



## ACADEMIA EUROPAEA CARDIFF KNOWLEDGE HUB Newsletter Winter 2017



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I start with some important news on the European Scientific Advice Mechanism, (SAM). The first SAM topic to be coordinated by the SAPEA (Science Advice for Policy by European Academies) Consortium will be led by Academia Europaea, with responsibility for delivery of the work given to the Cardiff Hub. Food from the Oceans will address the key question of how more food and biomass can be obtained from the oceans in a way that does not deprive future generations of their benefits,

I would like to thank the now more than 800 AE Members who have already responded to our request for information about their expertise. This shows real commitment and is essential for our active role in SAPEA.

### Update on the European Scientific Advice Mechanism (SAM)

As reported in the last Newsletter, the SAPEA project formally started on 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Ole Petersen represented Academia Europaea, at the meeting between Commissioner Carlos Moedas, the High Level Group and members of the SAPEA Consortium, held in Brussels on 30th January. The meeting also involved Robert-Jan Smits, Director-General of Research and Innovation at the European Commission, Johannes Klumpers, Head of the Scientific Advice Mechanism Unit and Sir Paul Nurse MAE FRS, Director of the Crick Institute in London.

The first Steering Group meeting for the Food from the Oceans topic was held the following day, attended by Ole Petersen and the Cardiff Hub Manager, Louise Edwards. Louise's initial tasks are to establish two working groups of experts and coordinate the gathering of published scientific evidence. For further information on the project, including the nominations process for the working groups and other voluntary positions, please contact Louise ([EdwardsL31@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:EdwardsL31@cardiff.ac.uk)).



Professor Petersen at the meeting with Commissioner Moedas



## List of expertise

To support the work in SAPEA, the Cardiff Hub has, as mentioned above, contacted all Academia Europaea members to request current information on their areas of expertise. MAEs are asked to complete an online form, which should take only a few minutes. The response so far has been really excellent, but more responses are still welcome. For further information, please contact Judith Lockett ([LockettJG@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:LockettJG@cardiff.ac.uk)).

## Annual report 2016

The Hub's Annual Report for 2016 will be published at the beginning of March. It will be available via our [website](#).

## Interview series with Academia Europaea members

The first of our [interviews](#) with AE members has been published. Ole Petersen is interviewed by Louise Edwards and provides insight into his career and work, including the early years of AE.

## Recent Events

On 17<sup>th</sup> February, the Cardiff Hub hosted a panel discussion on Open Science, as part of our Lunchtime Debate series on key aspects of change in science and research. A panel of experts, chaired by Ole

Petersen, shared their views and experiences of working with specific aspects of Open Science, including citizen science projects, open data and open peer review. A lively interactive session with the audience explored both the opportunities and potential pitfalls of Open Science. Read the [report](#) of the event.

## Forthcoming Events

Lunchtime Debate Series, [Research Assessment](#), 5<sup>th</sup> April, Cardiff University

Symposium on [Neuroplasticity and Synaptic Function in Neuropsychiatric Disorders](#), 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> April, Cardiff University

Lunchtime Debate Series, [Interdisciplinary Research](#), 26<sup>th</sup> May, Cardiff University