



13th ZÜRICH FILM FESTIVAL

September 28 – October 8, 2017

Media Release

Eye On Science at ZFF

Exhibition, films and talks centred on research

„Making science accessible to everybody“

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The Eye On Science, Life Science Zurich Society – a joint project between the University of Zurich and the ETH Zurich – and the Swiss National Science Foundation work together at the Zurich Film Festival to build a bridge between research and film. There will be three talks and a scientific exhibition at this year's ZFF.

Education and science are the driving forces behind innovation and progress, understanding and a secure future. "It is important to bring the research being carried out in Switzerland closer to the general public," says Andreas Rüppel, President of Eye On Science (EOS). "It is also a question of activating all the senses with new visual formats, thus providing people with easier access to research and science."

A pilot project comprising three talks based on three competition films took place at last year's ZFF. EOS's commitment will be further enhanced this year through the exhibition 'Framing [Science]' at the Folium Sihlcity, which shows a series of photographs and illustrations that reveals what the naked eye cannot usually see.

„We are delighted to have found such a renowned film partner in the Zurich Film Festival, and are convinced that combining the worlds of science and film will benefit both parties," continued Rüppel. The first talk 'Science, Research and Film' focuses specifically on this subject. Films arouse emotions, science provides clarity and understanding, but what impact does science have on the film world? And how does science profit from the film industry?

Aids and climate change

The EOS also organises two talks based on films in the ZFF's programme. 'AIDS: Between Death, Normality and Healing' deals with the topics raised in the film 120 BATTEMENTS PAR MINUTE. Where do we stand today on the subject of AIDS? How do you deal with a HIV positive diagnosis? And what therapies are currently available?

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The ‚Heated Debate on Climate Change‘ talk takes Al Gore’s AN INCONVENIENT SEQUEL: TRUTH TO POWER as its basis. Are we really on the verge of an energy revolution? How long will it be before there are no more glaciers in Switzerland? And what influence does the climate have on our life and health? Experts clarify and explain where climate research interests are focussed.

ZFF-Talk 1:

‚Science, Research and Film‘

Saturday, September 30, 17.30-18.30, Folium Sihlcity

ZFF-Talk 2:

‚AIDS: Between Death Normality and Healing‘ with the film 120 BATTEMENTS PAR MINUTE as its basis.

Tuesday, October 3, 16.00-17.00, Festival Centre

ZFF-Talk 3:

‚Heated Debate on Climate Change‘ with the film AN INCONVENIENT SEQUEL: TRUTH TO POWER as its basis.

Friday, October 6, 16.00-17.00, Festival Centre

Exhibition: Framing [Science]

Scientific Image Exhibition, Folium Sihlcity

Vernissage/Talk: Saturday, 30.9., 17.00-20.00

Opening hours: Sunday, 1.10., 15.00-18.00

Opening hours: Monday, 2.10. bis Samstag, 7.10., 11.00-14.00

Entry to the talks and the exhibition is free of charge.

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