ALLEA General Assembly
23|24 April 2015
Academy of Sciences of Lisbon

PROGRAMME
Thursday, 23 April 2015

Scientific Symposium

Science and Research in Europe – Past, Present and Future: 15 Years of Lisbon Agenda

10.00 - 10.30 Opening
Prof. Luís Aires-Barros (President, Academy of Sciences of Lisbon)
Prof. Günter Stock (President, ALLEA)
Prof. Leonor Parreira (Secretary of State of Science, Portugal)

10.30 - 11.10 Keynote Lecture
Prof. Maria da Graça Carvalho (Senior Adviser to Commissioner Carlos Moedas; former MEP and member of ITRE; former Minister of Science, Innovation and Higher Education, Portugal)

11.10 - 12.10 Symposium Lectures: Science and Research in Europe - Past, Present and Future
Prof. José Viriato Soromenho-Marques (University of Lisbon)
Pros and Cons of the European Strategies for Science and Research
Prof. Sierd Cloetingh (President, Academia Europæa; Vice-President, ERC Scientific Council)
Challenges and Opportunities for Science in Europe: Perspectives from the ERC and Academia Europæa
Prof. Carlos Eduardo Costa Salema (Instituto Superior Técnico, Instituto de Telecomunicações, member of the Academy of Sciences of Lisbon)
The Third Industrial Revolution: Information Technologies and Telecommunication in Europe and Portugal

12.10 - 12.30 Perspectives and Conclusions
Chair: Prof. Günter Stock
BUFFET LUNCH

AFTERNOON SESSION

13.30 - 14.00 Keynote Lecture
Prof. Emilio Lora-Tamayo (President, Spanish National Research Council - CSIC; Vice-President, Science Europe)
Competitive Europe: Funding and Excellence in the ERA

14.00 - 15.15 Panel: European Universities in 2015 and Beyond
Prof. Kurt Deketelaere (Secretary-General, League of European Research Universities - LERU)
European Universities in 2015 – the view of LERU
Prof. Ana Costa Freitas (Rector, University of Évora; former member of BEPA)
Portuguese Universities in 2015 and beyond
Prof. António Magalhães Cunha (Rector, University of Minho, Braga)
The Special Case of Younger Universities in Portugal: Braga

COFFEE BREAK

15.35 - 16.10 Showcase: Excellent Science in Portugal
Prof. João Pedro Conde (Instituto Superior Técnico, Lisbon)
Prof. Nuno Ferrand (University of Porto)

16.10 - 17.00 Panel: Young Scientists in Europe and Portugal
Prof. Ana Margarida Fortes, University of Lisbon; Dr. Rossana Henriques, Centre de Recerca en Agrigenòmica (CRAG), Barcelona; Prof. Rob Jenkins, University of York, GYA
Challenges, Demands and Perspectives - Conditions for Early Career Scientists in Europe

17.00 - 17.30 Perspectives and Conclusions
Presentation of Joint Declaration: 15 Years of Lisbon Agenda
Chair: Prof. Luís Aires-Barros
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Award Ceremony

2015 All European Academies
Madame de Staël Prize for Cultural Values

18.30 Opening and Welcome
Prof. Luís Aires-Barros (President, Academy of Sciences of Lisbon)
Welcome Address
Prof. Günter Stock (President, ALLEA)
Opening Words: All European Academies Madame de Staël Prize for Cultural Values

18.45 Awarding of 2015 Prize
Laudatory Speech
Carlos Moedas, European Commissioner for Science, Research and Innovation
Speech / Awarding of the 2015 ALLEA Prize
Professor Dame Helen Wallace (Foreign Secretary, British Academy; European Institute London School of Economics and Political Science)
Laureate’s Speech

19.45 Musical Performance
Lara Rainho, soprano; Hélia Varanda, clarinet; Inês Condeço, piano
(Trio Liederbuch, Departamento de Música da Universidade de Évora)
L. Spohr, 6 Deutsche Lieder, op. 103
F. Schubert, Der Hirt auf dem Felsen
C. Marecos, Paródia às Modinhas Luso-Brasileiras

