

20th Annual AUSTRIAN RESEARCH AND INNOVATION TALK 2023, L.A. “Meeting Challenges of the 21st Century”, 7 October 2023

Location	Biltmore Bowl, Millennium Biltmore Hotel, 506 S Grand Ave., L.A.
Moderator	Dietrich HAUBENBERGER, President, ASciNA
08:30 - 09:30	Registration and Networking with Refreshments
09:30 - 09:45	Welcome to ARIT and Opening Remarks Petra SCHNEEBAUER, Austrian Ambassador to the USA Dietrich HAUBENBERGER, President, ASciNA
09:45 - 10:00	Minister’s Address Martin POLASCHEK, Minister of Education, Science and Research
10:00 - 10:10	News from Austria Barbara WEITGRUBER, Director General for Scientific Research and International Relations, Ministry of Education, Science and Research
10:10 - 10:40	Presentation of Opportunities for Cooperation with Austria Austrian Academy of Sciences – OeAW Austria’s Agency for Education and Internationalisation – OeAD Austrian Business Agency – ABA Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation Austrian Research Promotion Agency – FFG Austrian Science Fund – FWF Austrian Wirtschaftsservice – aws Fulbright Austria
10:40 - 11:25	ASciNA-Award Ceremony and Presentation Moderator: Barbara WEITGRUBER, DG for Scientific Research and International Relations, Ministry of Education, Science and Research Martin POLASCHEK, Minister of Education, Science and Research Christof GATTRINGER, President, FWF Dietrich HAUBENBERGER, President, ASciNA Alexandra LIEBEN, Vice President, ASciNA
11:25 - 11:55	Break

- 11:55 - 12:15** **Keynote: “Apocaloptimism – Opportunities and Challenges of AI”**
Sonja SCHMER-GALUNDER, Principal Research Scientist, Smart Information Flow Technologies, San Francisco Bay Area
- 12:15 - 13:30** **Panel Discussion I: “Science Fiction? Exploring New Technologies”**
Julius BERNER, Postdoctoral Researcher, Anima AI Science Lab, Caltech, L.A.
Julia KOERNER, Creative Director JK3D, Assoc. Adjunct Prof. UCLA, L.A.
Markus KURTZ, Vice President of Animation Technology, DNEG, L.A.
Stefan SCHERER, AI Research Science, Meta and at USC, L.A.

Moderator and Discussant: Doris BERGER, VP, Curatorial Affairs, Academy Museum of Motion Pictures, L.A.

Q&A
- 13:30 - 14:45** **Networking Lunch and Poster Session**

Introduction to Research Poster Presentations
by Dietrich HAUBENBERGER, President, ASciNA
- 14:45 - 15:30** **A Conversation: “Shaping Ideas, Influencing an Audience”**
Paul HASLINGER, Musician and Film Composer, L.A.
Andrea LENARDIN MADDEN, Architect, L.A.
Alexa SEKYRA, Head of the Scholars Program, Getty Research Institute L.A.

Moderator and Discussant: Thomas MIKUSZ, President, White Bear Public Relations, L.A.

Q&A
- 15:30 - 16:30** **Panel Discussion II: “Research and Development: Science Responds to Global Crises”**
Patricia BUBNER, CEO & Founder, Orbillion Bio, San Francisco
Florian KRAMMER, Virologist, Icahn School of Medicine, Mount Sinai, NY
Kevin SCHWARZWALD, PhD Student, Columbia Climate School, NY

Moderator: Christine MARIZZI, Director of Community Science, BioBus, NY

Q&A
- 16:30 - 16:45** **Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation Poster Awards Ceremony**
Wolfgang PETRITSCH, President, Austria Marshall Plan Foundation
Christof GATTRINGER, President, FWF
Christine MARIZZI, Director of Community Science, BioBus, NY
- 16:45 – 17:00** **Conclusion of ARIT 2023**
Michael POSTL, Consul General, Austrian Consulate General, Los Angeles
Dietrich HAUBENBERGER, President, ASciNA

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Location 4th Floor Terrace, Hotel Indigo Los Angeles Downtown, 899 Francisco St., L.A.

18:30 – 18:45 **Welcome Address**
Martin POLASCHEK, Minister for Education, Science and Research
Dietrich HAUBENBERGER, President ASciNA

18:45 – 21:30 **Networking Reception**