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MORNING SESSION

Chair: Günter Stock | President, ALLEA

09:30–10:00
Opening and Welcome
Anton Zeilinger | President, Austrian Academy of Sciences

Opening Address
Heinz Fischer | President of the Federal Republic of Austria

Welcome Address
Günter Stock | President, ALLEA

10:00–10:30
Keynote Lecture
Sir Peter Knight | Imperial College London
Interplay of Freedom of Scientific Research and Political Demands

Symposium Lecture
Julian Nida-Rümelin | Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, former Minister of State Freedom of Science and Academic Education

10:50–11:05
COFFEE BREAK

11:05–11:45
Symposium Lectures
Irmgard Griss | former President of the Austrian Supreme Court of Justice Freedom of Scientific Research from a Legal Point of View
Michèle Leduc | École Normale Supérieure Paris Integrity and Responsibility of the Researchers: Ethical Views

11:45–12:30
Panel Discussion
Chair: Günter Stock | President, ALLEA
Speakers of morning session Societal and Political Demands towards Scientific Research

12:30–13:45
LUNCH BREAK

AFTERNOON SESSION

Chair: Anton Zeilinger | President, Austrian Academy of Sciences

13:45–13:50
Re-opening
Anton Zeilinger | President, Austrian Academy of Sciences

13:50–14:15
Keynote Lecture
Jean-Pierre Bourguignon | President, European Research Council Perspectives of the ERC

Symposium Lecture
László Lovász | President, Hungarian Academy of Sciences Political Influence, Societal Demands, and the Expectation of Economic Returns: Threats or Possibilities for Research?

14:40–14:50
COFFEE BREAK

14:50–15:50
Symposium Lectures
Stefan Hornostel | German Centre for Higher Education Research and Science Studies Under Pressure! Investigating Academic Freedom
Andre Gingrich | University of Vienna Advancing Quality Standards in Changing Contexts: The Case Example of German-speaking Humanities and Social Sciences
Jan Velterop | Academic Publisher Openness is a Scientifically and Societally Relevant Part of a Published Article’s Quality

15:50–16:00
COFFEE BREAK

16:00–16:50
Panel Discussion
Chair: Anton Zeilinger | President, Austrian Academy of Sciences Speakers of afternoon session Autonomy of Scientific Institutions

16:50–17:50
Debate
Julia Budka | Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich
Roberta D’Alessandro | Leiden University
Paul Heinz Mayrhofer | Vienna University of Technology Early Career Researchers in Austria and Europe: Freedom is just another Word for ...

17:50–18:00
Closing Address
Anton Zeilinger | President, Austrian Academy of Sciences Günter Stock | President, ALLEA

18:00–19:15
EVENING RECEPTION

AWARD CEREMONY

ALLEA MADAME DE STAËL PRIZE FOR CULTURAL VALUES

19:15
Arrival

19:30
Musical Concert
VioArt Quartett

20:00
Opening
Anton Zeilinger | President, Austrian Academy of Sciences
Günter Stock | President, ALLEA

Introduction “All European Academies Madame de Staël Prize for Cultural Values”

20:15
Award Ceremony
Ed Nouel | Vice-President, ALLEA
Laudatory Speech
Johannes Hahn | European Commissioner for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations Festive Speech and Hand-over of the ALLEA Prize 2016 Rémi Brague | University of Paris I Laureate’s Speech