



ALLEA General Assembly business meeting
Activities Report 2009
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Governance, members and management

- ▶ Presidency (Pres. & VP: supported by their Academies)
- ▶ Steering Committee / Board: 7 + 1 members
- ▶ Secretariat (2 fte since 2009)

- ▶ General meeting: Nov; preparations of the Strategic Plan (incl. implementation and finances); consultations with Member Academies and other stakeholders [questionnaire; face-to-face; correspondence]
- ▶ Steering Committee / Board meetings: 2 x)
[documentation: ca. 600 pages per meeting]
- ▶ Processing requests for membership (ca. six per annum)
- ▶ Preparation of revised statutes and by-laws
- ▶ Disentangling ALLEA finances (so far integrated into KNAW)
- ▶ Completing unfinished business (publications, website etc.)

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Expert Advisory Committees

- ▶ Standing Committee Science & Ethics [lead: DE]:
 - Formal meetings (Berlin, Febr.; Amsterdam, Sept.)
 - Consultative symposium (Berne; June)
 - Code of Conduct: Research Integrity [to be issued in 2010]
 - Development of work-plan 2010-2012
 - Project Science & Higher Education in Palestine [Oslo, June 2010]
 - Preparation WS Ethics in Research Training [Oslo; Febr. 2010]
- ▶ Standing Committee Intellectual Property Rights
[lead: Royal Society]:
 - Several informal meetings with Chair and members
 - Symposium on new challenges in IPR at World Science Forum Budapest (Nov)

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Expert Advisory Committees

- ▶ WG Evaluating for Science [lead: Netherlands]:
 - Constitution of Working Group (May)
 - Formal working meetings (Amsterdam, June; Paris, Oct.)
 - [preparation of European Evaluation Protocol for institutional evaluations, to be issued in 2010]

- ▶ WG Science Education [lead: France]:
 - Several preparatory meetings (Amsterdam, Febr.; Paris, June)
 - informal meetings with Chair and members
 - formal and informal meetings with IAP Programme Chair for coordination and integration
 - formal and informal meeting with European Commission for cooperation and coordination
 - [preparations of World Conference in 2010]



New projects 2009

- ▶ Young Academies / European Young Academy :
 - Survey of MA's support for young scholars;
 - Study of practice in DE, NL, AT
 - Call for, selection of candidates for, preparation, running , follow-up of Vienna Workshop “Towards a European Young Academy” [Austrian Academy] (May)
 - Interaction with other Young Researches networks (preparation of YA workshops in Madrid [Instituto de Espana] and Anatlya [Turkish Academy of Sciences] Feb/March 2010
- ▶ Evaluation of 69 research institutes of Bulg. Acad. of Sciences together with ESF
[c.50 experts; ca. 600 page report; ca. 12.000 pages evidence; ca. 3.000 contact hours for site visits and interviews]



Governance and members: new proposals under preparation in 2009

- ▶ “Monitoring Brussels for a better ERA” [lead academy: EE; Pres.]: multi-stakeholder high-level expert group > Academies as independent voice of science
- ▶ “Best practice in research and science management of research performing organisations” [RU]: public sector science institutions and market pressures > cooperation with similar non-Academy institutions (CNRS; Max-Planck etc.)
- ▶ “Regional Clusters” [BG]: critical mass through regional cooperation < ALLEA WG South Eastern European Academies; UNESCO (capacity); IAPSEE (pilot); etc.: thematic explorations, priority setting
- ▶ “Research Infrastructures” [DE]: specific Academy interests and specific disciplinary interests > ESFRI / EuroHORCs
- ▶ “Scientific publishing / Open Access” [PL]: interests of Academy publishers and interaction with publishing and IT businesses
- ▶ “Science, Media and Communication” [BE]



Science Policy interventions

- ▶ Participation in ministerial EU Presidency Conferences (keynote; chairman; speaker; etc.: Czech Republic and Sweden)
- ▶ Participation in ERC (European Research Council) conferences and symposia
- ▶ Advisory and expert board member in global (OECD), European (Commission Framework Programme activities; EU Presidency) and national science policy initiatives
- ▶ Interventions in national science policy debates surrounding the position of academies (e.g.: Bulgaria; Czech Republic; Poland)
- ▶ Invited speaker, expert advisor, participant on FP and bilateral projects (e.g.: - inter-agency cooperations with EU and Russia;
 - science cooperation with Asia (incl.: World in 2025; Institutes for Advanced Study)
 - evaluation of social impact of research (ex.: EU;Canada;Korea)
 - mobility for young researchers (Marie Curie; all year long)
 - research infrastructures (ESFRI [Seville]; EuroCRIS [Brussels;Oct]; scientific publishing [Hungary, Nov.] and data workshop [Alliance])

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Communication:

- ▶ New website (after wind-up of previous unfinished project)
- ▶ Academy portraits (format; editing; support material; no complete set yet)
- ▶ Working website for each meeting (restricted with background, draft documents, presentations, links etc.; drafts for comments)
- ▶ Collaboratorium (draft texts for joint work)

- ▶ “Memos” (presidency, secretariat, Board members)
- ▶ Newsletter (input flow still unsatisfactory; output irregular)
- ▶ As yet, backlog of reports / publications (Science & Ethics; GA conference)

- ▶ Preparations of Codes of Conduct (ethics) & protocols/guidelines (evaluation)
- ▶ Lead Academies needed for: capacity for quick reaction policy statements etc.

- ▶ Input to consultations and evaluations at European level (e.g.: European Commission; ERAB; ERC; EuroHORCs)
- ▶ Lead Academies needed for: pro-active & independent studies/reports on topical issues

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Cooperation with Partner Organisations (worldwide) (umbrella and coordination of multilateral activities)

- ▶ **IAP (41 out 53 ALLEA members are also IAP members):**
 - ALLEA's role: coordination of European activities
 - Format: observer in Assembly (March), Workshops (Febr)
 - Areas: Science Education (June; Dec); science policy (Dec); Young Academy (May); Academy portraits (IAP: short; ALLEA: full version)
- ▶ **ICSU (28/53):**
 - ALLEA's role: integration of European activities into global funding schemes
 - Format: observer in ICSU Europe; launch of secretariat idea (Sept)
 - Areas: Science programming; freedom and universality of science (June); scientific publishing and data access (Nov)
- ▶ **UAI (38/53):**
 - ALLEA's role: link of Europe-based Humanities activities of Academies to European science policy debates;
 - Format: observer in Bureau; project co-chair and board member (China-Mediterranean; cities of knowledge); conference prepared [for Feb. 2010]
 - Areas: Humanities; research infrastructures; European neighbourhood policy (Mediterranean; Central Asia)



Cooperation with Partner Organisations (in Europe) (umbrella and coordination of multilateral activities)

▶ EASAC (23/53)

- ALLEA's role: ensure *one* voice of science academies in Europe; avoid duplication
- format: ALLEA member of EASAC (2x); EASAC chair observer on ALLEA Board (O)
- areas of activity should not overlap, synergy would be desirable;
- list of concrete proposal made by ALLEA during EASAC Council June 2009

▶ ESF/EuroHORCs (19/53):

- ALLEAS's role: coordination with research funders / among res. performers
- Format: observer Governing Council (2 x); high-level workshop (1x);
- Areas: research integrity (4x); research infrastructures (2x); science & society (1x) ; evaluation (2x)
- Ex.: *Code of Conduct Scientific Integrity (all year long)*
- Ex.: *Evaluation of 69 research institutes of Bulg. Ac. of Sciences (all year long)*