

“Science at six o’clock”: happy hours and chats between researchers and citizens

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The science popularization events promoted by the Autonomous Province of Trento are back. Six meetings scheduled at MUSE-Museum of Sciences starting from Wednesday, March 21 at 6 pm to talk about current issues with researchers from the University of Trento, MUSE, Edmund Mach Foundation and Fondazione Bruno Kessler

A series of informal meetings between researchers and the public to discuss together on important current scientific topics. This is the spirit of “Science at 6 o’clock”, the new series of science happy hours that will feature researchers and communicators from the University of Trento, MUSE-Museum of Science, Mach Foundation and Kessler Foundation, with the coordination of the Autonomous Province of Trento. This year the initiative was organized by the four post-doc researchers winners of the call by the Autonomous Province of Trento entitled “The STAR communicators of science”. The six scheduled events will be held between March and June at the MUSE café, starting at 6 pm.

The aim is to provide a “horizontal” discussion space between citizens and researchers, which should go beyond the classical “conference” scheme in which the speaker gives a presentation and then answers questions from the public. To underline the informal and relaxed nature of the initiative, all participants will be offered refreshments to be consumed during the meeting.

The meetings will revolve around topics of great relevance and interest, particularly in the local context of Trentino, with tangible impact on the day-to-day life of citizens.

We will kick off Wednesday, **March 21**, talking about glyphosate, starting from recent decisions of the European Union that has renewed the authorization to use it for the next 5 years: speakers include Emanuela Bozzini (University of Trento) and Ilaria Pertot (Mach Foundation and University of Trento). On **March 28**, it will be the turn of “Grasshoppers for dinner?”, with Omar Rota Stabelli (Mach Foundation) and Gianfranco Anfora (University of Trento and Mach Foundation), who will address the arrival of insects on our tables, as an alternative to the foods traditionally consumed.

On **April 11**, the focus will shift to sustainable mobility, with Annapaola Marconi from Fondazione Bruno Kessler and David Tombolato from MUSE. On **May 9**, the floor to “Would you let a robot treat you?”, in which Carlo Casonato (University of Trento) and Giuseppe Jurman (Kessler Foundation) will discuss the ethical and technological aspects of artificial intelligence applied to medicine.

The last two events, on **May 28** and **June 6**, will be dedicated to the monitoring of mammals in the Alps (with Francesca Cagnacci from the Mach Foundation, Amy Murphy from the Kessler Foundation, and Simone Tenan from MUSE), and to climate change, with particular reference to Trentino (with Emanuele Eccel from the Mach Foundation and Valeria Lencioni from MUSE).

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