Dear Academia Europaea Members, friends and colleagues,

The Academia Europaea-Barcelona Knowledge Hub (AE-BKH) is pleased to share its 2020 Winter Newsletter with you. As in previous years, we are preparing an exciting programme of activities to take place throughout the year. Our regular programming will be distributed in three periods: In spring, our Hub’s eighth annual Women’s Week, to take place in March. In summer, the fourth “Barcelona Dialogue” summer course, organised by Northeastern University (Boston, USA) in June, with the collaboration of the AE-BKH. And finally, in fall we will celebrate the eighth modern-day Disputatio of Barcelona, which, as on other occasions, will debate questions of importance for society with an interdisciplinary focus.

This letter highlights the recently announced Call for Nominations for the second edition of the Barcelona Hypatia European Science Prize, awarded by the Barcelona City Council in collaboration with the AE-BKH. The Prize, in the amount of 30,000 euros, will recognise an outstanding researcher who has achieved a career of excellence at the highest international level in Europe and has made a significant contribution toward different fields of knowledge, as well as a positive impact on society. The Hub’s website (http://barcelona.acadeuro.org/) contains both the Call for Nominations and the Nomination Form. As explained below, the Nomination Form is very simple, allowing the user to easily prepare and send it back to the AE-BKH. This 2nd edition of the Hypatia Prize will recognise a research career focused on Life and Health Sciences (LHS), including other related sciences and technologies giving support to LHS, such as biochemistry, bioengineering, bioinformatics, etc. The deadline for Nominations will be March 31, 2020.

Also, following the well-attended and very successful 31st AE Annual Conference (“Building Bridges 2019”), held last fall in Barcelona, we are excited to begin preparations for this year’s event. “Building Bridges 2020”, the 32nd AE Annual Conference, will again be hosted by our Hub in Barcelona, on 20-23 October, 2020. The Annual Business Meeting for all MAEs will be held on Tuesday, October 20th. On Wednesday, October 21st, evening, we will celebrate for the second time the President’s Dinner (optional), while the traditional post-conference field trip will take place on Friday, October 23rd (also optional).
Please mark these dates on your calendar now and feel free to contact our Hub with any comments or questions, at barcelona@acadeuro.org

Cordially yours,

Ricard Guerrero, Academic Director, AE-Barcelona Knowledge Hub

1. BARCELONA HYPATIA EUROPEAN SCIENCE PRIZE (2nd edition, Life and Health Sciences)

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The second edition of the Prize will recognise a research career focused on the Life and Health Sciences (LHS), including other related sciences and technologies giving support to LHS, such as biochemistry, bioengineering, etc.

The Nominations period of this 2nd edition will last three months: from December 31, 2019, until March 31, 2020.

Candidates and Nominators: 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.

All information regarding prize criteria and procedures, including the Nomination Form, can be found on the Barcelona Knowledge Hub’s website at:

Questions or comments may be addressed to Kimberly Katte, Hub Manager, at: barcelona@acadeuro.org
2. SAVE THE DATE:
BUILDING BRIDGES 2020

The AE-BKH has begun preparations for the Building Bridges 2020, the 32nd Annual Conference of Academia Europaea, which will be held in Barcelona on October 20-23. As in previous years, this meeting will bring together leading scholars from Europe and beyond. The planning group of the Conference is currently working on the meeting’s draft programme, and registration is expected to open in May. In the meantime, we wish to inform you of the following key dates:

Tuesday, 20 October (late afternoon), at the Institute for Catalan Studies (IEC), c/Carme, 47, Barcelona: Annual Business Meeting for AE Members.

Wednesday, 21 October, at the Barcelona Biomedical Research Park (PRBB). c/Doctor Aiguader, 88, Barcelona.

Morning: AE Class workshops. Afternoon: Lecture and Reception for new Members.

In the evening, the President’s Dinner (optional, requiring a separate registration fee). Place to be determined.

Thursday, 22 October, at the PRBB. c/Doctor Aiguader 88, Barcelona. Morning and afternoon: Lectures.

Friday, 23 October (all day). Traditional post-conference field trip (optional, requiring a separate registration fee). Includes guided tours, transportation and lunch. Place to be determined.

Information on Building Bridges 2020, including registration, scientific programme and other details, will be available on-line this spring, at:

We look forward to seeing you in Barcelona again this October!