

**Programme for the Czech Presidency Conference  
Researchers in Europe without Barriers**

**Prague, Tuesday, April 28 – Wednesday, April 29, 2009**

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**PRAGUE CONGRESS CENTER – ENTRANCE 10**

**8:00**            **Registration**

**SOUTH HALL**

**9:00**            **Building ERA with all talented researchers – *where we stand and where we want to go* – Plenary session**

Chair: Prof. Helena Illnerová, President of the Learned Society of the Czech Republic, President of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic in the years 2001 – 2005

- Mirek Topolánek - Czech Prime Minister, Chair of the Research Council
- Janez Potočnik - European Commissioner for Science and Research
- Dr. Marc Foucault – French Ministry for Higher Education and Research
- Prof. Jiří Drahoš - President of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic

**10:30**            *Coffee break*

**SOUTH HALL**

**11:00**            **Research Climate – Plenary session**

Chair: Prof. Helena Illnerová, CZ - President of the Learned Society of the Czech Republic, President of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic in the years 2001 – 2005

- Prof. Peter Nijkamp, NL - Former President NWO, Free University, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Amsterdam: *"Knowledge Infrastructure and Regional Growth: Strategic Roadmaps"*
- Dr. František Štěpánek, CZ - Institute of Chemical Technology, ERC Starting grant holder: *"Support for early-stage researchers in Europe: a view from three countries"*
- Prof. Hans Hilgenkamp, NL - University of Twente and board member of The Royal Netherlands Young Academy of Sciences : *"In 4 a modern Europe; early Independence, Influence, Internationalization and Interest in Science"*

- Prof. C.H.C.M. Buys, NL - Vice-President of NWO, Former Head of Department of Genetics University Medical Centre Groningen: *"Optimising Research Climate: National and European Roles"*

**13:00** Lunch

## **SOUTH HALL**

### **14:30 Workshop I – Creating better environment for researchers in Europe: Implementation of Partnership**

Chair: Professor Enric Banda - EUROSCIENCE President

Speakers:

- Dr. Nikola Macharova - EURODOC – President: *"Developing researchers' perspectives inside and outside academia"*
- Prof. Jerzy Langer - Polish Academy of Sciences – *"Partnership is a two-way street: the FP vs. national instruments"*
- Mr. Aidan Hodson, IE - Office of Science, Technology and Innovation, Dept. Enterprise, Trade and Employment: *"Developments in Ireland regarding Researcher Careers and Mobility"*
- Ms. Angeles Rodrigues Pena, ES - Ministry of Science and Innovation: *"Attracting and retaining talented researchers: the Spanish approach"*
- Dr. Iain Cameron, UK - Research Councils UK, Head of Research Careers: *"Developing, Attracting and Retaining World Class Researchers - The UK experience"*
- Ms. Yvonne Schaap, NL - Senior Policy Advisor Human Resources, Ministry of Education, Culture and Science: *"Policies for talented researchers in the Netherlands in the context of European developments"*

Rapporteur: Mgr. Robert Zika, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic

## **MEETING HALL V**

### **Workshop II – Fostering Talents for Research in Europe**

Chair: Professor Norbert Kroo - ERC Scientific Council, Vice-President of the Hungarian Academy of sciences

Speakers:

- Mr. Georges Bingen, European Commission - DG Research: *"Marie Curie actions: an instrument to support better careers for researchers"*
- Prof. Josef Priller, DE - Universitätsmedizin Berlin: *"International Graduate Programs in Neurosciences at the Charité"*

- Dr. Ilka Schießler - Max Planck Society General Administration of the MPS: *"Creation of attractive framework conditions and retaining young scientists"*
- Dr. Thomas Jorgensen – Senior Programme Manager, Council for Doctoral Education, EUA: *"Institutional Strategies and Structured Programmes in Doctoral Education"*
- Dr. Petr Svoboda, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Institute of Molecular Genetics: *"An expert comes from another city: mobility and integration"*
- Dr. Olah Mate, Secretary of the Network of Youth Excellence: *"Talent support: the best teachers for the best future scientists of Europe"*

