Press release

The 2024 CERN-SOLVAY student camp kicks off in May

The immersive residential camp seeks to nurture the future leaders of STEM fields by delving into the forefront of scientific exploration and innovation.

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Solvay and CERN proudly announce the launch of the first CERN-Solvay student camp for 2024, a significant step in their joint mission to cultivate the next generation of STEM leaders. Taking place from May 26 to June 1, 2024, in Geneva, this immersive residential camp offers high school students aged 16 and above a chance to explore the forefront of scientific discovery and innovation. It provides a unique opportunity to delve into the captivating world of science, delving into the groundbreaking research conducted at CERN, the European Laboratory for Particle Physics.

Throughout the week-long camp, the 29 international students (16 women, 13 men) from 32 different nationalities will participate in a diverse range of activities designed to stimulate curiosity and deepen understanding. From hands-on experiments and exclusive tours of CERN's state-of-the-art facilities to enlightening lectures by STEM experts and collaborative research projects guided by CERN physicists and engineers, the camp offers a comprehensive immersion into the world of science. Students will also explore Solvay's activities, including a lecture on bio-circular silica innovation and a Q&A on STEM careers at Solvay.

"We are thrilled to launch the second CERN-Solvay Student Camp, offering aspiring young scientists a unique opportunity to delve into the exciting world of STEM at CERN," said Mark Van Bijsterveld, Chief People Officer at Solvay. "These camps serve as a beacon for inspiring the next generation of leaders and igniting a lifelong love for discovery and innovation."

"The CERN-Solvay student camps embody CERN's commitment to training tomorrow’s scientists and engineers, and thus fostering a global community that is passionate about pushing the boundaries of knowledge and technology”, remarked Charlotte Warakaulle, CERN’s Director for International Relations. “We are therefore very much looking forward to welcoming to CERN the students of the second CERN-Solvay student camp”.

The CERN-Solvay student camps are integral to the three-year partnership program between Solvay and CERN, as well as Solvay's corporate citizenship program supporting global STEM education. Held biannually in May and October, these camps emphasize the partners' commitment to advancing STEM education globally, while equipping students with scientific knowledge to address sustainability and societal challenges, thus fostering innovation for the common good.

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Solvay's DNA is rooted in partnering with esteemed institutions like CERN to advance scientific progress, highlighting the importance of international collaboration, innovation, research, and technology in tackling complex challenges and driving progress.

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