



Newsletter Spring 2016

Welcome from Professor Petersen



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

I am delighted to report that we have already passed a number of important milestones towards the formal launch of the Cardiff Knowledge Hub in June. The office has been operational since late summer of last year and we now have our full complement of staff on board – myself as Honorary Academic Director, Judith Lockett as Executive Officer and Louise Edwards joins us as Hub Manager. The following distinguished scientists and scholars have kindly agreed to serve on the Cardiff Hub Steering Group:

Yves Barde MAE (Cardiff University), Nora de Leeuw (Pro Vice-Chancellor, Cardiff University), Dianne Edwards CBE FRS MAE (Cardiff University), Theo D’Haen MAE (KU Leuven), Donald Dingwell MAE (LMU Munich), Stephen Holgate CBE FMedSci MAE (University of Southampton), Colin Riordan (Vice-Chancellor, Cardiff University), Irene Schulz-Hofer (German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina), Sir John Skehel FRS FMedSci MAE (Royal Society) and John Tucker MAE (Swansea University, Secretary General Learned Society of Wales).

The Academia Europaea’s Annual Conference 2016 takes place between 26th and 30th June and registration is now open. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Conference.

Academia Europaea Annual Conference 2016, Cardiff University, UK

The full programme for the Conference and registration details are available via the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/academia-europaea-28th-annual-conference-registration-20460128796>

The varied and exciting programme includes a debate on Scientific Advice Mechanisms, plus mini-symposia on topics such as the reproducibility of research, migration and identity, as well as brain projects. There will also be 8 Keynote Lectures by newly elected Members of Academia Europaea. A highlight is the Erasmus Lecture, to be given by the Astronomer Royal, Lord Rees of Ludlow.

We end the conference with an optional excursion to the beautiful coastline of the Vale of Glamorgan, including lunch at the Blue Anchor Inn at Aberthaw.



Blue Anchor Inn, Aberthaw

Update on the European Scientific Advice Mechanism (SAM)

The European Commission's new Scientific Advice Mechanism (SAM) got underway in January, with the first meeting of the High Level Group of Scientific Advisors. Academia Europaea will be involved in the SAM, to support the European Commission with quality, timely and independent scientific advice. The Academia and four other European networks will work together over the course of a four-year project, named SAPEA (Science Advice for Policy by European Academies) to produce joint reports, events and knowledge resources. Representatives of the networks met on 19th February, in Amsterdam, and there is a follow-up meeting in Brussels on 16th-17th March to finalise the project proposal.



Group Picture, SAPEA Meeting, Amsterdam, 19 February 2016

[1] Rudi Hielscher, Co-ordinator, Acatech; [2] Jos van der Meer, President of EASAC; [3] Bernard Charpentier, President of FEAM; [4] Ole Petersen, Vice-President of AE; [5] Sierd Cloetingh, President of AE; [6] Ed Noort, Vice-President of ALLEA; [7] Reinhard Hüttl, President of Eurocase; [8] Jacques Lukasik, Secretary General of Eurocase; [9] Günter Stock, President of ALLEA; [10] Volker ter Meulen, Chair of EASACs Biosciences Steering Panel

Introducing the new Manager of the Cardiff Knowledge Hub



Louise Edwards

Louise Edwards became Knowledge Hub Manager at Cardiff on 1st February. Louise has spent the last nine years in The Hague, Netherlands, first as Director of The European Library and then Director of Professional Strategies at IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions).

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