

The Frontiers Planet Prize Award Ceremony Program

"No Place to Hide"

Assuming our collective responsibility for healthy lives on a healthy planet
June 16th-18th 2025

The urgency of the planetary crisis demands unprecedented collaboration and radical acceleration of action across all sectors.

Are we doing enough—or are we retreating into our "safe spaces"?

With the backdrop of escalating climate impacts, and seemingly unstoppable biodiversity loss – amidst confusing and shifting geopolitical landscapes, this discussion will challenge leaders in science, policy, business, and philanthropy to confront the hard truths about the lack of pace and scale of change needed. Each sector must step up—not as isolated actors but as part of an integrated movement toward global transformation.

The [Frontiers Research Foundation](#), in partnership with the [Villars Institute](#), is delighted to welcome and engage you in two days of dynamic, participatory dialogues to explore and celebrate the transformational science presented by our 3rd Edition National Champions, as selected by the Jury of 100.

During our time together, we will delve into the latest advances in planetary boundary science, spotlighting the most actionable solutions to help chart a path for humanity to restore and safeguard healthy lives on a healthy planet.

This space will also serve to explore the most effective pathways for integrating these solutions into policy, driving adoption by the private sector, and engaging civil society. By harnessing the power of scientific consensus and cross-sector collaboration, we aim to accelerate the transition toward a nature-positive, resilient economy that operates within Earth's boundaries.

Two key questions, against the backdrop of "no place to hide" underpin the event and will serve to structure the discussions and outcomes:

1. What are the next steps on the scientific research agenda to enhance the breakthrough potential in planetary boundary science?
2. How can the actionable solutions presented by the Champions be shaped and amplified to maximize their transformative impact on policy, the economy, and society? What actions do we need to take today?

All Frontiers Planet Prize guests are invited to reflect on the two questions above and are actively encouraged to share their contributions during the interactive sessions.

As the Frontiers Planet Prize community connects researchers, policy makers, philanthropists, and representatives of the private sector, we look forward to working together in creating the basis for the much-needed systems change, to guide us back to safe and just operating space, enabling healthy lives on a healthy planet.

Here you can find a program at a glance. A detailed breakdown for all interactive elements can be found on the relevant tabs of the website.

Monday 16th June:

15h00	RoyAlp Hotel/ Villars Palace	Hotel check-in	
16h00 – 17h00	Chalet RoyAlp, Lobby	Posters Exhibition	Explore this year's winning research from our 19 National Champions, together with the winning research of the International Champions from the 1 st and 2 nd Editions.
17h00 – 19h30	Chalet RoyAlp Plenary Room	Community sessions	<p>Community Session 1: Welcome and Introduction from Jean-Claude Burgelman, Director of the FPP Objectives: <i>Assuming our collective responsibility for healthy lives on a healthy planet</i></p> <p>Community Break Out 1: Bridging the implementation gap Objectives: <i>Overcoming mounting skepticism on climate science and policy</i> <i>Exploring actionable pathways to ensure award-winning research translates into tangible policy change</i></p> <p>Closed Session, Community Break Out 2: Jury and NRB Criteria Session Objectives: <i>Does the Frontiers Planet Prize bring enough of the right science to the forefront?</i> <i>A dedicated space for the Jury of 100 and National Representatives (NRBs) to deepen their understanding of the Frontiers Planet Prize criteria and refine the selection process for future editions</i></p> <p>Community Session Break Out 3: Financing the Planetary Crisis Objectives: <i>Mobilizing resources for planetary boundary science</i> <i>Engaging philanthropists, family offices, corporations, and foundations in a conversation about financing solution-oriented research.</i></p> <p>Community session Report Back: From Dialogue to Action Objectives: <i>Breakout group findings and reflections</i> <i>Rapporteurs to present and discuss key insights, ideas, and solutions generated</i></p>

19h30 – 22:00	Chalet RoyAlp Restaurant	Cocktail-style welcome dinner	<i>by participants in the breakout groups, generating cross-group collaboration. Welcome cocktail dinner with live musicians, fully vegetarian buffet</i>
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Tuesday 17th June:

7h30 – 8h45	Chalet RoyAlp/ Villars Palace	Breakfast	
9h15 – 12h30	Villars Palace	Interactive Scientific Workshop	Meet the 2025 National Champions and the actionable solutions their work highlights.
12h30 – 14h00	Villars Palace	Lunch	
14h00 – 18 h00	Villars Palace Auditorium	Awards Ceremony	<p>Part 1: The Frontiers Planet Prize mission, updates on Planetary Boundaries Science <i>Speakers:</i> <i>Jean-Claude Burgelman (Director, Frontiers Planet Prize, MC), Kamila Markram (CEO & CO-founder of Frontiers), Johan Rockstrom (Director, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research),</i></p> <p>Part 2: Celebrating our Champions <i>Announcement and celebration of our 3rd Edition National Champions International Champion announcement and trophy collection</i></p> <p>Part 3: Inspirational Moments <i>Plenary Panel discussion, “Are we doing enough? Or are we hiding in our corner?”</i></p> <p><i>Henry Markram (President, Frontiers Research Foundation): “How to use AI to speed up consensus science for a healthy planet”</i></p>
18h00 – 19h30	Villars Palace	Networking drinks	
19h30 – 20h00	Transport to dinner		
20h00 – 01h00	Villars Golf Restaurant	Community dinner and Party	

Frontiers Planet Prize Event ends

Wednesday 18th

07h30- 08h30	Chalet RoyAlp/ Villars Palace	Breakfast	Advisory Board meeting (closed session)
08h30 - 09h45	Chalet RoyAlp, Plenary Room	Community Session	“Don’t hide your science: Ensuring planetary boundary science is, and remains, open”

			<i>Exploring how open science, open data, and education are needed to maximize the impact of planetary boundary science.</i>	
10h15 – 11:45	Villars Palace	Villars Symposium: Scientific Session for Champions and selected guests	10h15 – 14h00	Outside activity: Departure of guests
Villars Symposium continues				
Until 18h00			Open to National Champions, International Champions, and selected guests	
Thursday 19 th June				
AM	Chalet RoyAlp/ Villars Palace	Departure for all remaining guests		