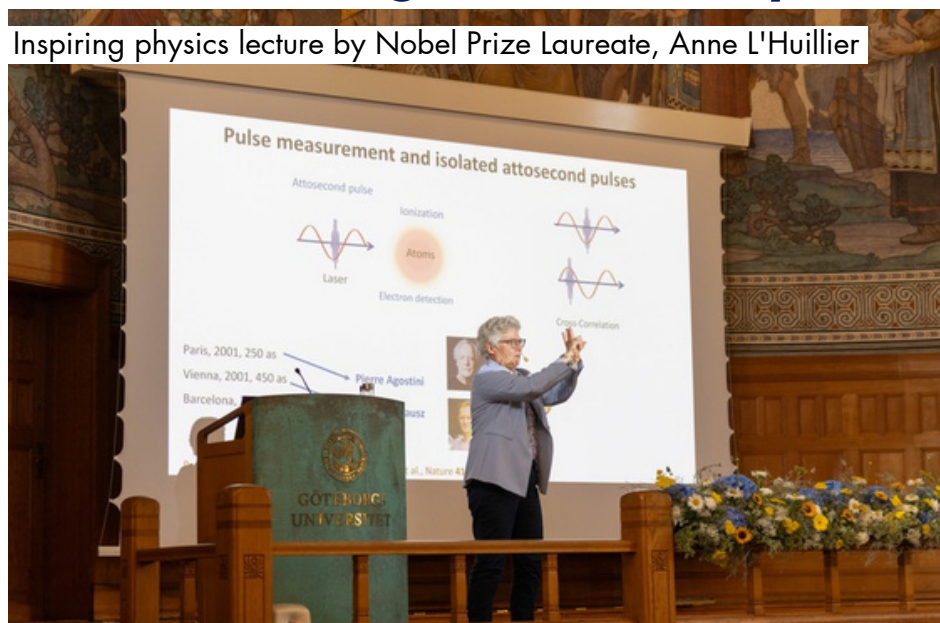




Thank you for EuPhO 2026!

The Closing Ceremony

Inspiring physics lecture by Nobel Prize Laureate, Anne L'Huillier



Musical performances!



The Medals and Results

The medals this year shone across 37 countries, with 23 gold, 37 silver and 51 bronze awarded in total.



The silver medalists

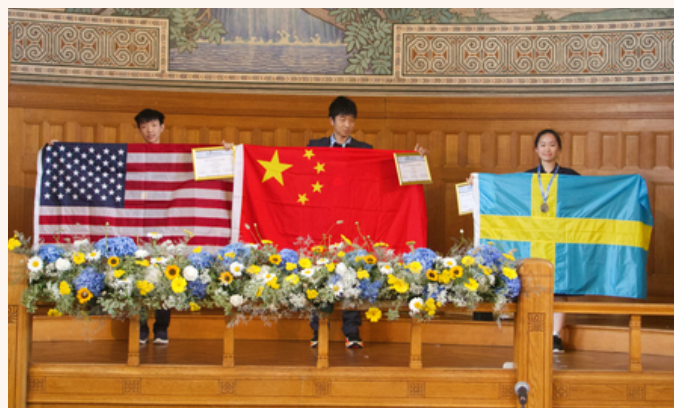


The bronze medalists

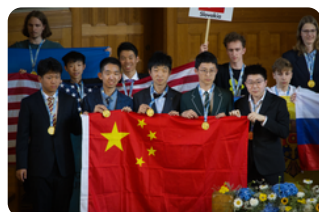
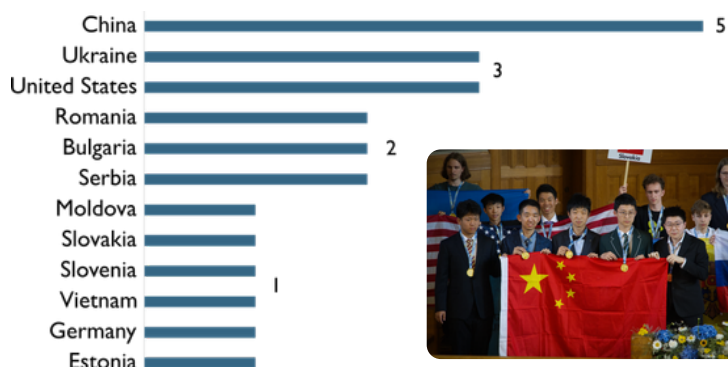


At the very top of the overall ranking stood Bryant Yu from the United States, followed by Sviatoslav Lavrenyuk from Ukraine and Haoyi Li from China.

Bryant Yu also claimed the best theory award, while Haoyi Li impressed the graders once again by earning the best experiment medal. The title of best female participant went to Leshi Zhang from Sweden.

