2021 SUMMER NEWSLETTER (July 12, 2021)

Dear Members of Academia Europaea, friends and colleagues,

Following the end of another academic year, the Barcelona Knowledge Hub of Academia Europaea (AE-BKH) is pleased to share the present 2021 Summer Newsletter (BarceloNEWS) with you. First, we announce the call for nominations for the third edition of the Barcelona Hypatia European Science Prize, in the area of Humanities and Social Sciences (see Section 1, below), and we encourage all Members of AE to nominate qualified candidates. The Hypatia Prize in its second edition, in the area of Life and Health Sciences, was awarded to Ilaria Capua MAE, Italian virologist and Director of the One Health Center of Excellence at the University of Florida, on June 1, 2021, at the Barcelona City Council (Section 2).

Next, we highlight two recent activities of our Hub: “East-West: a Dialogue Among Souls”, a concert by world-renowned musician Jordi Savall held within the ‘Music in the Cloister 2021’ series at the Institute for Catalan Studies (Section 3); and a screening of the film, Ciudad Infinita, directed by Kathrin Golda-Pongratz, MAE, followed by a debate at the Goethe-Institut Barcelona exploring memory and identity in the self-built city (Section 4).

Thanks for your attention. Please feel free to e-mail us (barcelona@acadeuro.org) with any questions or comments that you may have.

Best wishes for health and safety,

Ricard Guerrero, Academic Director, AE-Barcelona Knowledge Hub

1. BARCELONA HYPATIA EUROPEAN SCIENCE PRIZE
(3rd edition, Humanities and Social Sciences)

The AE-BKH is pleased to announce the call for nominations for the third edition of the Barcelona Hypatia European Science Prize, awarded by the Barcelona City Council in collaboration with our Hub. This Prize, in the amount of 30,000 euros, recognises 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 third edition of the Prize will recognise a research career in the Humanities and Social Sciences.

Nominations must be sent by e-mail to barcelona@acadeuro.org using the corresponding Nomination Form, before September 30, 2021. Details regarding the nomination procedure and criteria are available on the prize website at http://barcelona.acadeuro.org/home/annual-programming/hypatia-prize/third-edition-2021/.
2. HYPATIA PRIZE (2nd edition, Life and Health Sciences) AWARDED TO ITALIAN VIROLOGIST ILARIA CAPUA

The Barcelona Hypatia European Science Prize in its second edition (Life and Health Sciences) was presented to Ilaria Capua MAE, Italian virologist and Director of the One Health Center of Excellence at the University of Florida in the Gothic Saló de Cent (Barcelona City Council’s Main Hall), in front of city officials, representatives from Barcelona’s scientific community and Academia Europaea (AE) Members.

Presided by Joan Subirats, Deputy Mayor for Culture, Education, Science and Community, the ceremony also featured a previously recorded message by AE President Sierd Cloetingh. Lluís Ferrer, Chair of the Scientific Advisory Council for the Barcelona Science Plan 2020-2023, introduced Prof. Capua, who delivered a lecture entitled, “Circular Health: capitalizing on the One Health concept to meet post-pandemic needs”, in which she identified how big data can be harnessed to facilitate a systemic approach to health while improving sustainability.

3. CONCERT, “EAST-WEST: A DIALOGUE AMONG SOULS”, FEATURING JORDI SAVALL


Jordi Savall, on rebab, soprano viola de gamba and rebecc, accompanied by percussionist Pedro Estevan, invited attendees on a historical and cultural journey exploring the relationships and dialogue among different musical styles native to different cultures in the Mediterranean region, as well as certain musical traditions dating back to medieval times. Anthropological and musicological research has shed new light on how the relationships among these cultures have created the foundation for the development of present-day music in Catalonia and beyond.

More information, including the programme and artist biographies, can be found at http://barcelona.acadeuro.org/home/annual-programming/music-in-the-cloister/east-west-a-dialogue-among-souls/
On June 15, 2021, the Academia Europaea – Barcelona Knowledge Hub (AE-BKH) held a screening of the documentary, Ciudad Infinita – Voces de El Ermitaño (Lima, 2018), in the auditorium of the Goethe-Institut Barcelona, followed by a debate on the main topics of the film: public space, community building, housing, memory and identity.

The debate, moderated by journalist and author Bettina Bremme, with the participation of architect and urban planner Zaida Muxi and urban researcher and Ciudad Infinita film director Kathrin Golda-Pongratz, MAE, provided thought-provoking insight into the role of public space and housing in the construction of identity in different cultures, including our own. In this sense, the self-built neighbourhood of El Ermitaño, Lima, Peru, provides ideas for incentivising similar initiatives aimed at improving and consolidating neighbourhoods and communities.

This event, which was also streamed live, was featured as part of +Biennial, a programme of complementary activities held at different venues throughout Barcelona, following the conclusion of the second “City and Science” Biennial (June 8-13, 2021), organised by the Barcelona City Council.

5. RANDOM WALKS IN THE BARCELONA HUB

This section, whose name is inspired by the influential book published by American physicist Howard C. Berg (Random Walks in Biology), offers different itineraries through our website to lead users to “randomly” discover what is hiding inside and thereby become more acquainted with the activities of our Hub.

This time, we invite you to watch the Barcelona Hypatia European Science Prize ceremony and lecture (featured in Section 2, above), recognising virologist Ilaria Capua, MAE, which was streamed live from Barcelona on June 1, 2021, at https://youtu.be/yma6UXX3BYE. Prize winner Ilaria Capua, MAE, delivered her lecture entitled, “Circular Health: capitalizing on the One Health concept to meet post-pandemic needs.”


Once you’ve entered here, you can follow your own walk to other related places by following the links you will find. Have a pleasant walk (at random, of course).