

# **PRESS RELEASE**

## **SCIENCE DAYS PALESTINE 2019**

**Can science be truly fun? Since 2013, Science Days Palestine has demonstrated in its annual festival days that scientific issues can be accessible and entertaining. On 19<sup>th</sup> October 2019, Science Days Palestine will launch its seventh edition with an Opening Event at the Ottoman Court in Ramallah.**

This year's edition of Science Days Palestine takes the 250 Year Anniversary of Alexander von Humboldt as an occasion to highlight the relevance of environmentalism, climate change and sustainability. Inspired by his conception of nature as an interconnected living web, and the idea that harm caused in one place, always has implications elsewhere and for the whole, the Festival this year will work with the public towards deepening understanding and respect of the nature as a system in which we ourselves are an inseparable part. These ideas will be manifested through hands on activities, film screening, lectures and workshops, and will take place in several cities and villages all over Palestine. Science Days Palestine is the only science-themed festival on site. In 2018, around 26,600 visitors joined the festival's rich educational program.

### **LONG-STANDING PARTNERSHIP**

This year, Science Days Palestine goes into its seventh edition and is co-organized by the Goethe-Institut Ramallah, the A. M. Qattan Foundation, the Institut Francais Jerusalem, Al Nayzak Foundation and Ramallah Municipality in a long-standing cooperation with other valued partners including Cooperation with the Ministry of Education, local communities, community organizations and schools.

### **PART OF GLOBAL FESTIVITIES**

Science Days Palestine hosts the international Science Film Festival for the seventh year. It is a celebration of science communication where Palestine joins Southeast Asia, South Asia, Africa, other countries from the Middle East and Latin America in film screening with accompanying educational activities. The organizers of the Science Days Palestine aim at promoting science literacy in the Palestinian community, raise its capacity towards learning and using science, promote awareness of contemporary scientific, environmental and technological issues, foster creativity and make links between scientific questions and societal stakes.

The Opening Event of this year's Science Days Palestine will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at the Ottoman Court in Ramallah with a three-day extended program. The whole program of the festival educational activities will be announced soon. The program will extend over a period of one month and end on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November 2019.

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