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### **The first speakers of EuroNanoForum 2015 announced today**

EuroNanoForum 2015 has confirmed some of the foremost minds to lead the discussion in Riga, Latvia. With the theme being "Nanotechnology for European competitiveness", the speaker list offers a diverse range of topics for delegates to discuss, debate and learn about. Set for 10-12 June 2015, speakers' highlights include:

2014 European CTO of the Year **Gert-Jan Gruter**, of Netherlands-based SME Avantium, known for revolutionising the plastics market through his work on next generation bio-based polyesters for fibers films and bottles.

2014 Millennium Technology Prize Winner **Stuart Parkin**, Director at the Max Planck Institute of Microstructure Physics and an IBM Fellow. Parkin's groundbreaking discoveries, building on the work of European Nobel Laureates Albert Fert and Peter Grünberg, enabled a more than 1000-fold increase in the magnetic hard-disk-drive data-density contact.

**Meyya Meyyappan**, Chief Scientist for Exploration Technology at the Center for Nanotechnology, NASA Ames Research Center, who received an IEEE Pioneer Award in Nanotechnology in 2011 for carbon nanotube application development and leadership in nanotechnology and was also inducted into the Silicon Valley Engineering Council Hall of Fame.

Over the three days, a range of must-see talks will be delivered by the leading minds to complement vast opportunities for building partnerships and doing business, such as fully integrated Nanotech Europe 2015 exhibition, brokerage day, Latvian Saiets the gathering and more.

#### **About EuroNanoForum 2015**

EuroNanoForum 2015 takes place on 10-12th June 2015 in Riga, Latvia, under the auspices of the Latvian presidency of the European Union. The emphasis of the seventh biannual conference is in promoting European re-industrialisation through applying nanotechnology and advanced materials across various industries. It serves as a place for the global nanotechnology community to discuss the latest research findings and industry news, to convey visions for the market impact of nanotechnology and to demonstrate high value-added products at the Nanotech Europe exhibition. The conference is organised by the University of Latvia and Spinverse in cooperation with the European Commission's Directorate-General for Research and Innovation and has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme.

Additional details are available at [www.euronanoforum2015.eu](http://www.euronanoforum2015.eu). Registration is now open!  
To keep up-to-date with announcements and news for EuroNanoForum 2015 follow [@ENF2015](https://twitter.com/ENF2015) on Twitter.

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