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WEEK
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BERLIN SCIENCE WEEK

FINAL REPORT 2020



SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION TO A NEW DIGITAL CONCEPT

FALLING WALLS × BERLIN SCIENCE WEEK: WORLD SCIENCE SUMMIT

In 2020, the Falling Walls Foundation ventured a completely new approach and developed a new digital concept as a tribute to scientist's contribution to overcoming the global pandemic. With all its products, Falling Walls has shifted to a fully digital programme which has permanently and freely been made accessible to everyone on a digital platform, providing a stage for top researchers and scientific breakthroughs.

THE SCIENCE BREAKTHROUGHS OF THE YEAR

In order to share knowledge and innovation Falling Walls provides a global digital stage for scientific breakthroughs. Motivated by the key question "Which are the next walls to fall in science and society?", leading research institutions around the world submitted their scientific breakthroughs in ten different categories. 650 finalists present their ground-breaking research in short videos, permanently and freely accessible in our online video library.

BERLIN SCIENCE WEEK

Together with international partner organisations, the Berlin Science Week provided science, research and innovation with more visibility. It now permanently offers a global platform for open dialogues and cooperation between science and society with more than 200 digital expert panels, workshops, talks and more, full of inspiration and pioneering thinking in science and society from all over the world.

CIRCLE TABLES

With the virtual Circle Tables, Falling Walls introduced an expert panel format for discussions on the promises and limitations of breakthrough research and development, enabling top-level discussions on urgent issues in multidisciplinary scientific fields between world-leading scientists, science strategists and policy-makers from academia, business and politics.



10 DAYS
200+ EVENTS
600+ SPEAKERS
ONE DIGITAL PLATFORM

PROVIDING A STAGE FOR THE SCIENCE BREAKTHROUGHS OF THE YEAR

940 NOMINATIONS
600+ INSTITUTIONS
10 CATEGORIES
650 FINALISTS
10 BREAKTHROUGHS
630h+ WATCHED SCIENCE VIDEOS
THROUGHOUT OUR
DIGITAL PLATFORM



“THIS IS BY FAR THE MOST IMPRESSIVE INTERFACE AND CURATION I’VE SEEN SINCE THE WORLD OF ONLINE EVENTS HAVE OVERTAKEN OUR LIVES THIS YEAR.”

Edgar Pieterse University of Cape Town

“LIKE EVERY YEAR, IT WAS AN EXCEPTIONAL MOMENT.”

Claudie Haigneré European Space Agency



GLOBAL ACTIVATION

65.000+ EVENT VISITS
780 PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS
940 NOMINATIONS
1000+ SPEAKERS, JURORS AND FINALISTS
AUDIENCE FROM 138 COUNTRIES



MEETING THE BRIGHTEST MINDS

Berlin Science Week is a 10-day international festival between 1 – 10 November that brings together the world's most innovative scientific organisations to celebrate science and connect and engage the international science community with the public.

“IT WAS A WONDERFUL INTERNATIONAL DEEP-DIVE INTO PROMISING SCIENCE.”

Participant 2020

BERLIN SCIENCE WEEK



ENABLES INTERDISCIPLINARY DIALOGUE



CREATES VISIBILITY FOR SCIENCE



CONNECTS PEOPLE FROM AROUND THE WORLD



STRENGTHENS SCIENTIFIC NETWORKS

CELEBRATING SCIENCE IN ALL ITS DIVERSITY

ONE DIGITAL PLATFORM

Connecting people from all over the world through digital events & meetings

INTER-DISCIPLINARY APPROACH

Science Engagement, Digital Education, Science in the Arts, Diversity in Science...

DIVERSE FORMATS

Workshops, panel discussions, exhibitions, games, lectures, performances...

TRENDING TOPICS

Effects of COVID-19, Quantum Technologies, Science Diplomacy, Open Access, Sustainable Futures, and many more

SCIENTIFIC EXCELLENCE

Science Awards, Outstanding Research, Renowned Institutions & Speakers

DAILY HIGHLIGHTS

Moderated TV-show featuring the best-of Berlin Science Week

BRAINDATES

A virtual knowledge meeting platform for meaningful conversations.

