

Science on Stage Festival Copenhagen 2011 – Winning hearts and minds

Danish Science Communication and Science on Stage Europe are arranging the next Science on Stage Festival in Copenhagen, April 16 – 19, 2011.

In recognition of the need to strengthen the teaching of science in European schools, *Science on Stage* aims at stimulating innovative approaches in science teaching. The ultimate goal of strengthening the quality and attractiveness of science teaching is to enable students to achieve success in scientific and technological endeavours for the future. This is a topic of vital interest to us all.

The festival's purpose is to increase interest, sharing of knowledge and good practice about primary and upper secondary education in natural sciences throughout the European Countries. 350 teachers from the 27 participating countries are expected to take part in this event. Over four days, they will demonstrate the best science education projects, methods, and materials and will exchange ideas and experiences.

The Danish Ministry of Education warmly supports the idea and content of this festival. It falls in line with the overall goals in "ET 2020": The European strategy for cooperation within education and training towards 2020. These goals are:

1. Making lifelong learning and mobility a reality
2. Improving the quality and efficiency of education and training
3. Promoting equity, social cohesion and active citizenship
4. Enhancing creativity and innovation, including entrepreneurship, at all levels of education and training

I enclose a link to the Ministry's website: <http://eng.uvm.dk/>

Your sincerely,



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