

COMING TO TOWN: 18 TOP MINDS IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Nobel laureates to meet public at summit

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SINGAPORE – It is not every day that members of the public can hobnob with Nobel laureates and other top scientists, but a series of talks in two weeks will give them the chance to do just that.

The talks are part of the Global Young Scientists Summit (GYSS@one-north), which is organised by the National Research Foundation (NRF) and will run from Jan 19 to 24.

The event brings in 18 top minds in science and technology as speakers for a week of lectures, group discussions and site visits. Participants at the summit are promising young scientists under the age of 35. Almost 70 per cent of the 350 participants this year hail from Singapore or the Asia-Pacific region.

This year's GYSS@one-north goes



further in bringing science to the people by having several events that will be open to the public. This follows up on last year's edition, which saw a

free-admission public lecture at the Science Centre becoming a hit with the audience and speakers alike, said Professor Low Teck Seng, NRF Chief Executive and co-chair of the GYSS 2014 organising committee.

"What startled us was how well it was received by everybody who attended," said Prof Low of the public talk. "After the event, we got a lot of people complaining that they had no access to these Nobel prize winners... we realised we could do more."

"We want to make science real for the public," he added.

Members of the public who attend the events can expect to hear insights from the likes of Dr John Robin Warren, who won a Nobel Prize for discovering that stomach ulcers are caused by bacteria, not diet, and Dr Irwin Mark Jacobs, a pioneering electrical engineer and one of the

Professor Aaron Ciechanover, winner of the 2004 Nobel Prize in Chemistry, mentoring GYSS participants last year. He will be one of the speakers at this year's summit. PHOTO: NRF

*** SELECTED PANEL DISCUSSIONS**

Science And Society

- Date: Jan 20
- Host institution: National University of Singapore
- Panellists: Prof Hartmut Michel (1988 Nobel Prize in Chemistry), Prof Stephen Smale (1966 Fields Medal), Dr John Robin Warren (2005 Nobel Prize in Medicine)
- Registration is free at <http://www.pdsns.eventbrite.sg>

Science & Arts – Mutually Reinforcing?

- Date: Jan 23
- Host institution: SOTA
- Panelists: Prof Jerome Friedman (1990 Nobel Prize in Physics), Prof Martin Chalfie (2008 Nobel Prize in Chemistry), Professor Vladimir Voevodsky (2002 Fields Medal)
- Registration is free at <http://www.gyss-sota-panel-discussion.eventbrite.sg>

Driving Growth through Science and Innovation

- Date: Jan 23
- Host institution: Singapore Management University
- Panellists: Prof Kurt Wuthrich (2002 Nobel Prize in Chemistry), Sir Richard Roberts (1993 Nobel Prize in Physiology or medicine), Dr Irwin Mark Jacobs (2013 IEEE Medal of Honor, founding Chairman and CEO Emeritus of Qualcomm)
- Registration is free at <http://research.smu.edu.sg/events/2014/01/23/smu-panel-discussion-driving-growth-through-science-and-innovation>

founders of chip-manufacturing giant Qualcomm.

The public events are free to attend, but registration is required.