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Programme

Welcoming speech

Dr. Peter Fritz, KIT Vice President Research and Innovation Professor Thomas Neumann, KIT Climate and Environment Center

 KIT Environment Lecture:
Cleaner water, less CO₂ and putting out the garbage Professor Susan Stipp, University of Copenhagen

Reception

Abstract

The industrial age and the electronic age have increased society's standard of living but they have also increased our rate of converting resources to waste. However, technology has also given us instruments that allow us to see at the nanometer scale. Now we can watch as molecules react, offering enormous potential for gaining insight into how nature works. Hopefully, new understanding of nature's secrets, about how fluids interact with natural materials, will help us avoid future damage to the environment and let us repair carelessness of the past.



Professor Susan Stipp

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