2021 AUTUMN NEWSLETTER (September 13, 2021)

Dear Members of Academia Europaea, friends and colleagues,

The Barcelona Knowledge Hub of Academia Europaea (AE-BKH) is excited to begin a new academic year of activities, the first of which are reflected in the present 2021 Autumn Newsletter (BarceloNEWS).

First, as communicated previously by AE, our Hub will again host the upcoming 32nd AE Annual Conference, Building Bridges 2021, featuring a hybrid format of both virtual and in-person activities in Barcelona. AE Members, friends and colleagues are encouraged to register before the upcoming September 15th deadline (see Section 1, below).

Next, we invite all Members of AE to nominate qualified candidates in the Humanities and Social Sciences for the third edition of the Barcelona Hypatia European Science Prize (Section 2), before the September 30th deadline.

Finally, we announce the newest addition to our “Barcelona-In-Action” digital archive: a recorded interview with virologist Ilaria Capua, winner of the second edition of the Barcelona Hypatia European Science Prize in the area of Life and Health Sciences, during which she explains her view of Circular Health, as a means of facilitating a systemic approach to health while improving sustainability in the 21st century.

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. BUILDING BRIDGES 2021: CONFERENCE REGISTRATION OPEN UNTIL 15 SEPTEMBER.

AE Members, friends and colleagues are reminded to register for the 32nd AE Annual Conference, Building Bridges 2021 (Barcelona, 20-21 October 2021) featuring a hybrid format of both virtual and in-person activities in Barcelona, before the September 15th deadline. Please register on the conference website: http://www.buildingbridges-acadeuro.org/.

The plenary programme (20-21 October), which can be attended either in-person at the Barcelona Biomedical Research Park (PRBB) or online via Zoom, highlights renowned international scholars, including AE Erasmus Medal and Gold Award recipients and also Balzan Prize winners, among others. In addition, the plenary programme will include a Young Academy of Europe (YAE) panel debate and the awarding of the 2021 Andre Mischke Prize. Also, Marja Makarow, currently President-Elect of AE, will assume the presidency during the conference, while AE extends its thanks to outgoing President Sierd Cloetingh for his many years of service.

Class meetings, for their part, will be held exclusively online, on the following dates: Class A1-Humanities and Class A2-Social and Related Sciences will hold a joint virtual meeting on 14 October; Class B-Exact Sciences will hold its meeting on 15 October; and finally, Class C-Life Sciences will hold its meeting on 18 October. AE Members are encouraged to also register for one or more of these Class meetings (not just their own corresponding Class meeting), in addition to the plenary programme. Class meetings will each feature an outstanding keynote speaker and will welcome new Members of AE elected in 2020, inviting them to make short presentations.

Finally, those attending the plenary programme on-site in Barcelona are welcome to sign up for one or both of the optional social activities: the President’s Dinner (20 October), and the post-conference field trip (22 October). More information on these activities will be posted on the conference website soon.

We hope to see you at Building Bridges 2021.

2. BARCELONA HYPATIA EUROPEAN SCIENCE PRIZE (3rd edition, Humanities and Social Sciences): CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OPEN UNTIL 30 SEPTEMBER.

The AE-BKH reminds you that 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, remains open this month.

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: http://barcelona.acadeuro.org/home/annual-programming/hypatia-prize/third-edition-2021/.
3. 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.


The interview was conducted by AE-BKH Manager Kimberly Katte on the Living Terrace of the Natural Science Museum of Barcelona, on the occasion of the prize ceremony. In it, Capua reveals her views on circular health, pandemics, women in science, data sharing and interdisciplinarity.

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).