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EuroScience Open Forum (ESOF) is the largest interdisciplinary science and science policy conference in Europe. The conference is a biannual event held in changing European cities. The Danish Ministry of Higher Education and Science was the host for the sixth edition of ESOF at the Carlsberg City District in Copenhagen the 21-26 June 2014.

ESOF is the most important forum for an open dialogue between the scientific society, organisations, politicians, citizens and companies about shaping the future role of society and science in solving global challenges. More than 4.000 delegates from 87 countries participated in ESOF2014.

The headline for ESOF2014 was Science Building Bridges. In this respect, the ambition for ESOF2014 was to build bridge between science and all corners of society; between the private and public sector; between science and media; between Europe and the rest of the world. This is in line with the vision of raising public awareness of science and to strengthen the effective 'bridges' between science and society that are synonymous with EuroScience Open Forum. The ambition characterised the scientific programme where eight societal challenges united the delegates in debate across different scientific disciplines. In total the ESOF2014 programme included 120 sessions which gave way for high quality dialogues.

There has been a tireless effort from sponsors and partners to support the creation of ESOF2014. The support to ESOF2014, from both Danish and European science environments, has contributed to many interesting suggestions of how to create an inspiring programme with many themes that will enhance dialogue across scientific disciplines.

The ambitious science festival *Science in the City* was held alongside the conference. At the Festival you could get your head 3D-scanned for the benefit of the development of tomorrows advanced hearing aids, learn about beer brewing, and children could learn about health and medicine at the teddy bear hospital. The activities provided citizens with the opportunity to get an insight in the world of science, and not least, science's impact on citizens' everyday life.

Indeed ESOF2014 promoted dialogue, supported a spirit of collaboration and joint efforts, and stimulated and inspired public interest, excitement and debate about science and innovation across scientific domains, fields, institutions and geographies in Europe and the rest of the world.

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