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ALLEA | GENERAL ASSEMBLY
MADRID 16-19 APRIL 2008

ALLEA ORGANIZATION

ALLEA, FOUNDED IN 1994, IS THE FEDERATION OF 54 ACADEMIES OF SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES IN 43 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, WHOSE MEMBER ACADEMIES ARE SELFGOVERNING COMMUNITIES OF SCIENTISTS AND SCHOLARS. ALLEA SEEKS TO

- PROMOTE THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND EXPERIENCE BETWEEN ACADEMIES,
- OFFER EUROPEAN SCIENCE AND SOCIETY ADVICE FROM ITS MEMBER ACADEMIES, AND
- STRIVES FOR EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE AND SCHOLARSHIP, HIGH ETHICAL STANDARDS AND INDEPENDENCE FROM POLITICAL, COMMERCIAL AND IDEOLOGICAL INTERESTS.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly, ALLEA's highest legislative body of Member Academies, meets every two years. In general, the programme of the biennial meeting consists of various Academic sessions and one Business session. The Academic sessions are devoted to the presentation and discussion of scientific and scholarly papers. In the Business session ALLEA's organisation and policy are put on the agenda. All Member Academies are entitled to vote, with a maximum of 2 votes per country. The last General Assembly (2006) was held in Krakow, Poland. The next General Assembly will be in Madrid, Spain (2008).

MEMBER ACADEMIES

Academies eligible for membership are learned societies with a broad, multidisciplinary scope and of national importance. For a complete list

of addresses see Members. From the Statutes (as revised at the 2000 General Assembly):

Academies of European countries whose activity is devoted to Sciences and Humanities -including Social Sciences- may be members of ALLEA provided they represent their national scientific communities, play an acknowledged nationwide role within their country and are recognised by an international institution like the International Science Foundation, International Academic Union, ICSU: the International Council for Science, and other similar international organizations.

STEERING COMMITTEE

The Steering Committee is ALLEA's executive committee. According to the Statutes the Steering Committee consists of 9 full Members. With exception of the Presidency, Members of the Steering Committee are Academies (current members between parentheses):

- the President of ALLEA
(*Prof.dr. J. Engelbrecht, ex officio*);
- the Vice-President (*Prof.dr. C.N.J. Mann, elected from the Steering Committee*);
- the Academy that hosted the preceding General Assembly (*Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences Krakow, and Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland*);
- the Academy that will host the next General Assembly (*Institute of Spain, Spain*);
- six elected Member Academies (*Union of German Academies of Sciences and Humanities, Germany; Académie des Sciences, France; Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW), The Netherlands; Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia; Turkish Academy of Sciences (TÜBA), Turkey; British Academy, United Kingdom*).

At present, the Steering Committee has two Observers (ex officio):

- IAP (Inter Academy Panel)
- EASAC (European Academies Science Advisory Council)

OFFICE

ALLEA's Office, including the secretariat, is hosted by one of the Member Academies and is financially supported by that Academy, or by the country of that Academy. Presently, ALLEA's Office is hosted by the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, in Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

The Office provides administrative support to ALLEA's different bodies and acts as an intermediary between them. The Office manages all communication and information on behalf of ALLEA and its bodies.

STAFF

- **Johannes J.F. Schroots** (1943), Ph.D., is Director of ALLEA.
- **Maarten G. Langemeijer** (1963), MA, is executive Secretary of ALLEA.

LIST OF MEMBER ACADEMIES

ALBANIA

Academy of Sciences of Albania

AUSTRIA

Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften

BELARUS, REPUBLIC OF

National Academy of Sciences of Belarus (NASB)

BELGIUM

*Royal Academy of Sciences, Letters and Arts of Belgium
Royal Flemish Academy of Belgium for Science and the Arts*

BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

Academy of Science and Arts of Bosnia and Herzegovina

BULGARIA

Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

CROATIA, REPUBLIC OF

Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts

CZECH REPUBLIC

Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic

DENMARK

Royal Danish Academy of Sciences and Letters

ESTONIA

Estonian Academy of Sciences

FINLAND

Delegation of the Finnish Academies of Science and Letters

FRANCE

*Académie des Inscriptions et Belles-Lettres
Académie des Sciences Morales et Politiques
Académie des Sciences
European Academy of Arts, Sciences and Humanities*

GEORGIA

Georgian Academy of Sciences

GERMANY

*Akademie der Wissenschaften in Göttingen
Akademie der Wissenschaften und der Literatur Mainz
Bayerische Akademie der Wissenschaften
Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften
Deutsche Akademie der Naturforscher 'Leopoldina'
Heidelberger Akademie der Wissenschaften
Nordrhein-Westfälische Akademie der Wissenschaften
Sächsische Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Leipzig
Union der deutschen Akademien der Wissenschaften*

WEDNESDAY, 16 APRIL 2008

20.00 - 21.30 *Welcome Reception/Bufferet*

THURSDAY, 17 APRIL 2008

09.00 *Registration / Coffee*

OPENING SESSION

09.30 *Words of Welcome*
- *H.M. Queen Sofia of Spain*
- *President of Institute of Spain:*
Salustiano del Campo
- *Video Message European Commission,*
Commissioner for Research, Technology
and Development (RTD): Janez Potocnik
- *Presidential Address:*
Jüri Engelbrecht, ALLEA President

