



ALLEA General Assembly business meeting
Activities Report 2010
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Governance, members and management

- ▶ Presidency (Pres. & VP: supported by their Academies)
- ▶ Steering Committee / Board: 8 + 1 members
- ▶ Secretariat (2 fte since 2009)

- ▶ General Assembly + conference: April
Revisions of the Strategic Plan (incl. implementation and system of membership dues); consultations with MA's
- ▶ Board meetings (2010: three)
- ▶ Processing requests for membership (2010: two)
- ▶ Amendments of statutes and by-laws
- ▶ Disentangling ALLEA and KNAW finances
- ▶ Completing “unfinished business”: publications, website etc.

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Expert Advisory Bodies

- ▶ Standing Committee Science & Ethics (1) [lead: DE]
 - **Formal meetings** (Oslo, Febr.; Paris, Nov.)
 - Activities involve: BE, CH, CZ, DE, EE, ES, FI, FR, GR, HR, HU, IE, IL, KV, MK, MN, NL, NO, (PA), RO, RS, SE, SI, SK, TK
 - Thematic symposia
 - Oslo, Febr.: **Ethics as part of research training** > *recommendations* (2011)
 - exchanges on methodologies (universities; res. centres)
 - coordination with related activities (EU, UNESCO)
 - Oslo, June: **Support for Palestinian HE&research:** steering group NO,FR,TK
 - Needs assessment with Palestinian “rectors’ conference”
 - Database of diaspora scientists & potential mentors
 - Coordination with related initiatives: IPSO, PEACE, ICSU, UNESCO
 - Preparation of agreements on library and lab-support (TK) and on “digital open university” (BE)

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Expert Advisory Bodies

- ▶ Standing Committee Science & Ethics (2) [lead: DE]

Completion: **European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity**

Winter / spring: several working meetings with ESF / MO's

July: 2nd World Conference on Research Integrity

July: Seminar with Asian Academies (follow-up: JP, CN, SG)

Nov.: finalise agreement on follow-up with ESF, RCs, RIOs, etc.

Publication, promotion (awareness raising; survey), advice on RI structures

- Preparation of new projects:

The **role of ethics committees** (with EU and Council of Europe): survey(CZ)

European Network of Academies on “**Human Rights**” (Leopoldina) (CoE)

Follow-up symposia Research Integrity:

Social and scientific **responsibility of the scientist** (NN)

Plagiarism (NL)

Ethics of scientific policy advice (DE)

Horizon-scanning: emerging science trends and S&E challenges

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▶ Standing Committee Intellectual Property Rights [lead: Union / SI]:

- Formal meetings (2 x Munich: Nov., Dec.)
- Activities involve: BE, DE, HU, NL, NO, PL, TK, UK
- Recomposition of the SC-IPR
- Elaboration of statements on:

Google Book Settlement and Policies on digitization > expert symposium, incl. 3 Comm./DG's and European Parliament

Legal framework for human stem cell research: interact with ECJ; EPO

European Patent System: interact with EC and EPO

In addition:

- preparation of symposium and presidency conference on **Open Access**
- **horizon scanning exercise: emerging science trends and IPR challenges**



Expert Advisory Bodies

- ▶ WG Evaluating for Science (1) [lead: NL]:
 - Formal working meetings (Mainz, June)
 - Activities involve: AT, BG, DE, CZ, FR, HR, LT, LV, NL, PL, PT, SE, SK, TK, UK)
 - preparation of **European Evaluation Protocol for institutional evaluations**
 - participation in
 - ESF MO Fora (peer review; impact),
 - EFC WG Assessments,
 - network of research information systems,
 - as advisor in FP7 projects, programmes, conference
 - as stakeholder on framework conditions for EC Joint Programming Initiatives

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▶ WG Evaluating for Science [lead: NL]:

- intervention in

- follow-up **evaluation of 69 research institutes** of Bulg. Acad. of Sciences of 2009 (parliament, president etc.) > amendment

[secr. at ALLEA; tog. with ESF; c.50 experts; ca. 12.000 pages evidence; ca. 3.000 contact hours: site visits and interviews; ca. 600 page report; public & media presentations; exchanges with relevant ministries]

- preparation of comprehensive eval. of Slovak research institutions (**Academy + rectors' conference**; ministry) > **common framework**

- discussions on systems evaluations (HE and/or Acad.) in CZ, RO, RU, SI

- emerging topics include:

- **assessment of societal impact**

- **indicators for SSH research**

Wanted: new chair!

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WG Science Education [lead: FR]:

- Formal working meeting (York, Oct.)
- Working meeting of Core Group (Brussels, Sept.)
- WG functions as European network of the IAP global programme on SciEdu:
 - > meetings with IAP Programme Chair for coordination and integration
- Activities involve: BE, CZ, DE, DK, FI, FR, GR, HR, HU, IE, IT, KV, MD, MN, NL, RO, RS, SE, SI, TK, UA, UK
- Survey of science education activities of Academies
- Co-organiser global conference on Inquiry Based Science Education in secondary schools (with IAP, RSL, Wellcome: York, Oct.)
- Organiser GA Conference on Learning (Stockholm, Apr.)
- Exchanges with other IAP networks on SciEdu re e input to G8 process



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WG Science Education [lead: FR]:

- EU interaction:
 - recommendations to council of ministers and Heads of State ([MST] education in flagship initiatives!)
 - formal and informal exchanges: Barroso's cabinet
 - 3 Commissioners/DG's: for coordination (ET 2020, EU-AU)
 - high-level expert group MST
- Cooperation with EC services:
 - identification of Academy experts for expert groups
 - survey of impact of SciEdu pilot projects (national legislation, curriculum, learning experience)
 - preparation of joint conference (science education and industry) [2012]

