## SCIENCE MUSEUM MOVEMENT IN THE WORLD

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A revolution is under way in the field of science communication. The world-wide flourishing of informal learning emphasizes the role of science centers and science museums in science communication. They are public places, independent and non-aligned – places that are popular and well-trusted. They are not only places of learning but also places of entertainment. As the science center movement expands worldwide, the time seems ripe to stimulate an extensive analysis on the purpose, practices, and achievements of science centers, together with the challenges they face in the next decade.

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