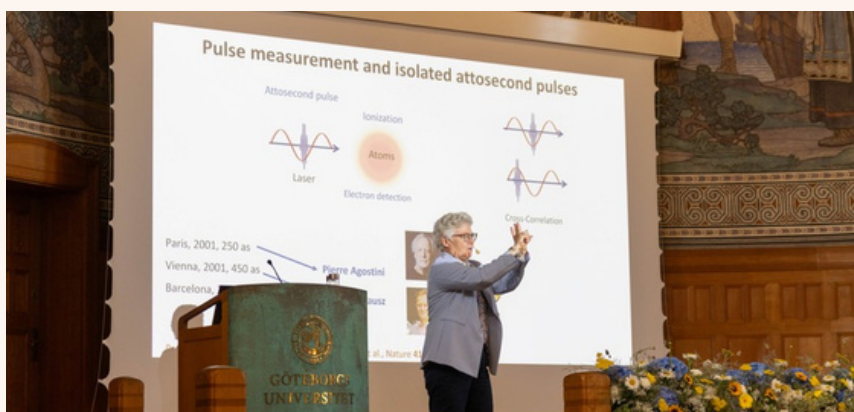


Number of gold medals per country



All gold medalists

Conversations with the Speakers



We chatted with Anne L'Huillier after the attosecond physics lecture



Q: During your presentation, you said your favourite subjects were maths and physics. Was this always the case during your early school years?

Anne: *I liked many different subjects, not just maths and physics. History, e.g. has always been a favourite but I also liked sports a lot as well. But I liked all subjects and still do!*

Q: What is your favourite part about being a physicist?

Anne: *I like being a researcher because you learn new things all the time and you discover new things. And there is a lot of interactions with other people which is a very important part of it as well.*

Q: What are you most excited about in your research field right now?

Anne: *I am very excited about that the field is now mature enough to go to applications and discover new things in other fields like chemistry or condensed matter and maybe quantum too.*



A word from Lotta Edholm, the Swedish Minister for Upper Secondary School, Higher Education and Research

Q: What are your impressions of EuPhO?

Lotta: *It seems very fun but also extremely important, not just because of the competition itself, but it is an opportunity for youths to meet peers from other countries with similar interests. I think it's very important for self-esteem and for figuring out if this is something you want to do in the future. Some of the people meet here for the first time and might keep in touch and develop the connection into scientific collaborations in five years or so. I don't think we should underestimate the social aspect and the connections made during these kinds of competitions; it's very important.*

Q: What was your favourite subject in high school?

Lotta: *I liked history the most; I am more of a social sciences person. I did enjoy chemistry a lot, though; there were more explosions there!*

The Farewell Party

Our midsummer themed farewell party was a wonderful way to commemorate a successful EuPhO 2026. On the menu was a three-course meal inspired by the flavours of the season. The toastmasters kept us engaged with tidbits about the history of midsummer in Sweden. The winners of the Liseberg activity and the social bingo were also announced and they received fun prizes. After the meal, the dance floor was opened and guests enthusiastically took part in traditional Midsummer dances around the maypole. The music, laughter and celebration was a fitting conclusion to EuPhO 2026.

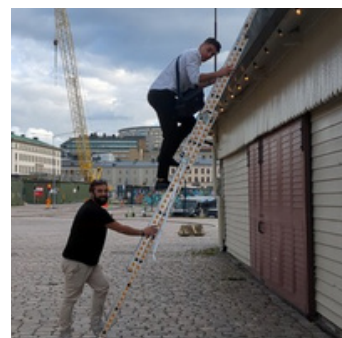
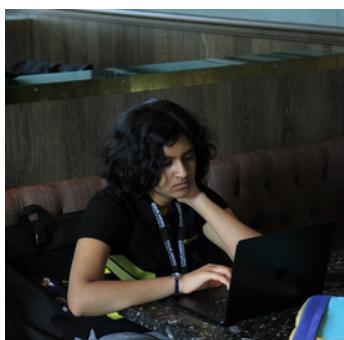
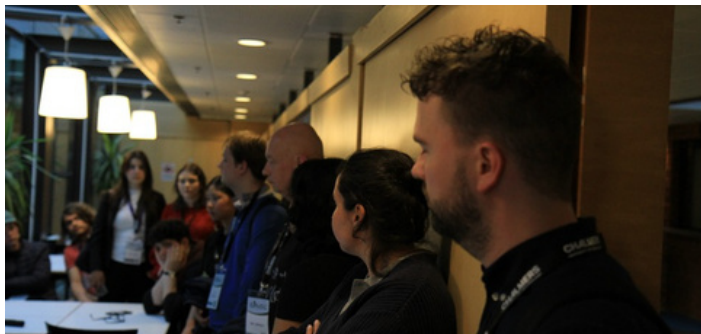
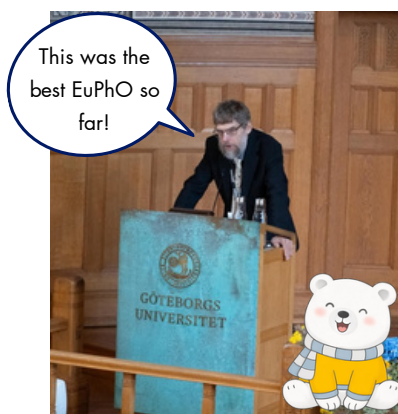


Behind the Scenes

Running EuPhO is no small task. It takes years of planning, countless meetings, and a whole team working quietly in the background to make the week feel effortless for everyone else. Here is a small peek behind the curtain.

The organizing committee has spent the past year shaping every detail so the event would run smoothly. The only thing they could not control was the weather. Maybe next year we can negotiate a little less rain.

All of us hope your days in Gothenburg felt a little bit magical. **Thank you for being part of EuPhO 2026**, and we wish you all the best in the adventures ahead.



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