

The Kavli Prize Week 2022 Norway's biggest science event

His Majesty King Harald of Norway will be presenting the prestigious Kavli Prize in Oslo Concert Hall on September 6th. As many as 18 Kavli Prize Laureates are visiting Norway to participate in the biggest science event of the year in Norway.

- Some of the world's leading scientists are coming to Norway to present their research, says Lise Øvreås, President of The Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters.

The initiative for the Kavli Prize originated from the Norwegian-American industry leader and philanthropist Fred Kavli (1927-2013), who wished to honour the world's best scientists within the fields of astrophysics, nanoscience and neuroscience.

- We honour the 2020 and the 2022 Kavli Prize Laureates for their transformative contributions to science and society. Their discoveries created entirely new fields, opened up new realms of scientific research and advanced science for the benefit of humankind, says Lise Øvreås, President of The Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters.

MUNCH: Interviews with the Laureates

The Laureates will be the stars in a series of events in Oslo and Trondheim. Monday September 5th they will be interviewed by BBC profile Vivienne Parry (UK) and science journalist Danielle George (UK). The interviews will take place at the Munch Museum, dedicated to famous Norwegian artist Edvard Munch.

Science stars

His Majesty King Harald will be presenting the Kavli Prize Award in Oslo Concert Hall Tuesday September 6th. The Norwegian presenter and director Gry Molvær Hivju will together with BBC's Jim Al-Khalili (UK) be Master of Ceremony during the show.

Norwegian artist Sondre Lerche, iris, and the trio of the Kraggerud siblings; Alma, Hector and Franz Serafin Kraggerud are performing during the award ceremony, in addition to the world music Sámi singer Mari Boine.

The Norwegian government is hosting an official banquet in Oslo city hall Tuesday evening. Host is Minister of Higher Education, Ola Borten Moe.

Also, 200 high school pupils from various schools will meet three top scientists in Oslo Concert Hall at the *Emerging talents* event. One of the scientists meeting the pupils will be Belgian astrophysicist Conny Aerts, who, along with two others, is the recipient of the 2022 Kavli Prize in astrophysics.

Science and celebrations

Three Kavli Prize symposiums will be held in the fields of astrophysics, nanoscience and neuroscience. British astrophysicist Andrew Fabian will be participating in the astrophysics symposium held in Oslo, among others.

The Kavli Prize Week continue in Trondheim with symposiums in both nanoscience and neuroscience. In Trondheim there will also be a popular science event, where science journalists Unni Eikeseth and Nancy Bazilchuk will be interviewing the Laureates.

About the Kavli Prize

- The 2022 Kavli Prize week is largest science event of the year in Norway.
- The 2020 and 2022 Kavli Prize Laureates are coming to Norway in the first week of September.
- The Kavli Prize is a cooperative effort between three parts: The Kavli Foundation, the Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research, and the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters.
- The Kavli Prize is presented biennially.
- The Kavli Prize consists of a golden medal and a diploma. The prize money is three million US dollars, distributed equally between each field – one million for each.

About Fred Kavli

- The initiative for the Kavli Prize came from Norwegian-American physicist, business magnate, innovator and philanthropist Fred Kavli (1927-2013). He was born in Eresfjord in Møre og Romsdal county. He received his degree in physics in Norway, before emigrating to the US. There he established the Kavli Corporation, supplying parts for automotive, aeronautical and industrial applications.
- Fred Kavli wished to support research within the fields of astrophysics, nanoscience and neuroscience.
- Fred Kavli said: “The Kavli Prizes are awarded in three areas: astrophysics, nanoscience and neuroscience – the largest, the smallest, and the most complex. I believe these prizes are in the most exciting fields for the twenty-first century and beyond.”