AINSE Scholar attends Lindau 2009

David Jacques, holder of an AINSE postgraduate research award, attended the prestigious 2009 Lindau Meeting of Nobel Laureates in Germany.

Lindau Meetings

Each year, hundreds of young researchers from around the world meet with Nobel Prize winning scientists on Lindau Island in Germany. The goal of the Lindau Meetings is to educate, inspire and connect scientists across generations. The 2009 meeting – the 19th meeting dedicated specifically to chemistry and the 59th meeting in the series – was attended by 23 Nobel Laureates and almost 600 students and young researchers from 67 different countries. AINSE Scholar David Jacques attended this year’s meeting.

Since 1951, groups of young scientists and Nobel Prize recipients have come together on the island of Lindau for a unique kind of scientific conference. Rather than simply offering a venue for the dissemination and discussion of recent results, the aim at Lindau is quite different. The goal is to motivate and inspire the best of the younger generation of researchers by immersing them in a comprehensive scientific and social program with Nobel Laureates.

This year, the assembled dignitaries and young researchers were treated to short 35 minute morning lectures from a handful of Nobel Laureates. The afternoons and evenings were filled with much more informal interactions including lunches, smaller group discussions, dinners, a concert and a traditional Bavarian get-together. In the afternoon discussions, small groups of students got a Nobel Laureate to themselves for a couple of hours for a question and answer session.

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