

# Academia Europaea

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## News, October 2008

### NOTE OUR NEW ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER

**NEW PRESIDENT OF THE ACADEMIA EUROPAEA-** Lars Walløe (Oslo), Dept of Physiology, assumed the Presidency at the end of the Liverpool annual conference. You will find a biography on the website. A future issue of The full tree newsletter will contain more from the President.

**NEW VICE PRESIDENT.** We also saw other Board changes, with Professors Weaire and Poirier retiring and Sierd Cloetingh (Vrije University, Earth Sciences) assuming the Vice Presidency of the Academy alongside Michael Marmot, who remains for a further year. You can read the bio for Prof. Cloetingh also on the website.

**Changes to Section committees.** Council have approved a number of changes to the chairs of Section committees - as follows:

**Earth & Cosmic Sciences** - new chair is Denis Dingwell (Munich);

**Linguistics** - new chair is Wolfgang Dressler (Vienna)

**Organismic and Evolutionary Biology** - new chair is Yvon Le Maho (Strasbourg)

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF A CONSULTATION:** To all members of the Section - Social Sciences Council have considered the current state of (inactivity) of the section and have concluded that there is an urgent need for re-organisation and re-structuring. All members of the Section are therefore invited to respond to the consultation, that can be found on the AE website. The last date for responses is 31<sup>st</sup> December

#### ADVANCE NOTICE OF EVENTS IN 2009

Details are on the website:

**26-28 March. Turin.** "Diversification of Higher Education and the Academic Profession"

Organised by Profs. Alessandro Cavalli (Pavia) and Ulrich Teichler (Kassel). This is one of our 'HERCULES' group series. The event is sponsored by the Compagnia di San Paolo

**June, 4 - 6. Helsinki.** Symposium on "Constantine the African and his 'Liber Pantegni' . Europe's First Textbook of Medicine". Organisers: Prof. Matti Haltia (Physiology & Medicine Section), and Heikki Solin (Classics & Oriental Studies Section). Sponsored by the Academia Europaea 'New Initiatives Fund' and the Gyllenberg Foundation.

**September, 24 – 26.** Naples. **21<sup>st</sup> Annual conference.** “Risks, Environment and Sustainable Development”. Local organisers: Alessandro Cavalli, Guiseppe de Natale, Luigia Santella.

**October, 15 – 17.** Heidelberg. Earth and Cosmic Sciences Section workshop: “Topo-Europe: the Geoscience of Coupled Deep Earth Processes”. Organiser, Prof. Sierd Cloetingh (Amsterdam). Sponsored by the Klaus Tschira Foundation.

**November, 5 – 7.** Stockholm. International workshop and symposium. “From Information to Knowledge: From Knowledge to Wisdom”. One of the AE 'HERCULES' series of events. AE coordinator: Prof. Erik de Corte, Univ. Leuven. Sponsored by the Wenner Gren Foundations.

#### Events planned but without a fixed date or venue

**“Basic Concepts in Science”**. The third of the high-level workshop series exploring 'basic concepts', will take place in late spring 2009. The topic will be “Causality”. The programme will be organised by prof. J. Mittelstrass, K. Mainzer and J. Deutsch.

**'Structuring the European Humanities'**. A policy workshop will look at the prospects for and practicalities of establishing a virtual European Institute for 'applied and conceptual Humanities research'. organisers are Profs. J. Mittelstrass, D. Føllesdal and G. Stöck.

#### **AE PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE**

##### **Membership Directory 2008**

The 2008 Directory is available on our website. To save costs only a limited number are printed and available from the office on request. Members can access the full .pdf version through the website (members only page). Members can also access the new membership database online and edit their own content. **Follow the registration instructions** that are on the home page

##### **Annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2008**

This can be downloaded from the website. Hard copy available, on request from the office [accounts@acadeuro.org](mailto:accounts@acadeuro.org)

##### **HERCULES group symposium series on Higher Education Policy**

These volumes, published in collaboration with the Wenner-Gren Foundation or the Compagnia di San Paolo, address higher education issues. The latest volume, edited by Lars Engwall and Denis Weaire, **“University in the Market”** is now available from the Portland Press. We have a number of free copies, on request. Previous volumes available include: “Excellence in Institutions of Higher Education in Europe”; “The Formative Years of Scholars” (<http://fyos.portlandpress.com>); “Excellence in Higher Education”; “The Virtual University”.

#### **OTHER PUBLICATIONS Sponsored by the Academia Europaea - AVAILABLE ON REQUEST**

We have a limited number of these publications. If you want a hard copy, contact the office and we will post one to you on a first come, first served basis.

“World Literature and Culture” – History, Theory, Analysis (2008). Edited by Karen-Margrethe Simonsen and J. Stougaard-Nielsen (Aarhus University Press) – ISBN 978 87 7934 408 2

**EASAC (The European Academies Science Advisory Council)** recently published reports can be downloaded from the ESAC website [www.easac.eu](http://www.easac.eu)

**NOMINATION OF POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS - FINAL REMINDER FOR 2008:** All members can nominate potential candidates for membership. The rules for doing this and the necessary forms can be found on the website. Completed nomination forms **MUST** be sent directly to the appropriate Section chair. The deadline for this round is the end of October .

**The Executive Secretary** is currently drafting a new issue of the newsletter The Tree. He would welcome any material from members . For example, short journalistic pieces that announce new science and studies; any major publications or reviews of interest; members' awards and international prizes and honours received, or **significant** grants won; or major initiatives that would be of interest to members. Please send electronic copy and any accompanying artworks by email to [execsec@acadeuro.org](mailto:execsec@acadeuro.org) as soon as possible.

**SUBSCRIPTIONS:** Always a difficult subject, but Peter Day, the Treasurer would like to thank all members who have so far paid their 2008 subscription and to remind all those who have not yet paid, that a final reminder will be issued in November. Remember also, that members who are 75 years of age or over do not have to pay a subscription. Also, it is open to any member to request an exemption for this year, on request to the Treasurer (at [finance@acadeuro.org](mailto:finance@acadeuro.org) )

**NEW EDITOR- IN -CHIEF of 'THE EUROPEAN REVIEW':** Theo D'Haen (Chair of the Literary and Theatrical Studies Section) - University of Leuven recently took up the very heavy mantle of editorship of the European Review. He will be pleased to hear from any members with ideas on how to develop the 'Review' and offers of editorial assistance and of course papers and Book review articles.

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