Dear doctoral students,

Lund University External Relations and Lund’s Doctoral Student Union (LDK) encourage all interested doctoral students in the second half of their studies to take part in this year’s **U21 Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) competition**.

Lund University, as part of the global network Universitas 21, is participating in the 2017 3MT® Competition. This is an excellent opportunity to practice sharing your research findings with others and to have the chance to compete internationally and win a stipend!

Live presentations will be given by the participating doctoral students, with just one slide, in 3 minutes or less. A jury will select the winner of Lund University’s competition.

**Registration deadline: September 4th**

Event: **Saturday, 23rd September at 13.00**

Place: **Palaestra auditorium, Lund**

Prizes for the winner, the runner up and People’s Choice! The winner will also receive personalized coaching and his/her presentation will be professionally video-taped and sent on to the international competition.

More information about the 3MT® competition can be found at: [http://threeminutethesis.org/](http://threeminutethesis.org/)

Interested in taking part? Send an email to Ulrika Qvist Mathiesen, External Relations, at [Ulrika.qvist_mathiesen@er.lu.se](mailto:Ulrika.qvist_mathiesen@er.lu.se). Use the subject title “Registration for 3MT”. Your registration should contain the following information:

- name
- personal ID number
- field of studies
- topic of your presentation, and a short summary (max 50 words)
- department
- number of completed years of PhD studies.

We offer all registered participants **a workshop on how to present a complex topic in a short period of time**, prior to the competition.

Do you have a colleague who you think would be great at this? Encourage them to take part! Sometimes we all need a little encouragement to put ourselves out there!

The competition is organized into two parts:

1. **Local competitions** take place (in-person presentations) at U21 universities around the world.
2. The video of the winning presentation from each local competition then goes on to compete in the **international competition**. The winner of the international competition will receive a travel grant to contribute to a research-focused visit to a U21 member university.
To see example presentations go to: http://www.u213mt.com/u21_3MT_vidz.php

I can whole-heartedly recommend taking part in 3MT! It was a fantastic opportunity to engage with the public - I was honestly surprised by the curiosity and excitement people had for my science, and it gave me a real boost of motivation to keep working on it. And what is more - it was great to meet the other participants, which came from many different faculties at Lund University, and share this exciting experience with them.

-- Anna Stöckl, participant 2015

I truly recommend taking part in the 3MT! It was one of the best experiences I had so far to present my research. The 3MT makes you to challenge yourself in a fun and exciting way, after all, it is not every day that you get the chance to communicate your research shortly, precisely, and to a curious and varied audience. Yet there is a lot to explore within 3 minutes! More than that, this competition is a winning experience to all participants: you become more confident to talk to a broad public, you create interest for your results, you get the chance to learn from other participants’ research, and you develop your communicating skills in a friendly environment.

-- Giana Lorenzini, LU winner 2016

3MT participants 2016 (photo: Anna Stöckl)

We hope you will consider taking part in the event!

Sincerely,

Lund University External Relations and
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