Science on Stage in Debrecen for teachers forwarding vivid and competitive knowledge

Hungary can be proud that Science on Stage this year was hosted by a university town of a Teaming winner consortium, one of the excellence centres of our country – the President of the NRDI Office said in Debrecen at the closing ceremony of Europe's largest natural science education fair. The prestigious event organised for teachers was sponsored also by the NRDI Office.

My honour goes out to every teacher who works and makes efforts to come up with more and more innovative and spectacular ideas, wishing to make the complexity of natural phenomena visible and understandable to the upcoming generations by the method of conducting experiments and help them in getting to the point in every field of natural sciences – stressed József Pálinkás on Science on Stage, a European series of events with a history of 17 years. He recalled that the idea came from physicists, and the first such festival was organised in the CERN-laboratory in Switzerland. Finally, he remembered the motto of this year's competition (Inventing the Future of Science Education) an cited the Nobel laureate physicist Dénes Gábor: "We cannot predict the future, but we can invent it!" The President of the NRDI Office expressed his hope that the four-day-long competition allowed hundreds of teachers to share their highly innovative pedagogical concepts and methods.

From 29 June to 2 July, 450 participants from 30 countries came together to this year's Science on Stage. Hungary, the host country alone was represented by 70 teachers at the Kölcsey Convention Centre in Debrecen, to present enthralling teaching ideas from teachers for teachers. The most innovative projects were awarded by Science on Stage Europe with the European STEM Teacher Award. Their projects will now find their way into classrooms all across Europe through teacher trainings or teaching materials forwarded by the education initiative Science on Stage Europe.

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