

Evonik Future GameChangers Event: The Programme

Sept. 22nd 2016: 5pm - 9pm, Horta Art Nouveau Zaal
(Arrival and Networking from 5 pm, Programme from 6pm)

Welcome & Intro

by the Evonik / Creavis Foresight Team, Robert Stade, Head of Foresight Unit, and Björn Theis, Project Leader

Keynote „Gamechangers for the Next Decade: Insights from Future Agenda“

by Dr. Tim Jones, Founder and Head of Future Agenda

Future Agenda is the world's largest global open foresight programme and explores the key issues facing society over the next decade; in 2015, it ran 120 events in 40 countries discussing change across 25 topics. The keynote will highlight key insights on potential future GameChangers from this project.

Dinner & Networking

Sept. 23rd 2016: 9am - 4pm, Zuiderpershuis

Inspiration Opener: GameChanging Synergies - What Foresight Can Learn from the Arts

By Anders Kreuger, Head Curator of the MuHKA (Museum for Contemporary Art, Antwerp)

For anticipating GameChangers, new perspectives are needed. Anders Kreuger will speak about his initiative to bring the arts and foresight scenes and approaches closer together, what futurists can learn from the arts, and how this synergy might help in preparing for the future.

Welcome & Intro: The Evonik GameChangers Map

by the Evonik / Creavis Foresight Team, Robert Stade, Head of Foresight Unit, and Björn Theis, Project Leader

The Evonik / Creavis foresight team will introduce their approach for understanding and identifying GameChangers – and the map of GameChangers they see on the horizon.

Speed-(Up)Dating The GameChangers Map

Participants will meet (many!) others in a rapid speed-dating format, and together create additions to the Evonik GameChanger Map, bringing in their views and expertise.

Working Session 1: The GameChangers Collection

In small but highly interactive working groups, participants will discuss which GameChangers they see as possible and most important over the coming decades – looking at developments from and within society, technology, the economy, ecology and the natural environment, as well as policy and politics.

Lunch

Working Session 2: Reversed Perspectives: Identifying GameChangers with Serious Gaming

Utilizing approaches from serious gaming, we will switch perspectives and try to take the world - as we know it – apart, in order to identify blind spots in our previous discussion.

Reporting back from the Groups & **View of the Updated GameChanger Map**

Final Discussion & Farewell

About the Evonik Future GameChangers Event

Which GameChangers (events or developments that change the way the world works) can we expect and prepare for, or even bring about, for the future? On the basis of input on the future GameChangers landscape, we will discuss and together develop a “Map of Future Game-Changers”. The event is organized by the Evonik foresight team, who aim to improve their and the participants’ understanding of GameChangers, and to create more connections with and within the international community of forward-thinkers.

The event brings together a hand-selected group of participants (from policy to academia, NGOs and companies) who are experts and exceptional visionaries in foresight, change, trends and innovation. Thereby offering a unique opportunity to discuss less frequently sketched future perspectives with open-minded peers focused on shaping the future.

Participants will not only benefit from the discussions and connections with other experts, but also gain an insight into Evonik’s foresight approach and their work on GameChangers. All inputs to the event including the GameChangerMap as well as the full documentation of outcomes will be shared afterwards.

Costs: The event as such is free of charge, but the number of participants is limited. There is unfortunately no budget to cover participants’ travel and accommodation costs, but food and drinks are provided. Please take note of the separate info on travel and accommodation.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact either myself (cornelia.daheim@future-impacts.de) or Björn Theis at CREAMIS, Evonik (bjorn.theis@evonik.com), or Jessica Prendergast (prendergast@future-impacts.de) for organizational matters.

We look forward to seeing you in Antwerp!

