



Academia Europaea
Barcelona Knowledge Hub

SUMMER 2019 NEWSLETTER

Dear AE Members, friends and colleagues,



The Academia Europaea-Barcelona Knowledge Hub (AE-BKH) is pleased to share its **Summer 2019 Newsletter** with you. Enclosed is a foretaste of things to come, as well as highlights of the main past events. In particular, we wish to bring your attention to the upcoming **Building Bridges 2019** (the 31st Annual Conference of the Academia Europaea) which our Hub will again host, on 23-25 October 2019. Registration is available on-line at <http://buildingbridges-acadeuro.org/> and remains open until October 10th, while the early bird discount ends on August 31st.

Preparations are well underway thanks to an excellent team of collaborators, including **Kimberly Katte**, AE-BKH Manager and General Coordinator of Building Bridges 2019, **Rubén Duro**, AE-BKH Webmaster and Social Media Manager, and **Alexander Fidora**, Academic Coordinator of Building Bridges 2019.

We all look forward to seeing you in Barcelona!

Cordially yours,

Ricard Guerrero, Academic Director, AE-Barcelona Knowledge Hub

BUILDING BRIDGES 2019 (23-25 October 2019)

The conference **Building Bridges 2019** (23-25 October) features exciting topics in fields ranging from science and technology to the humanities and social sciences, as well as on the current challenges of research and academia as a whole. On 22-23 October, the Young Academy of Europe (YAE) will hold its 8th AGM and Annual meeting. Sessions will be structured as follows:

Wednesday, 23 October (morning). At the Institute for Catalan Studies, c/ Carme 47, Barcelona.

Workshops of the AE Classes/Sections and YAE meetings.

Wednesday, 23 October (afternoon and evening). At the Barcelona Athenaeum, c/ Canuda 6, Barcelona.

Building Bridges 2019



The conference opens at 15:30, at the Barcelona Athenaeum. It starts with a Welcome to new AE Members and continues with the two **AE Erasmus Medal Lectures**, along with their corresponding *Laudationes*. A reception will follow.

In the evening (20.30h onwards), participants are invited to go to the all-new **President's Dinner**, at Restaurant Norai, next to the Royal Shipyards, Av. Drassanes 1, Barcelona. The dinner is open to all conference attendees, and new AE Members of 2018 and 2019 are especially encouraged to attend. (Cost, 45 €, is not included in the conference fees. Please choose this optional item during the online registration process.)

Thursday, 24 October (all day). At the Barcelona Athenaeum.

On the second day, the programme continues with several renowned expert speakers and recipients of prestigious honours, including **Balzan Prizes**, the **2019 Adam Kondorosi Advanced Prize and Lecture**, and the **YAE 'Andre Mischke Prize'**. As in previous years, two other lectures will focus on research networks funded by **COST Actions**, an EU collaborative programme. **Nobel Laureate Konstantin Novoselov** (Physics, 2010) will give a lecture on graphene. Finally, the conference will conclude with the **2019 AE Distinguished Lecture**, followed by a cocktail reception.

Friday, 25 October (all day). Optional. Traditional post-conference field trip, to Montblanc.

Participants are encouraged to sign up for the traditional post-conference field trip. This year we will travel south by coach bus to the walled ducal **city of Montblanc**, which was an important trading centre in medieval times, as reflected in its many Gothic architectural gems. Close to the Prades mountain range, the area is home to many geological sites. The outing will include lunch featuring Catalan cuisine and a tasting of wines and olive oils; the excursion will also explore popular legends and landmarks. (Cost, 75 €, is not included in the conference fees. Please choose this optional item during the online registration process.)

On-line registration, scientific programme updates and logistical details are available on-line at <http://buildingbridges-acadeuro.org/>, with the **early bird discount ending on August 31st**. The Organising Committee is looking forward to seeing you in Barcelona this October!

SECOND EDITION OF THE BARCELONA HYPATIA EUROPEAN SCIENCE PRIZE

Later this summer, the Call for Nominations for the 2nd edition of **the Barcelona Hypatia European Science Prize** will be announced. The Prize, awarded by the Barcelona City Council in collaboration of the AE-BKH, recognises an outstanding researcher who has achieved a career of excellence at the highest international level in Europe and has made a significant contribution to knowledge, as well as a positive impact on society. As in the previous edition, the Prize includes a commemorative plaque and a monetary award of 30,000 euros, presented during a ceremony at the Barcelona City Council.



The second edition (2019) of the Prize will recognise a research career focused on the **Life and Health Sciences (LHS)**, including biology, medicine, biomedicine, and other related fields giving support to LHS, such as biochemistry, bioengineering, biomechanics, biocomputing, big data and large accelerators machines, biomimetics, historical geology, paleontology, history and philosophy of biology and medicine, etc. Candidates for the Prize must be nominated by a Member of the Academia Europaea (MAE) (Nominator 1), from any Section, and must have the support of an additional MAE (Nominator 2), also from any Section. Nominator 1 can propose only one Candidate. The two nominating MAEs must be from different countries.

Although nominators must be MAEs, the Candidate does NOT have to be a MAE, nor a native of a European country, but she/he must have developed her/his career mostly in Europe.

We invite you to check for news of the Call on-line at <http://barcelona.acadeuro.org/presentation/#>.

MAIN PAST EVENTS (2019)

Photo galleries from these events are now available on the AE Barcelona Knowledge Hub website:

- [Northeastern University Barcelona Dialogue](#) (a Summer Course, May 27th-June 18th)
- [Mind and Matter: the Symbiotic Thought of Raimon Panikkar, Ramon Margalef and James Lovelock](#) (May 14th)
- [The Evolutionary Role of Symbiosis](#) (April 3rd)
- [Women, Science and Culture: A Symbiotic Connection](#) (March 5th–7th). Seventh Annual AE-BKH Women's Week (WW2019).



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- **Disputatio of Barcelona 2019 (November 13th, at the Institute for Catalan Studies)**

Topic: "A new Humanism for the 21st century? Specialisation vs. generalisation"

Disputantes: Maciej Lewenstein (MAE), ICREA Research Professor and Quantum Optics Theory Group Leader at the Institute of Photonic Sciences (ICFO); and **Silvia De Bianchi**, Ramon y Cajal Fellow at the Department of Philosophy and Centre for the History of Science, Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB)

Moderator: Alexander Fidora (MAE), ICREA Research Professor, Department of Antiquity and Middle Age Studies, UAB.

- **AE-BKH 2019 Year-End Event (December 3rd, at the Institute for Catalan Studies)**

On the *Tree of Science (Arbor Scientiae)*, by Raimundus Lullus (1232-1316). Speakers: **Jaume de Puig**, **Alexander Fidora** and **Ricard Guerrero**. Musical performance and cocktail reception to follow.

OTHER NEWS

Other news from the Barcelona Knowledge Hub and/or the Academia Europaea that may be of interest to the local community of MAEs and scholars include:

- [Call for Nominations for the 2020 Erasmus Medal](#) (closes on September 1st, 2019)
- [Call for Nominations: Election of the next President of Academia Europaea](#) (closes on September 16th, 2019)
- [Announcement of the 2019 elected members](#)
- [Academia Europaea Strategic Plan 2019-2024](#)
- [Academia Europaea launches Tbilisi Knowledge Hub](#) (April 23rd-25th, 2019)

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