Press release

**Young researchers to present their work in the time of an elevator pitch to four Nobel prizewinners**

* Within the *Passion for Knowledge – Quantum 13* festival*,* the Donostia International Physics Center (DIPC) has organized the *Nobel Pitch* initiative*,* coordinated by Ikerbasque and in collaboration with the University of the Basque Country (UPV/EHU)
* The enrolment period is already open to register for participation in this unique session

**Young researchers within the fields of biology, physics and chemistry will have the la opportunity to expound their research work in front of four Nobel prizewinners. Organised by the Donostia International Physics Center (DIPC), the *Nobel Pitch* initiative will be undertaken within the remit of the *Passion for Knowledge s*cience festival *– Quantum 13*, and will provide opportunities for interacting with top, world-class scientists.**

**Donostia, 11 July, 2013**

No more than five minutes is the time the chosen postdoctoral researchers have for presenting the main lines of their research, in a concise manner, to the four Nobel prize-winners who will be taking part in the *Nobel Pitch* initiative.

This is a unique event based on what is known as an elevator pitch or an elevator statement, a rapid communication technique in which an idea or project is presented clearly and simply with the aim of attracting possible investors. The participants have to expound the principal ideas of a project in the time span of an elevator ride.

Aaron Ciechanover (biology), Claude Cohn-Tannoudji (physics), Dudley Herschbach, (chemistry-physics) and Jean Marie Lehn (chemistry) are the four Nobel prize-winnerswho haveconfirmed their participation in this workshop – an initiative by the DIPC as part of the programme for the *Passion for Knowledge – Quantum 13* science festival. The *Nobel Pitch* initiative will be coordinated by Ikerbasque, the Basque Foundation for Science, in collaboration with the UPV/EHU.

Researchers interested in participating in Nobel Pitch can register now at the [www.quantum13.eu](http://www.quantum13.eu) web page. To this end, they have to remit a brief resume of their research work or project, which will be used to make a selection from amongst all the participants.

The researchers chosen will then have the opportunity to present their work to the Nobel prize-winners, although up to a total of 70 researchers can actively participate in this unique event which will enable interacting with top, world-class scientists. After the elevator speeches, a session will be opened up to debate frontier projects and more general topics linked to the latest scientific advances.

The *Passion for Knowledge– Quantum 13* science festival, moreover, a series of training workshops has been organised with the aim of equipping the researchers with tools for the communication and evaluation of their research work. They will be held in the first week of October and those interested in participating may register on the festival web page: [www.quantum13.eu](http://www.quantum13.eu).

**Aimed at:** young postdoctoral researchers

**Language:** English

**Date:** Tuesday, 1 of October,

**Time:** 11:00 – 13:00

**Location:** CIC nanoGUNE, Donostia

**Registration open** until 31 of August

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