its own way, works in which symmetries and symmetry breaking have special significance. I am certain that anyone who attends the lectures at our Annual Assembly will come across some surprising scientific and aesthetic analogies. And I can only assume that you are looking forward to Chancellor Merkel's opening speech just as much as I am.

I would also like to inform you that Prof. Stefan W. Hell, one of three 2014 Nobel Prize laureates in Chemistry and a Member of the Leopoldina, will give this year's Christmas Lecture on 2 December – so that's another good reason to visit the Leopoldina!

I hope to welcome you all to our Annual Assembly in Halle.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jörg Hacker', written in a cursive style.

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Jörg Hacker