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Once-in-a-lifetime chance for young computer scientists and mathematicians

Call for applications for the 2nd Heidelberg Laureate Forum begins

The preparations for the 2nd Heidelberg Laureate Forum (HLF) are in full swing, and applications from young researchers to attend the second Forum will be accepted beginning November 15: The Heidelberg Laureate Forum Foundation (HLFF) is looking for outstanding young mathematicians and computer scientists from all over the world who would like to get the chance to personally meet distinguished experts from both disciplines and find out how to become a leading scientist in their field. Applications for the one of the sought-after spots at the Forum will be accepted until February 28, 2014. For more information on the HLF, go to www.heidelberg-laureate-forum.org. Applications must be submitted online at: <http://application.heidelberg-laureate-forum.org>.

“The 1st HLF was an extraordinary experience for me. The Forum’s goal of inspiring young researchers and motivating them to perform at a high level was reached,” writes a winner of the Turing Award and prominent guest of the Heidelberg Laureate Forum, in his thank-you letter to the initiator of the Forum, Klaus Tschira. As one of the 38 laureates attending the Forum roughly two months ago, he gave insights into his life as a researcher and the day-to-day reality of research during the five-day HLF. He touched on topics such as how excellence in science can be attained and which roles established researchers can play in the scientific community. During conversations and exchanges of anecdotes, young researchers were presented with the opportunity to delve deeper into the world of science, and the organizers met their goal of establishing a forum in Heidelberg for mathematicians and computer scientists from all over the world to gather motivation and for networking: “I was able to significantly expand my horizons during the HLF, as I took advantage of meeting with the laureates and learned so many new things thanks to the fact that the disciplines of mathematics and computer science were combined into one event,” one of the 200 young researchers who had the opportunity to be a part of the first Forum offered his account.

The 2nd HLF will take place from September 21 to 26, 2014. It will once again bring together winners of the Abel Prize and Fields Medal (mathematics) as well as the Turing Award and Nevanlinna Prize (computer science) for an inspiring week in Heidelberg. Beginning November 15, all interested young mathematicians and computer scientists from around the world will be able to apply for one of the 200 sought-after spots at the Forum by going to: <http://application.heidelberg-laureate-forum.org>. Successful candidates will be selected by an international committee of experts that will ensure only the most qualified candidates are invited. The young researchers attending the first Forum were from a total of 49 countries. There are 100 spaces available for each discipline of mathematics and computer science.

Background

The Heidelberg Laureate Forum (HLF) was started by the Klaus Tschira Stiftung (KTS), a foundation which promotes natural sciences, mathematics and computer sciences, and the Heidelberg Institute for Theoretical Studies (HITS). The Forum is being organized by the Heidelberg Laureate Forum Foundation in cooperation with the Forum’s founders as well as the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM), the International Mathematical Union (IMU) and The Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters.

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