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The popular EURAXESS Science Slam 2015 has officially kicked off in six regions across the globe. Already in its 3rd installment, the annual science communication competition of the EU-funded EURAXESS Links network takes place this autumn in ASEAN, Brazil, China, India, Japan, and North America. The lucky winners of the event will travel to Europe for the unique chance to network with research peers at one of Europe's top research institutes.

The EURAXESS Science Slam offers a platform for young research talent to showcase their work outside of the formal constraints of a research lab or classroom. The finalists will be judged on the basis of their ability to capture the audiences' attention with a precise, accessible and original introduction to their research topic.

The competition is open to researchers of any nationality and academic discipline. Contenders do, however, have to be actively involved in formal research activities in any of the six EURAXESS Links hubs.

Each EURAXESS Links hub will host a live final to crown their respective champion. The six winners will win a trip to Europe for the chance to network with researchers at any research institute in the European Union.

Previous winners of the competition include M. Kurtis Baute, a Master student at University of Guelph Ridgetown Campus, working on the subject of "Biomass for Biogas". He won the title EURAXESS Science Slam Winner North America 2014. Says the environmental young scientist Mr Baute, "There is no better way to share your science with the world than through the EURAXESS Science Slam. It is an absolute blast!"

About the EURAXESS Science Slam North America

EURAXESS Links North America is partnering with the Northwestern University Postdoctoral Forum, the University of Chicago Division of Biological Sciences Postdoctoral Association, and the UChicagoGRAD in the organization of the live finals in Chicago on 19 October 2015.

All information on the EURAXESS Science Slam North America 2015 is published on our <u>website</u>.

About EURAXESS - Researchers in Motion

<u>EURAXESS - Researchers in Motion</u> is a joint initiative of the European Commission and the countries participating in the European Union's Framework Programme for Research and Innovation <u>Horizon 2020</u>.

The initiative provides access to a complete range of information and support services for European and international researchers wishing to pursue research careers in Europe or planning to working with research partners in Europe.

EURAXESS offers access to the job market, assists researchers in advancing their careers in any of the 40 European countries that are part of EURAXESS, and supports research organisations in their search for outstanding research talent.

Images attached:

Image 1: Finalists of the EURAXESS Science Slam North America 2013 held in Washington DC

Image 2: M. Kurtis Baute, winner of the EURAXESS Science Slam North America 2014

Image 3: The winners of the EURAXESS Science Slam ASEAN, Brazil, China, India, Japan and North America during their winning trip to Europe

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