



European Research Council conference: Strengthening Europe's Science Base

Venue: Estonian Academy of Sciences, Tallinn

Date: 11 October 2017

Time: 13:00-17:00

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| 12:30-13:00 | Welcome Coffee |
| 13:00-13:30 | Welcome and introduction <i>Prof. Jean-Pierre Bourguignon</i> , ERC President <i>Prof. Eva Kondorosi</i> , ERC Vice-President and Chair of the ERC Scientific Council Working Group on Widening European Participation |
| 13:30-14:00 | Keynote Speech <i>Prof. Mart Saarma</i> , Director of the Centre of Excellence in Molecular and Integrated Neuroscience at the Institute of Biotechnology in University of Helsinki and former ERC Vice-President |
| 14:00-14:15 | ERC Grant Testimony <i>Prof. Tambet Teesalu</i> , Laboratory of Cancer Biology, Institute of Biomedicine and Translational Medicine, University of Tartu, Estonia |
| 14:15-14:30 | ERC Success Story: Proof-of-Concept <i>Prof. Valeria Nicolosi</i> , Nanomaterials and Advanced Microscopy School of Chemistry, CRANN & AMBER, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland |
| 14:30-14:45 | Promoting and spreading excellence <i>Dr Ronald de Bruin</i> , Director of the COST Association |

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| 14:45-15:00 | Coffee Break |
| 15:00-15:45 | <p>Panel discussion organised in collaboration with Science Europe: The complementary roles of the ERC and national research funding</p> <p>Ten years after the establishment of the ERC, what lessons have we learnt on its complementarity with national research funding? The panel will reflect on the impact the ERC has had on national research systems and on national research funding landscapes.</p> <p>Questions to be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How has the life of national funders, at strategic and operational level, changed after the establishment of the ERC? • What is the national experience with 'ERC top-up' or ERC-based schemes? Is their role positive or negative? • Where have national practices been adopted by the ERC and vice versa? • How have the application strategies of national research communities changed since the creation of the ERC? <p>Moderator: <i>Prof. Michael Matlosz</i>, President of Science Europe</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <p><i>Prof. Zbigniew Blocki</i>, Director of the National Science Centre (NCN), Poland</p> <p><i>Prof. Matthias Kleiner</i>, President of the Leibniz Association, Germany</p> <p><i>Prof. Eva Kondorosi</i>, Vice-President of the ERC Scientific Council</p> <p><i>Dr Andres Koppel</i>, Director General of the Estonian Research Council, Estonia</p> <p><i>Followed by a discussion with participants</i></p> |
| 15:45-16:45 | <p>Panel Discussion organised in collaboration with Science Europe: Peer review in the 21st century</p> <p>The panel will brainstorm on how to modernise funder-managed peer review processes. What innovative solutions can be introduced, using modern IT tools or novel behavioural insights?</p> <p>Questions to be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overburdened systems and experts; • Management of reviewers supply and demand; • Addressing bias in peer review panels: are double-blind reviews the way forward? |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demand management solutions. <p>Moderator: <i>Dr Véronique Halloin</i>, Secretary-General of the Fund for Scientific Research (F.R.S.-FNRS), Wallonia, Belgium</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <p><i>Dr Anne-Marie Coriat</i>, Head of Research Careers, Wellcome Trust, UK</p> <p><i>Prof. Stan Gielen</i>, President of the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO), The Netherlands</p> <p><i>Prof. József Györkös</i>, Director of the Slovenian Research Agency (ARRS), Slovenia</p> <p><i>Dr Angela Liberatore</i>, Head of Social Sciences and Humanities Unit, European Research Council Executive Agency (ERCEA)</p> <p><i>Prof. Sven Stafström</i>, Director General of the Swedish Research Council, Sweden</p> <p><i>Followed by a discussion with participants</i></p> |
| 16:45-17:00 | <p>Concluding remarks</p> <p><i>Prof. Jean Pierre Bourguignon</i>, ERC President</p> |
| 17:00 | <p>Reception</p> |