

International Symposium Cologne, Germany, October 5 – 6, 2017

Dear Scientist.

It is our pleasure to invite you to our 2^{nd} CEWIS Symposium in Cologne, scheduled for Thursday, October 5^{th} and Friday, October 6^{th} , 2017.

The mission of CEWIS is to spotlight extraordinary women in biological sciences. CEWIS is also an initiative to demonstrate how exciting and rewarding a career in biological sciences can be and to encourage young researchers to pursue careers within and outside of academic research.

We are proud to announce that successful female scientists from all over the world are going to participate in our symposium such as Karin Dahlman-Wright, Vice-Chancellor of Karolinska Institutet, and Xinnian Dong, who was named one of "The World's Most Influential Scientific Minds 2015". Additionally, we are very pleased to complement our academic session with a "profit and nonprofit session", where outstanding scientists will give us insight into their current work and career path. Among them is our featured guest, Ellen Jorgensen, who was named one of the "Most Creative Business Leaders of 2017".

Moreover, CEWIS is a platform for graduate students of both genders providing the opportunity to present their work on posters. If you wish to attend, you can now register online free of charge. We encourage you to submit an abstract for a poster to actively interact with our speakers and other participants. There will be prizes for the best posters. Please send in your abstract by <u>August 31th 2017</u>. Additionally, you could also participate to win the best research paper award by sending in your publication at cewis-2017@uni-koeln.de.

For further information on our symposium, please visit http://cewis.uni-koeln.de.

Please share this information with colleagues at your institute and other interested scientists. We look forward to seeing you at the symposium.

Yours sincerely,

The organizing committee

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