GRAND FINALE

The Falling Walls Science Breakthroughs of the Year on 9 Nov

MEDIA LIBRARY

90 hours of video footage from past events - freely accessible

DIGITAL JOURNALISM FELLOWSHIP

Supporting International Science Journalism

BERLIN SCIENCE WEEK MAGAZINE

Deep Dive Science Articles & Event Calendar

EXPERT TALKS

Social media web series to promote science experts and their work

GLOBAL REACH

7,865
SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS

21,895
LIKES & SHARES

47.1%
GROWTH

**ATTENDEES FROM
138 COUNTRIES**

55% AGE 18-34

**“THE WORLD NEEDS
MORE INSPIRATION LIKE
YOU DO! THANK YOU!”**
Participant 2020

1
PRESS
CONFERENCE

6
COMMUNICATION
PARTNERS

14
INTERNATIONAL
JOURNALISM
FELLOWS

46
PRESS
MENTIONS

110,000
BERLIN SCIENCE WEEK
MAGAZINES

THANK YOU

Berlin Science Week's supporters and partners provide the vital support needed to produce our activities.

We're proud and grateful to work with like-minded organisations that join us in celebrating and supporting science, technology, and innovation.

We are keen to build new relationships and would be delighted to discuss opportunities with interested parties. If you would like to discuss how a partnership with Berlin Science Week could benefit your organisation, please get in touch.

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WHAT OUR PARTNERS SAY



MICHAEL MÜLLER

Governing Mayor of Berlin

“Berlin deliberately focuses on science, research and innovation – and on close international dialogue. The Berlin Science Week makes an important contribution to this.”



BETTINA CAMES

Director, Light Art Space

“As a new institution based in Berlin, we felt it important to take part in the Berlin Science Week as an opportunity to engage and share with the city’s science community.”



THOMAS SOMMER

Vice Scientific Director
Max-Delbrück-Center for
Molecular Medicine

“Science lives from exchange. We researchers want to inspire and be inspired. The festival offers us the opportunity to find out what others, the population or even politics, expect from us.”



EINAT AMIR

Aalto University, Finland

“In the last few years, we’ve been developing an innovative synthesis between live performance art and social psychology experiments. Given the social implications of these findings, it seems important to us to show them in Berlin Science Week.”



ANDREAS D. MATT

CEO, Imaginary

“Berlin Science Week is such a great diverse playground of new content and formats and we have to be part of it!”

OUR STAFF

The coordination of all Berlin Science Week activities would not be possible without our dedicated team:

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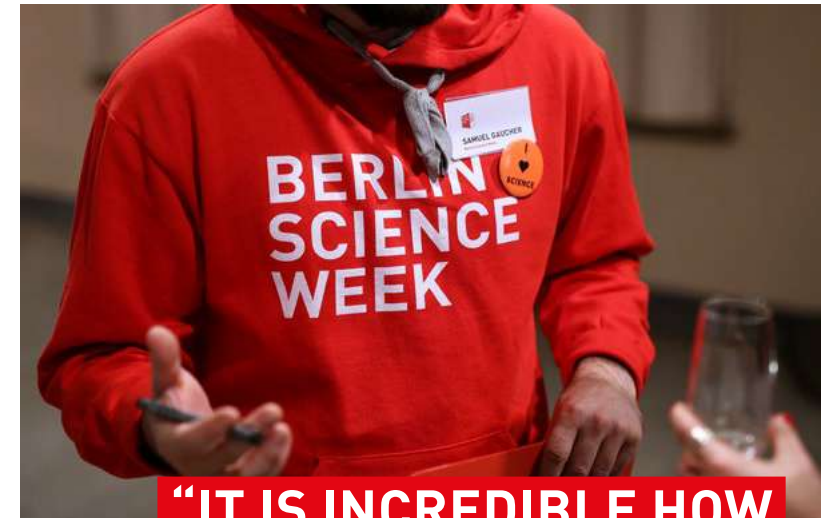
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“IT IS INCREDIBLE HOW THE ORGANISERS PULLED ALL THOSE OUTSTANDING EFFORTS TOGETHER! EVERYTHING WAS SEAMLESS, ORGANISED, AND INTERACTIVE – FOR 10 DAYS!”

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140+ National & International Partners

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“BERLIN SCIENCE WEEK IS AN OUTSTANDING GATHERING AND WE ARE PROUD TO BE A PART OF IT. IT IS AN EXCELLENT SOUNDING BOARD FOR CREATIVE AND INNOVATIVE IDEAS.”

Max-Delbrück-Centrum

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“WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!”

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