



SCIENCE 2026

MOVIE FESTIVAL

18, 19 & 20 AUGUST 2026

Embassies in Canberra are organising a Science Movie Festival during Science week in Canberra (17-23/08/2026) to celebrate the importance of sharing and coordinating research across the world to foster innovative approaches of science. This event brings together the embassies of France, Germany, Spain, Switzerland and Italy, along with the European Union Delegation in Australia and the ANU.

Over three evenings, on 18, 19 and 20 August 2026 from 5pm to 8pm, films and documentaries related to major scientific themes (Space, Neurosciences and Artificial Intelligence) will be screened in the ANU Research School of Physics Auditorium. Each evening will also feature a panel discussion with experts on the evening's scientific theme, as well as a networking session.

Attendees who require accessibility accommodations or a visitor Personal Emergency Evacuation plan should contact : cedric.simenel@anu.edu.au



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- **Screening** - Auditorium, ANU Research School of Physics
- **Networking** - Foyer, ANU Research School of Physics



SCREENINGS

- *Hera : Planetary Defence & ESA'Euclid - Exploring a Dark Universe* - 5.30PM Arrivals
- *Ramon y Cajal* - 5.15PM Arrivals
- *Wider than the Sky* - 5PM Arrivals



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The Embassy of France, the Embassy of Germany and the European Union Delegation to Australia will join forces to launch the opening night of the Science Movie Festival. The chosen theme is **Space**, with the aim of highlighting an example of highly successful scientific cooperation between European partners.

Two 10-minute documentaries from the Franco-German platform ARTE will be screened, one in French and one in German with English subtitles. The evening will continue with a **panel discussion** and will conclude with a **networking reception**.

- **Doc 1 - *Hera : Planetary Defence*** : The European Space Agency and NASA have both developed probes to deflect asteroids from their trajectories. Hera is ESA's first mission of this kind, similar to NASA's « Dart » mission.
- **Doc 2 - *ESA'Euclid - Exploring a Dark Universe*** : The European probe Euclid took off successfully on 1 July 2023. Its objective is ambitious : to attempt to solve the enigma of dark matter and above all dark energy, which makes up 95% of the universe.

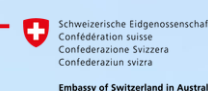
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The Embassy of Spain will share the documentary *Ramón y Cajal: Drawings on the Retina*, in Spanish with English subtitles. The evening will start with a conversation between **two experts in Neurosciences and Psychiatry** and will conclude with a **networking reception**.

This 90-minute documentary offers a look at the legacy of Nobel laureate Santiago Ramón y Cajal, exploring the close connection between his passion for photographic imagery and his ground-breaking scientific discoveries about how the brain works. With historical rigor and artistic sensitivity, the work highlights both his **scientific achievements** and his **creative process**, portraying him as a scientist, artist, and visionary.

20/08/2026



The Embassy of Switzerland and the Embassy of Italy will focus their night on **Artificial Intelligence**, its physical component and its links with human intelligence, with the 82-minute movie *Wider than the sky*, followed with a talk.

Wider than the sky : What if we could transfer the heart of the human brain to artificial intelligence? Empathy, imagination, feelings... and the ability to cooperate? *Wider Than the Sky* brings us closer to the world-renowned artists, dancers and scientists exploring the different paths that artificial intelligence is taking. Is a collective use of AI to shape a positive future for humanity even possible?