Rapporteur: Dr. Michael Londesborough, PhD – Institute of Inorganic Chemistry, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic

## CLUB E

### **Workshop III – Developing research skills and entrepreneurial mindset**

Chair: Prof. Rudolf Hanka - Wolfson College, University of Cambridge

Speakers:

- Dr. Peter-Felix Tropschuh - EIT Governing board member, AutoUni, Audi AG, Head, Munich Technical University: *"The EIT - Education, Research and Industry cooperation to foster Innovation in Europe"*
- Dr. Jan A. Dekker - Former President of EARTO, NTO: *"Some remarks on enterprising researchers"*
- Mr Carsten Aabo - DK Ministry for Science, Technology, Innovation Head of Division and Ms Ditte Mesick - Expert consultant: *"Promoting Research and Innovation: The Danish Industrial PhD Programme"*
- Prof. Pavel Chraska - Institute of Plasma Physics, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Director: *"How to attract young people into science: role of infrastructure, funding, topics"*
- Mr. Noel Campling - European Patent Academy, Director Know How, European Patent Office: *"Importance of Intellectual Property for Researchers"*
- Dr. Glenn Swafford - Director of Research services, University of Oxford: *"Supporting researchers and innovators at the University of Oxford"*
- Dr. Lidia Borrell-Damian – Senior Programme Manager, EUA: University-industry relations: *"Doctoral Programmes in Cooperation with Industry: Benefits and Challenges"*

Rapporteur: Christopher John Hull - EARTO Secretary General

## **17:30 End of the workshops**

## Social Event

- 18:15**      **Departure for the Social Event - buses leave directly from Prague Congress Center, exit 10**
- 19:00**      **Social event - Dinner at Břevnovský klášter**
- 22:00**      **Departure to hotels**

## Wednesday, April 29, 2009

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### SOUTH HALL

#### **9:00**      **Plenary – Contribution of European Organizations**

Chair: Prof. Štefan Luby - President of Slovak Academy of Sciences

- Prof. Jüri Engelbrecht - President of ALLEA: *"Academies and young people"*
- Prof. Ian Leslie - LERU, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, University of Cambridge: *"Supporting Research Careers"*
- Prof. Ian Halliday – President of European Science Foundation (ESF) CEO, Scottish Universities Physics Alliance (SUPA): *"What's in it for me? Motivation is all."*
- Prof. Pär Omling - Former President of EUROHORC: *"The EUROHORCs contribution to the European Research Area"*
- Dr. Andreas Frijdal - EUA, Steering Committee member of the Council for Doctoral Education, EUA, Director of Academic Services European University Institute: *"The role of the Council of Doctoral Education in the exchange of good practices, illustrated by the example of the 'sandwich doctorate'"*
- Dr. Nikola Macharova - President of EURODOC: *"From collection of information to policy making: the EURODOC survey on the Situation of Doctoral Candidates in Europe"*

**11:00**      *Coffee break*

## **SOUTH HALL**

### **11:30 Summary of workshops and closing speeches**

Chair: Prof. Jerzy Langer – Polish Academy of Sciences

- Mgr. Robert Zika: *Summary of workshop I*
- Dr. Michael Londesborough: *Summary of workshop II*
- Mr. John Christopher Hull: *Summary of workshop III*
- Dr. Isi Saragossi – European Commission - DG Research, Director of Directorate C: *"The European partnership for researchers: from framework to action"*
- Prof. Stanislav Štech - Vice-Rector of the Charles University, Prague: *"Decline or transformation of the researchers professionalism"*
- Prof. Vlastimil Růžička - Vice-Minister CZ Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports: *"Closing speech"*

**13:00 END OF CONFERENCE**

**13:15 BUFFET LUNCH**