

## **A Week of Science Extravaganza - the NSTF Science Week 2008**

All those inquisitive minds out there are bound to want to pop over to this highly educational spiced up event taking place between the 7<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> April 2008 at St. James Cavalier Centre for Creativity, Valletta. The National Student Travel Foundation (Malta) have made a name for themselves in the promotion of science and have this year once again developed a programme of events which should not be missed by old and young alike.

The NSTF Science Programme reaches its peak at this event, with original scientific research and technological projects produced by young people between the age of 11 and 21 exhibited during the week. Art works on a variety of themes dealing with Energy, Health, the Ocean and the Galaxies, by children between the ages of 8 and 10 will also be exhibited. Schools have been invited to attend with a tailor made programme being offered. The youngest of attendees will be participating in the NSTF-MCST Little Scientists Village held in collaboration with the Science Centre within the Department for Curriculum Management and E-learning. Interactive workshops ranging from the building of water rockets to pinhole cameras, will be put up by students from the MCAST Institute for Art and Design.

International participation is not lacking. Dr Mike and Wendy Gluyas who have for the past 16 years toured numerous countries and contributed to the public understanding of physics, have been invited by NSTF to put up their show "*Musical Squares – Adventures in Sound*" which will explore the many aspects of sound and hearing in the human and animal kingdoms.

The NSTF Malta Student Science Forum will come to an end with a Symposium, during which this year's NSTF Science Week will be officially launched, with the participation of Dr Lloyd Anderson who will be in Malta on the initiative of the British Council. Dr Anderson is the British Council's Director of Science, Engineering and Environment, based in London. He will be addressing both the MSSF and post-secondary students visiting the NSTF Science week on the topic "*Climate Change – Where and When?*"

Other participants include Malta Enterprise, the Institute of Energy Technology, the International Ocean Institute, Medecology, the Astronomical Society, Majjistral Park and the Health Promotion Department who will all be holding interactive lectures during the day. The event will come to an end with the Prize Award Ceremony of the various NSTF Science Programmes.

The NSTF Science Week 2008 is open to the general public free of charge during St. James Cavalier Centre for Creativity opening hours with most activities taking place in the mornings. NSTF would like to thank all those entities without whose help such an initiative would not be possible, namely Air Malta, the Malta Council for Science and Technology, British Council, the Malta Chamber of Scientists, the Science Centre within the Department for Curriculum Management and E-learning, MCAST Institute for Art Design, Agenda Bookshop, Water Services Corporation, St. James Cavalier and NSTS Student and Youth Travel.

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