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Dear Professor Connerade,

On behalf of *Wissenschaft im Dialog* (Science in Dialogue) I congratulate Euroscience on the idea to organise the EuroScience Open Forum 2004 in Stockholm as the first pan-European General Meeting on the Sciences following the example of the Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

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*Wissenschaft im Dialog* and its individual partners would be delighted to help ESOF 2004 with the experience gathered over the last couple of years and to participate in the event. The Stifterverband has pledged to provide € 175.000 for German scientists who would like to organise an ESOF 2004 session or participate in other ways. One of our partners, the Max

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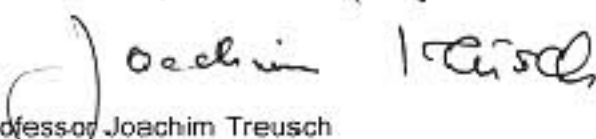
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Planck Society, is represented in the ESOF 2004 Advisory Board by its President, Prof. Dr. Peter Gruss. Dr. Ekkehard Winter, Stifterverband, is both on the Steering Committee of *Wissenschaft im Dialog* and ESOF 2004.

*Wissenschaft im Dialog* is not a top-down organisation. Therefore it expects that ESOF 2004 will also be organised bottom-up and will be open for all scientific organisations in Europe and participants from all walks of scientific life. Since ESOF 2004 is very much in line with the action plan "Science and Society", the European Commission should be able to provide substantial financial contributions without steering the event.

We look forward to the ESOF 2004 Call for Proposals early next year. The Call will be the basis to explore ways of cooperation between *Wissenschaft im Dialog* and ESOF 2004.

Yours sincerely,

  
Professor Joachim Treusch