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## INVITATION

to

**Transatlantic Science Week 2009, September 27-30:**

## **DISCOVER-INNOVATE-COLLABORATE**

**The 8th Annual Conference for Transatlantic Collaboration  
in Education, Research and Innovation**

The Honorary Norwegian Consulate General in Minneapolis and the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Washington DC, in collaboration with the University of Minnesota, are pleased to invite you to Transatlantic Science Week 2009, September 27-30, 2009, in Minneapolis.

The Transatlantic Science Week provides a meeting place for **partnerships in research, innovation and higher education**. Research frontiers are international, and collaborative networks are essential in finding solutions in our global *fight for survival*. This 8<sup>th</sup> Science Forum takes us to Minneapolis, MN, and will present and promote collaborations between USA, Canada and Norway. It will also highlight the special ties between Norway and the Midwest through top speakers, young contributors and site visits to frontiers in research and innovation.

**To survive on this planet, science and innovation are necessary tools.** We need to develop **new energy concepts** and go beyond the hybrid car. We need **clean technologies** and **medical technologies**. We need new **knowledge** about biodiversity, resources and environment. We need **international partnerships** and **good policies**.

It is 200 years since Charles Darwin's birth, and 150 years since he published "On the Origin of Species". With this backdrop, Science Week 2009 will focus on knowledge, technology and innovation as important tools to survive and evolve the next hundred years and beyond. We must develop new technologies, and we must cooperate in international research and policy fora.

### **Dates and program overview :**

Sept 27: Evening, get together for speakers.

Sept 28: Opening plenaries, breakout sessions, a buffet dinner.

Sept 29: Seminars, breakout sessions, transatlantic match making and a special event.

Sept 30: Site visits and excursions to academic and industry venues in the Minneapolis area.

PROGRAM details and INFORMATION at: <http://www.norway.org/restech/scienceweek>

Sincerely,

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