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▶ Young Academies / European Young Academy :

- Activities involve: AL, AT, BE, BG, BH, BY, CH, CZ, DE, ES, FI, GE, HR, HU, IT, MD, MN, NL, NO, PL, PT, RO, SK, TK, UK
- **Workshop with MA's** and other young researchers' networks on YA concept (Madrid [Inst. de España], Febr.)
- **YA workshop on "Grand Challenges"** (Antalya [Turk. Ac. of Sciences], March)
- Participation in annual and jubilee meetings of DE (10 yy.) and TK
- **Advice** to initiatives in JP, BE, SE, and to GY[S]A (Febr.)
- **Presentation to Commissioner** RTD, to ERAB, to Advisory Group FP7 People Programme, etc. (May)
- Development of **presidency conference** with V4 inter-academy network on support for young researchers (Sept.)
- Invitation to join EU and ESF/EuroHorcs **reflection groups on research careers** (Dec.)

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Interest Group Social Sciences & Humanities in FP8

[lead academy: British Academy]

- Primary focus: preserve & strengthen SSH programme component in FP8
- Activities involve:
 - (AT), BE, BH, CH, CZ, DE, ES, FR, HR, HU, IT, LT, LV, IE, MD, NO, PL, RU, SE, SK, TK, UK
- Workshop British School, Rome (Dec.): ca. 20 Academies present
- Position Paper submitted to Commission / DG R&I
 - (> invitation to further input)
- Follow-up (Dec.): joint meeting with EC services
- Follow-up (Dec.): joint meeting with ESF, RC's, NCP, programme committee
 - Rome statement fed into programme committee text (subscribed by 27 min. repr.)
- Follow-up planned for 2011 (led by ALLEA & British Academy):
 - Joint meeting of IG with Commission services on Green Paper [BE; March]
 - Joint meeting with Commissioner (led by IG, incl.: ESF, RC's, NCP, programme committee, ECHIC (consortium of Humanities research institutes).
 - Open letter (website; subscriptions invited from community networks)
 - Template for community for submissions under consultation Green Paper
 - Invitation by DG R&I for input to work-programme design for FP8



Other science policy interventions

- ▶ Invitation to join EC advisory, reflection and stakeholder groups on:
 - **Research Infrastructures** (incl. access to scientific information);
 - **Modernization of higher education**;
 - **Joint Programming Initiatives** (coordination of EU and national research funding).
- ▶ Participation in ministerial EU Presidency Conferences and meetings
- ▶ Participation in ERC (European Research Council) symposia
- ▶ Invited speaker, advisory and expert board member in global (OECD), European (FP activities; EU Presidency; ESF) and national science policy initiatives
- ▶ Interventions in nat. science policy debates on the position of academies (e.g.: BG, CZ, PL)
- ▶ Exchanges on capacity building for Academy-cum-RC systems outside of Europe (Central Asia: KZ; TM; Science Council Asia; CSF)

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Communication:

- ▶ Website (NEP: “never ending project”)
- ▶ Academy portraits (completed; website only; updates needed!)
- ▶ Collection of science policy relevant activities & documents from MAs (not yet on website)
- ▶ Working website for each meeting (partly restricted for drafts; open with background, presentations, links etc.)
- ▶ “Collaboratorium”

- ▶ “Memos” (presidency, secretariat, Board members)
- ▶ Newsletter (input flow still unsatisfactory; output very irregular)
- ▶ Backlog of reports / publications (SCSE; WG Eval)

- ▶ Input to consultations and evaluations at European level (e.g.: European Commission; ERAB; ERC; EuroHORCs)

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

- ▶ **EASAC (25 out of 53 MA's also have delegate in EASAC):**
 - Format: full member on council (2); EASAC chair observer on Board (-)
 - Working towards increasing synergies and complementarity:
 - EASAC chair invited member of ALLEA Science Policy Task Force
 - ALLEA SC Science and Ethics providing opinion on “Synthetic Biology” once EASAC “opportunities” report is completed (2011)
 - EASAC chair (food/GMO) invited to join symposium project “social responsibility of the scientist”
 - Survey of 25 Member Academies: joint statement on positioning of national academies in Europe would be desirable
- ▶ **ESF/EuroHORCs (18 out of 53 MA's are members):**
 - Format: observer Governing Council (2 x); joint ALLEA-ESF high-level workshop (March);
 - Areas for concrete cooperation: research integrity (4x); research infrastructures (2x); evaluation (2x)
 - Coordination of the position of Academy ESF-members on merger with EuroHORCs: presented at GovCo (June; Sep.), Assembly (Nov.) and at network meetings (e.g.: V4)

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Cooperation with Partner Organisations (worldwide)

(umbrella and coordination of multilateral activities)

- ▶ **ICSU (28 out of 53 ALLEA members are members):**
 - Format: no formal observer role; ICSU Europe secretariat independent in FI
 - Areas: YA / Grand Challenges (Febr.); science programmes (“Vision”; social learning); freedom and universality of science (Oct.); scientific publishing.
- ▶ **UAI (38/53):**
 - Format: informal observer role; secretariat in BE
 - Areas: Humanities; research infrastructures; European neighbourhood policy (cooperation with Mediterranean and Central Asian academies)
 - Joint conference “China – Mediterranean”: Fukuoka (JP), Febr.
 - Preparatory meetings for conference: “Cities of knowledge in the Mediterranean” [Barcelona, Dec.2011]
- ▶ **IAP (41/53):**
 - Format: observer; formally – in 2010 – no European network
 - Areas: science policy (with EASAC: June; Oct.); Young Academy (Febr.); European Academy portraits (IAP: short, ALLEA: full version); Science Education (Jan.; Oct.: joint conference; European network);