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15th Dialogue on Science – ‘At the Limit’ – opened

Who decides where to draw the borders?

Mankind continually keeps pushing the limits. But who determines where these boundaries lie? And where would mankind be if these borders had never been crossed?

At Academia Engelberg Foundation's 15th Dialogue on Science, experts will use historical, medical, philosophical, legal, and biological limits as examples for illustrating the dilemma in an interdisciplinary and intergenerational fashion.

After a glance at geographic borders, a first segment will reflect man's life, from fertilization to death. The technical boundaries in IT, micromechanics, and time measurement will be the topics of the second segment. In the third segment, the limits of resources and of work will be examined, and the fourth segment will address the boundaries of space, language, and political entities. Once again, 20 young scientists were given the chance to prepare for the Congress at the 2016 Summer School. They will bring their view of the limits in decision-making, artificial intelligence, and the 'now' to the discussion at the second morning session.

At Academia Engelberg Foundation's 15th Dialogue on Science, 120 attendees and 23 speakers will exchange information on limits of various kinds, network, and develop new proposals for dealing with the crossing of boundaries.

For further information: **Academia Engelberg Foundation's 15th Dialogue on Science, October 12 to 14, 2016 in Engelberg, Canton of Obwalden, Switzerland,** www.academia-engelberg.ch

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Note to members of the media: you may also participate in individual conference segments or conduct interviews with the speakers. [The complete program can be found here](#). Please contact us by phone at +41-79-211 10 44. [Pictures from and information on the 15th Dialogue on Science are continually available here.](#)

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