10.30 *Coffee break*

FIRST ACADEMIC SESSION:

HISTORY, CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
CHAIR: SALUSTIANO DEL CAMPO
- *Pedro Schwartz*
- *Antonio García Bellido*

11.00

13.00 *Lunch*

SECOND ACADEMIC SESSION:

ALLEA AND THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA
CHAIR: JÜRI ENGELBRECHT
- *Peter Schuster*
- *???????*

14.30

16.00 *Tea break*

THIRD ACADEMIC SESSION:

THE CONTRIBUTION OF HUMANITIES
AND SOCIAL SCIENCES TO THE ERA
CHAIR: NICHOLAS MANN
- *Duncan Gallie*
- *?????????*

16.30

18.15 *Closure*

Dinner

FRIDAY 18 APRIL 2008

09.00

FOURTH ACADEMIC SESSION:
THE SILVERGREY ACADEMY
Chair: *Johannes Schroots*
- *Henk Becker*

10.15

Coffee break

11.00

Business Meeting

13.15

Closure

13.30

Lunch

MUSEUM VISIT:
PRADO

SATURDAY 19 APRIL 2008

VISIT TOLEDO

(full day, including lunch)

PROGRAMME

GREECE

Academy of Athens

HUNGARY

Hungarian Academy of Sciences

ICELAND

Icelandic Society of Sciences

IRELAND

The Royal Irish Academy of Sciences

ISRAEL

Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities

ITALY

National Academy of the Lincei

KOSOVA

Kosova Academy of Sciences and Arts

LATVIA

Latvian Academy of Sciences

LITHUANIA

Lithuanian Academy of Sciences

MACEDONIA

Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts

MOLDOVA, REPUBLIC OF

Academy of Sciences of Moldova

MONTENEGRO

Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts

NETHERLANDS

Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences

NORWAY

Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters

POLAND

Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences Krakow

Polish Academy of Sciences

PORTUGAL

Academy of Sciences of Lisbon

ROMANIA

Romanian Academy

RUSSIA

Russian Academy of Sciences

SERBIA

Kosova Academy of Sciences and Arts

Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts

SLOVAKIA

Slovak Academy of Sciences

SLOVENIA

Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts

SPAIN

Instituto de España

Real Academia de Ciencias Morales y Políticas

SWEDEN

The Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry

The Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences

The Royal Swedish Academy of Letters, History and Antiquities

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences

SWITZERLAND

The Council of the Swiss Scientific Academies (CASS)

TURKEY

The Turkish Academy of Sciences

UKRAINE

The National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine

UNITED KINGDOM

The British Academy

The Royal Society

The Royal Society of Edinburgh

VATICAN CITY STATE

Pontifical Academy of Sciences

THE INSTITUTE OF SPAIN. A PROFILE

THE INSTITUTE OF SPAIN WAS FOUNDED THE 1ST JANUARY 1938 AS AN INITIATIVE LED BY EUGENIO D'ORS, PEDRO MUGURUZA AND AGUSTÍN GONZÁLEZ DE AMEZÚA AND IS MADE UP OF ALL PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE **OFFICIAL ROYAL ACADEMIES**: THE SPANISH, HISTORY, SAN FERNANDO FINE ARTS, EXACT, PHYSICAL AND NATURAL SCIENCE, MORAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCES, MEDICINE, JURISPRUDENCE AND LEGISLATION, AND PHARMACY ACADEMIES. ALL ARE ALL BROUGHT TOGETHER AS THE HIGHEST EXPONENT OF NATIONAL ACADEMIC CULTURE.

The institute's purpose is to maintain and deepen the brotherhood between the aforementioned eight Spanish Royal Academies, so that they may complement each other in carrying out their tasks and activities more effectively, as the highest representatives of national academies in Spain and abroad. Their duties are those conferred upon them by the state, entrusted to them by the Royal Academies and those that spring from their own initiative.

Throughout its seventy years of existence, the Institute of Spain has had eight presidents: Manuel de Falla, Leopoldo Eijo y Garay, Juan Contreras y López de Ayala, the Marquis of Lozoya, the Duke of Alba (Luis Martínez de Irujo), Manuel Lora-Tamayo, Fernando Chueca Goitia, Miguel Artola Gallego, Margarita Salas Falgueras, and the present incumbent, Salustiano del Campo.

The Institute of Spain channels its work through series of lectures, postgraduate courses and specialised publications. Every year honors the most senior academician in a special ceremony.

It is currently situated at San Bernardo, 49, the building that formerly housed the Central University of Madrid.

ROYAL ACADEMIES OF THE INSTITUTE OF SPAIN

by seniority of the Royal Academies.

- 1714 SPANISH ROYAL ACADEMY.
 - 1738 ROYAL ACADEMY OF HISTORY.
 - 1744 SAN FERNANDO ROYAL ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS.
 - 1847 ROYAL ACADEMY OF EXACT, PHYSICAL AND NATURAL SCIENCE.
 - 1857 ROYAL ACADEMY OF MORAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCES.
 - 1861 NATIONAL ROYAL ACADEMY OF MEDICINE.
 - 1862 ROYAL ACADEMY OF JURISPRUDENCE AND LEGISLATION.
 - 1946 ROYAL ACADEMY OF PHARMACY.
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