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The Wilhelm and Else Heraeus Foundation is a private institution that supports scientific research and education with an emphasis on physics.



It was established in 1963 by Dr. Wilhelm Heinrich Heraeus (1900–1985) and his wife Else Heraeus (1903–1987). Wilhelm Heraeus was a grandson of the founder of the W.C. Heraeus GmbH in Hanau near Frankfurt/Main (today: Heraeus Holding GmbH). After gaining his PhD in physics at Frankfurt University in 1923, Wilhelm Heraeus entered the family business and was appointed R&D manager. Later on he became the managing director and a member of the board of directors.

Since the 1970s, the foundation has been working closely with the German Physical Society (DPG). The Wilhelm and Else Heraeus Foundation is Germany's most important private institution funding physics.

MISSION STATEMENT

SCIENCE IS MADE
BY PEOPLE Werner Heisenberg

We organize and fund events at which scientists share their research results. We enable tomorrow's researchers to take their first steps in science, whether at school or at university. The focus is on physics and interdisciplinary frontiers.

Our goal is also to promote exchange between science, industry and society and to make clear how strongly physics contributes to shaping the future – because science is made by people for people.

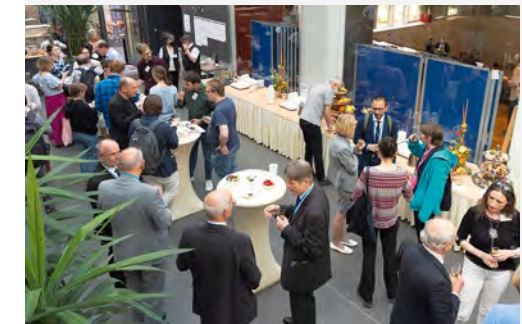


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In this field of activity, we organize and fund a variety of events dedicated to the discussion of research results and the training of young scientists.

Organizing **WE-Heraeus Seminars** is the most important and oldest funding activity of the foundation. The topics cover cutting-edge research in both physics and neighbouring fields. Trademark of these meetings is an informal atmosphere with plenty of opportunities for personal contacts. The conference venue is usually the physics centre ("Physikzentrum") in Bad Honnef.



The aim of **binational WE-Heraeus Seminars** is in particular to strengthen existing cooperation between a partner country worldwide and Germany or to initiate new ones. An application must be submitted by at least one scientist from Germany and the partner country. The seminars can take place in the partner country or in Germany.

Another major activity of the foundation is organizing and funding **WE-Heraeus Physics Schools** and Bad Honnef Physics Schools. They in general cover recent areas of research, which are not yet covered in textbooks.



Group retreats in a mountain hut, for example, allow for intensive scientific discussion without time pressure, embedded in joint social activities.

The aim of the WE-Heraeus **Fast Track Workshops** is to discuss a particular hot and controversial topic in a small group and on a short time scale.



In addition, the Foundation also supports workshops and symposia on selected topics that do not fit into the series of established WE-Heraeus events described above.



Applications for these different types of events can be submitted to the biannual board meetings, with the exception of the Fast Track Workshops, for which applications can be submitted any time.

