**AAAS-TWAS Course on Science Diplomacy**

ICTP, Adriatico Guesthouse, Giambiagi Lecture Hall

20-24 August 2018

Trieste, Italy

*Draft Agenda as of July 30, 2018*

Course tracks:

History and conceptual frameworks of science diplomacy

Contemporary approaches and examples

Case studies and simulation exercises

Skills and career development

Participants’ experiences and networking

Monday August 20

**14:00** *Registration opens* (AGH, lower level 1)

**16:00**  *Welcome*

**Romain Murenzi,** Executive Director, The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS)

**Mahlet Mesfin**, Deputy Director, Center for Science Diplomacy, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)

**Ernesto Fernández-Polcuch**, Chief of Section, Science Policy and Partnerships, United Nationals Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

**Alessia Rosolen,** Regional Councillor for Employment, Education and Training, Research, University and Family Affairs**,** Regione Autonoma Friuli Venezia Giulia

**16:30** *Introductions*

**17:00** *Keynote address*

Training the Next Generation of Science Diplomats to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals

**Nikhil Seth**, Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)

**18:30** *Opening reception* (AGH Cafeteria)

**20:00** *Speakers’dinner* (Hotel Riviera terrace)

Tuesday August 21

**9:00** *Setting the scene*

Reflections on the “Science Diplomacy: An Introduction” online course

Overview of science diplomacy frameworks, mechanisms, strategies and actors

**Marga Gual Soler**, Senior Project Director, Center for Science Diplomacy, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)

**10:30** *Coffee/tea break*

**11:00** Science Diplomacy in the Global South

**Peter McGrath** - TWAS

**12:00** *Lunch* (AGH Cafeteria)

**13:30** Introduction to Global Health Diplomacy

**Michaela Told,** Executive Director, Global Health Centre, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva

**14:30**  *Coffee/tea break*

**15:00** Role-play simulation negotiation (title TBD)

**Michaela Told,** Executive Director, Global Health Centre, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva

**16:30** *End of day reflection*

**17:00** *Break*

**19:30** *Dinner* (AGH Cafeteria)

**TWAS Documentary “Science in Exile”,** introduced by producer Edward Lempinen, TWAS public information officer

Wednesday August 22

**9:00**CERN, where Scientific Research may meet Science Diplomacy

**Maurizio Bona**, Senior Advisor, Relations with Parliaments and Science for Policy, CERN - European Organization for Nuclear Research

**10:30** *Coffee/tea break*

**11:00** Science Diplomacy in the Multilateral System: a UNESCO Perspective

**Ernesto Fernández-Polcuch**, Chief of Section, Science Policy and Partnerships, UNESCO

**12:00** *Lunch* (AGH Cafeteria)

**13:00** Science Advice in Foreign Ministries: How to Negotiate a Place for Science and Win

**Frances Colón,** CEO, Jasperi Consulting, and Former Deputy Science and Technology Adviser to the U.S. Secretary of State

**14:30** *Coffee/tea break*

**15:00**Science Cooperation Under Political Strain

Environmental Diplomacy in the Middle East

**Giulia Giordano,** EcoPeace Middle East

Studying volcanoes in challenging places

**James Hammond**, Birkbeck, University of London

**16:30** *End of day reflection*

**17:00** *Break*

**19:00** *Dinner: ‘free night’* (i.e. participants can eat at downtown restaurants at their own expense)

Thursday August 23

**9:00** Improvisation for Leadership, Negotiation and Science Communication

**Boyd Branch,** The Improvisational Media and Performance Lab, University of Kent

**11:00** *Coffee/tea break*

**11:30** Science Diplomacy and the UN Decade for Ocean Science for Sustainable Development 2021-2030

**Jan Stefan Fritz,** Managing Director of the German Marine Research Consortium (KDM)

**12:30** *Lunch* (AGH Cafeteria)

**14:00** Introduction to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons(OPCW)

**Alastair Hay,** Professor of Environmental Toxicology, Leeds University

**15:00** *Coffee/tea break*

**15:15** Novichok Poisonings: What Role Should Scientists Play ?

**Alastair Hay,** Professor of Environmental Toxicology, Leeds University

**16:45** *End of day reflection*

**17:00** *Break*

**19:00** *Official**Dinner* (Restaurant Tavernetta)

Friday August 24

**9:00** Careers in Science Diplomacy

**Melania Guerra:** Nippon Fellow at the United Nations Division of Ocean Affairs and Law of the Sea

**Frances Colón,** CEO, Jasperi Consulting, and Former Deputy Science and Technology Adviser to the U.S. Secretary of State

**10:30** *Coffee/tea break*

**11:00** Course debrief, evaluation and engagement opportunities with TWAS and AAAS

**Marga Gual Soler** – AAAS

**Peter McGrath** - TWAS

**12:30** *Presentation of certificates and closing*

**13:00** *Farewell lunch* (AGH Cafeteria)

**End of course**

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