

IFIA Congress Statements

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- **Establishing that a Scientist is not the same as an Inventor.**

If governments maintain the misconception that it is primarily the scientist who invents, thereby allocating most of its funding there, that will seriously diminish a nation's potential for innovative growth. Identifying the inventor as the primary source of new technology, product development and industrial growth is a societal concern.

- **Acknowledging the importance of the Entrepreneur.**

The very special talents of the inventor do – as studied – very often not include entrepreneurial talent. It is therefore essential that the inventor community seeks cooperation with the entrepreneur community for mutual prosperity, for the benefit of society as a whole.

- **Declaring that Triple Helix is just a thesis, not a fact.**

In very many countries, the thesis Triple Helix is presumed to be the working formula for innovation. With the facts, studies and testaments given at the IFIA congress, it is now confirmed that Triple Helix only remains a thesis, not a truth. It should therefore be abandoned as a basis for innovation strategies

- **Declaring that female inventors must be acknowledged.**

There is no difference in the quality of inventions made by women compared to those made by men. Nevertheless, female inventors and innovators have unfortunately by tradition and culture been much more invisible. Given that half of this planet's inhabitants – consumers, workers and voters – are women, it is only natural for a modern age to also acknowledge them as equals in the field of innovation and inventing.

- **Appeal to the inheritance trustees of Alfred Nobel's will.**

The execution of Alfred Nobel's will, concerning the distribution of the physics prize must be revised, so that the balance between laureates for discoveries versus inventions, mirrors the testaments exact wording, i.e. half of the laureates should be inventors, not just approximately 20%.

These statements were adopted by the congress in unanimous consent after discussing the issues presented during the conference and the congress.

The IFIA congress declares these five statements as the important present standpoint for the international community of inventors and innovators.