

BRINGING GLOBAL SCIENCE TO LIFE

AT THE ANNUAL TRIESTENEXT SCIENCE FESTIVAL, TWAS JOINED WITH OTHER LOCAL SCIENCE CENTRES ON A PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION THAT SPANNED THE WORLD OF SCIENTISTS AT WORK

A photo shows two researchers from the Okavango Research Institute in Botswana stand in the muck of the Okavango Delta with a pair of fishing nets, one no bigger than a pool skimmer, the other big enough to fit a small shark. Scientists at the institute, which is dedicated to studying the delta, teach local people about how biodiversity is valuable for economic development, while the people share their traditional knowledge about fish and plants of the delta with the researchers.

This photo is one of nine provided by TWAS for a photo exhibit called 'Around The World in 80 Clicks'. The exhibit consisted of 80 photos from 10 Trieste science institutions, and TWAS provided nine photos for the exhibit, featuring scientists at work. Among



them were the 2012 TWAS Prize in Agricultural Sciences winner Dilfuza Egamberdieva of the National University of Uzbekistan in Tashkent, and 2011 TWAS Prize in Medical Sciences winner Alberto R. Kornblihtt of *Facultad de Ciencias Exactas y Naturales* of the University of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

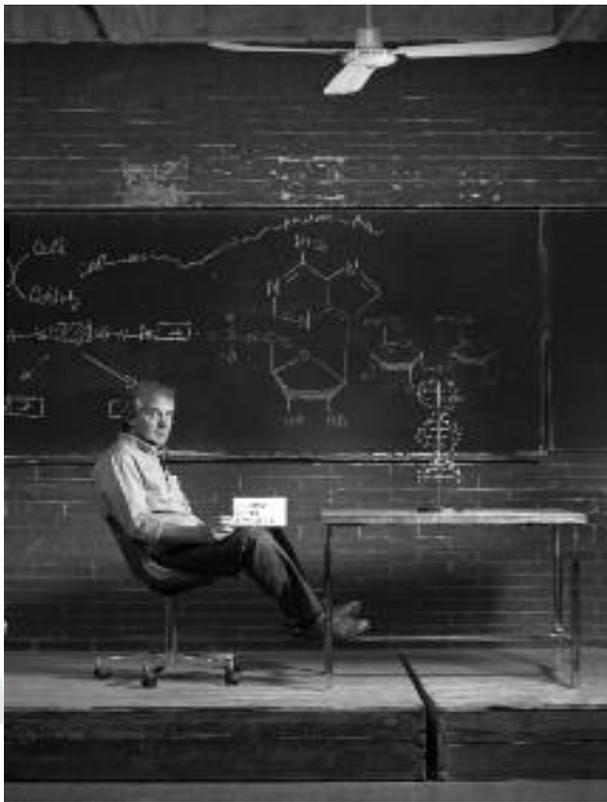
TWAS is one of several scientific organizations clustered in Trieste, Italy. As part of the 'Trieste System', the Academy participates in local events such as TriesteNext, which brings the public together with Trieste's scientific institutions every autumn. In 2013, TriesteNext featured 'Around The World in 80 Clicks' among other exhibits.

TWAS also screened its new documentary film, *Seeds of Science*, during TriesteNext on 27 September,



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Clockwise from top: Dilfuza Egamberdieva (left) of the National University of Uzbekistan; the Okavango Research Institute is dedicated to the study and conservation of the Okavango Delta, one of the world's largest and most intact wetland ecosystems; molecular biologist Alberto R. Kornblihtt of the University of Buenos Aires, Argentina.



coinciding with the Europe-wide event 'Researchers' Night' (*La Notte dei Ricercatori*). The documentary, by Italian filmmaker Nicole Leghissa, explores how TWAS prizewinners and grantees are transforming agriculture in Kenya (also see article on p. 44, 'The Human Face of TWAS in Africa').

Trieste has more than 30 research institutes and an unusually high density of researchers: more than 35



per 1,000 employees, compared to a European average of less than six. That figure, when paired with its strategic position in the centre of Europe, makes Trieste a global hub of science and innovation.

Other contributors to 'Around The World in 80 Clicks' were the Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics, *Elettra Sincrotrone Trieste*, *Istituto Nazionale di Oceanografia e di Geofisica Sperimentale*, The International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, the Italian Liver Foundation, the National Institute for Nuclear Physics, the Tartini Conservatory and the University of Trieste. ■

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