20.30 Evening Reception

Friday, 24 April 2015

ALLEA Internal Business Meeting

9.00 - 16.30 ALLEA Internal Business Meeting (closed to the public)
17.00 - 18.30 Visit to National Museum of Ancient Art (MNAA) (upon registration)

BACKGROUND: SYMPOSIUM
In March 2000 in Lisbon, the European Council announced an action plan to accelerate the development of the European Union. The Lisbon Agenda sought to make Europe the most competitive and dynamic knowledge-based economy in the world capable of sustainable economic growth with more and better jobs and greater social cohesion by 2010. In particular, it was agreed that an overall strategy aimed at preparing the transition to a knowledge-based economy and society by better policies for the information society and R&D should be applied, as well as by ramping up the process of structural reform for competitiveness and innovation. The crown jewel of this vision would be a European Research Area (ERA), the envisaged backbone of said knowledge-based economy.

These ambitions, however, have proved difficult to achieve. After the new Europe 2020 strategy was launched in 2010, EU policymakers announced that the ERA should be completed by 2014. Yet last year’s ERA Progress Report stated that “further efforts are needed” and that “the ERA Roadmap at European level will be developed by mid-2015. It will contain guidelines and key measures in order to address the remaining bottlenecks”. With 2015, it is now 15 years after the Lisbon Agenda and there is no better time or place for ALLEA and the European Academies to take stock of what has been achieved and what still needs to be done.

BACKGROUND: ALLEA PRIZE
The All European Academies Madame de Staël Prize for Cultural Values is awarded to eminent scholars whose work represents a significant contribution to the cultural and intellectual values of Europe and to the idea of European integration, thereby promoting and strengthening an understanding of Europe as multifaceted, intellectual, open and vibrant. The prize also seeks to underline the importance of non-technological scholarly work and research for European advancement. Due to their long-standing tradition of preserving, securing and making available the cultural heritage of Europe, Academies of sciences and humanities are in a special position to show and promote Europe’s intellectual and cultural richness. The prize is kindly sponsored by the Stiftung Mercator.
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The Academy of Sciences of Lisbon (ACL) was created on the 24th of December, 1779, by Queen D. Maria I. Among its contributions to the intellectual development of Portugal are the Council of Public Health and the Geological Services of Portugal as well as the Faculty of Letters of Lisbon, which traces its roots to the Academy-organised higher Course of Arts that was founded under the auspices of King Pedro V. Since 1838, the Academy has been located at the monastery of Nossa Senhora de Jesus de Lisboa, which dates from the 16th century and is now classified as national heritage site.

The Academy seeks to contribute towards building a society of knowledge, while also aiming at increasing the Portuguese participation in a global world of knowledge. It functions as an adviser of the Portuguese government on issues concerning linguistics and works closely with the Brazilian Academy of Sciences and with the worldwide and European academies, including those in Portuguese-speaking countries (PALOPs) as well as foreign Portuguese Centres. Furthermore, the Academy works to promote the preservation of its heritage as a main function of its Museum and Library.

All European Academies (ALLEA), the European Federation of Academies of Sciences and Humanities, was founded in 1994 and currently brings together 58 Academies in more than 40 countries from the Council of Europe region. Member Academies operate as learned societies, think tanks and research performing organisations. They are self-governing communities of leaders of scholarly enquiry across all fields of the natural sciences, the social sciences and the humanities. ALLEA therefore provides access to an unparalleled human resource of intellectual excellence, experience and expertise.

Independent from political, commercial and ideological interests, ALLEA follows a “policy for science” approach in order to contribute to improving the framework conditions under which science and scholarship can excel. Jointly with its Member Academies, ALLEA is in a position to address the full range of structural and policy issues facing Europe in science, research and innovation. In doing so, it is guided by a common understanding of Europe bound together by historical, social and political factors as well as for scientific and economic reasons.