

# Guide for selecting the next Distinguished Lecturer at KI South

## 1. Academic and Scientific Excellence

- **Groundbreaking Contributions:** Prioritize individuals whose work has had a transformative impact on their field or adjacent disciplines.
  - **Recognition and Awards:** Look for evidence of international recognition, such as prestigious awards, fellowships, or memberships in renowned academies.
  - **Publications and Citation Impact:** Evaluate their scientific output, considering the number of high-impact papers and citations.
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## 2. Relevance and Timeliness

- **Emerging Trends:** The nominee should be working on cutting-edge topics or addressing challenges of high current relevance.
  - **Interdisciplinary Appeal:** Preference for work that bridges disciplines and resonates with a broad academic audience.
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## 3. Communication Skills

- **Engaging and Inspiring:** Assess their ability to communicate complex ideas effectively to diverse audiences, from experts to the general public.
  - **Track Record:** Look for prior lectures, TED talks, or outreach activities showcasing their ability to inspire and educate.
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## 4. Global Impact and Influence

- **Societal Impact:** Consider how their work addresses global challenges, such as health, sustainability, or technological advancement.
  - **Mentorship and Leadership:** Evaluate their role in mentoring young researchers or leading influential initiatives in their field.
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## 5. Alignment with Organizational Goals

- **Themes and Objectives:** The nominee's work should align with the overarching themes or strategic goals of the organizing institution.
  - **Potential for Collaboration:** Select someone whose expertise could open doors for partnerships, research collaborations, or advancements in related fields.
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## 6. Diversity and Inclusivity

- **Geographic Representation:** Aim for representation across regions to celebrate global excellence.

- **Underrepresented Voices:** Prioritize individuals who bring diverse perspectives, particularly from underrepresented groups or novel fields.
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### **Examples from Past Lecturers**

- **Rebecca Gottesman:** Focus on vascular contributions to cognitive impairment.
- **Katsuhiko Hayashi:** Innovations in reproductive biology and stem cells.
- **Guido Kroemer:** Pioneering research in cell death and autophagy.
- **Nigel Mackman:** Key discoveries in thrombosis and hemostasis.