



PRESS RELEASE
ON THE STARMUS VI INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF
SCIENCE COMMUNICATION AND ART

Invited by the Minister of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of the Republic of Armenia the BSEC PERMIS Executive Manager Ambassador Ashot Kocharian participated in the STARMUS VI International Festival of Science Communication and Art under the title “50 Years on Mars” held on 5-10 September 2022 in Yerevan.

At the official opening ceremony held on 5 September 2022 the Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia H.E. Mr. Nikol Pashinyan stressed that the goals of the Festival coincide with the strategic vision of the Government of Armenia relating to development of science, research and technologies. He expressed his conviction that that the STARMUS VI Festival creates fertile ground for new generation of technological giants, startups and artists both in Armenia and in the region.

STARMUS Festival VI founded in 2011 brought together world-renowned scientists, astronauts and the brightest minds in science, technology and art on the same stage to collaborate and to enhance science communication through interdisciplinary cooperation. It included presentations and lectures by Nobel Price Laureates Edvard Moser (Neurophysicist), Donna Strickland (Physicist), Emmanuelle Charpentier (Microbiologist), Kurt Wuthrich (Chemist), Kip Thorne (Physicist), Michel Mayor (Astrophysicist), as well as Tony Fadell (ipod inventor, iphone co-inventor and Nest founder), Charlie Duke (Moonwalker, Apollo 16 Program), Diane Ackerman (Poet and naturalist), famous astrophysicists, astrobiologists, planetary scientists, physicists, climate change scientists, aerospace engineers. It offered also the Stephen Hawking Science Medal award ceremony, STARMUS Science Camp, workshops, concerts with participation of world-famous musicians, film screenings all around the city available freely to general public, lectures at the Universities and Educational centers of Armenia, stargazing party in Garni temple.

At the closing ceremony of the Festival which took place on 9 September 2022 the President of the Republic of Armenia H.E. Mr. Vahagn Khachaturyan underlined the importance of organization of the STARMUS Festival which is the source of inspiration for future scientists and innovators.