



NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2018



Professor Ole Petersen CBE FRS, Academic Director, Cardiff Knowledge Hub and Vice-President, Academia Europaea

It is a landmark year for Academia Europaea. September 2018 marks 30 years since AE's foundation meeting in Cambridge, to which I had the honour to be invited by Sir Arnold Burgen FRS, the Founding President of AE. On 12th April, I was delighted to be back in Cambridge in the company of Sir Arnold and a number of our other founding members to celebrate AE's 30th Anniversary. I would like to express my thanks to Mary Fowler, Master of Darwin College Cambridge, for organising a very enjoyable afternoon tea party. There will be a further celebration of AE's 30th Anniversary at the Royal Society in September. More about this in the next newsletter.

In this newsletter you can learn about our latest project in the European Commission's Scientific Advice Mechanism (SAM), *Making sense of science under conditions of complexity, uncertainty and ambiguity*, which begins in earnest in September. I would also like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to our next panel debate, *Science for policy: a European perspective*, which will be held at Swansea University's prestigious Bay Campus on 4th September. I will be joined by an outstanding panel of experts, including Professor Peter Halligan, the new Chief Scientific Adviser for Wales.



Cambridge, April 1988. From left to right: Arnold Burgen (Founding President), David Coates (Executive Secretary), Greg Winter (Master of Trinity College), Geoffrey Lloyd, Ole Petersen (AE Vice-President), Olga Kennard, Tom Blundell, Brian Heap, Balazs Gulyas (and guest), Michael McIntyre, Alex Boksenberg, Mary Fowler (Master of Darwin College), Marylin Strathern, Ron Laskey

LATEST NEWS

MAKING SENSE OF SCIENCE

The latest initiative of the European Commission Group of Chief Scientific Advisors will address policymakers using scientific advice within the European Commission. [SAPEA](#) (Science Advice for Policy by European Academies) will produce the Evidence Review Report on the topic. Academia Europaea is the Lead Academy within SAPEA, with the Cardiff Hub co-ordinating the work on its behalf. The initial draft of the Evidence Review Report is due by the end of this year, with the final version and the Group's Scientific Opinion delivered by June 2019. Further information is available in the published scoping paper, which can be accessed via the [European Commission's website](#).

Science for policy: a European perspective

Tuesday 4th September, Swansea University's Bay Campus

Linked to our work on science advice, we are holding a networking event and panel debate on *Science for policy: a European perspective* on Tuesday 4th September at Swansea University's Bay Campus. This exciting event, jointly hosted by AE Cardiff Hub and Swansea University, is aimed at anyone who would like to explore the relationship between science advice and policymaking. Our experts are [Professor Peter Halligan, Chief Scientific Adviser for Wales \(CSAW\)](#), [Professor Ole Petersen](#), [Professor Mike Bowker](#), [Wendy Sadler MBE](#), [Dr Dion Curry](#) and [Professor Robert Evans](#). The event will be chaired by [Professor John Tucker](#). This event is free and open to all. For more information and to register, please visit our [website](#).



Food from the Oceans, 18 months on

Following the successful launch of the *Food from the Oceans* report, the Cardiff Hub has been working to make the report's key messages accessible to a wider audience. On behalf of SAPEA and the Scientific Advice Mechanism (SAM) Unit, we have produced an [infographics-based set of publicity materials](#), in partnership with the Cardiff-based agency *science made simple*. These materials have been distributed as part of an innovative public engagement campaign that includes high-profile international events such as World Oceans Day and European Maritime Day.

Food from the Oceans was one of the case studies at the policy symposium, *Shaping European science advice: insights and experience*, held in Sofia on 17th May. The opening presentation was made by Professor Ole Petersen, as member of a distinguished panel. Louise Edwards, AE Cardiff Hub Manager, spoke at a high-profile event at the [Lisbon Academy of Sciences](#) on 23rd May, which brought together a number of Portuguese experts to examine the *Food from the Oceans* reports.



Louise Edwards, Hub Manager, represented SAPEA and Academia Europaea at the Lisbon Academy of Sciences in Portugal

Prof Pearl Dykstra (Deputy Chair of the European Commission's Group of Chief Scientific Advisors) and Prof Ole Petersen during the session on *Food from the Oceans* at the ALLEA Annual meeting in Sofia, Bulgaria



Academia Europaea letter in support of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences

Sierd Cloetingh, President of Academia Europaea, and Ole Petersen, Vice-President of Academia Europaea and Academic Director of the Cardiff Hub, have sent a letter to the Hungarian Minister of Innovation and Technology, László Palkovics, in support of the [Hungarian Academy of Sciences](#) (MTA). The proposed amendment of the Law on the MTA and the Law on the 2019 State Budget of Hungary threatens the scientific autonomy and the quality of scientific output from MTA. Academia Europaea has strong links with MTA, with 114 Hungarian scientists and scholars being Members of Academia Europaea. Please click [here](#) to view the letter.

Open letter from the President and Trustees of the Academia Europaea

AE's President and Trustees have written an open letter on the importance of securing a strong and fully participative association agreement between the United Kingdom and the European Union for science and technology in the post-BREXIT era. Please click [here](#) to view the letter.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

'Science for policy: a European perspective', Tuesday 4th September, Swansea University's Bay Campus. Further details available on our [website](#).

LATEST PUBLICATIONS

The Hub's half-year report, covering January – June 2018, has been published and is available on our [website](#).



New Executive Officer for AE Cardiff Hub

We welcome Juliet Davies, who joined the AE Cardiff Hub in June. Juliet's role will be to ensure the successful delivery of AE Cardiff's priorities, including managing our programme of events, undertaking marketing and communications activity and ensuring the smooth operational running of the Hub.

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