

ROBERT BOSCH STIFTUNG FUNDS THE ATTENDANCE OF TWO FABIANS AT ESOF16



FABlans Danielle Roodt and Dr Gudrun Dittrich-Schröder were among 45 African scientists awarded travel grants by the Robert Bosch Stiftung to attend the EuroScience Open Forum (ESOF). This biennial event is Europe's largest conference on science and innovation and was held in Manchester, United Kingdom, from 24-27 July. ESOF provides a platform for individuals from the disciplines of science, humanities and social

sciences to engage, share ideas on the latest advances and to network.

ESOF16 had more than 150 sessions, 700 speakers and was attended by approximately 4500 individuals from more than 90 countries. More than 400 of these attendees were science journalists and science communicators. It is fitting that the city should host the event as it is the 2016 European City of Science and boasts more than 25 resident Nobel Laureates. Talks at ESOF16 were divided into seven categories; Science, Science to Business, Careers, Plenary, Keynote and Topical, Hot Science and Responsible Research and Innovation.

Emerging researchers including the two FABlans, had the opportunity to enjoy lunch with a distinguished scientist in the session "Pi(e) with the Prof". The conference closed with a ceremony highlighting events of the meeting. The ESOF18 team, who will host in Toulouse, France, in two years, introduced their city and university and unveiled the event logo. Danielle and Gudrun are grateful to the Robert Bosch Stiftung for making their participation at this event possible.