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Welcome

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to the 2018 ALLEA General Assembly at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, which will celebrate its 150th Anniversary next year. The annual meeting of ALLEA Member Academies convenes academies and learned societies from 40 countries across the Council of Europe region. The General Assembly programme consists of various parts: scientific symposia, the award ceremony of the All European Academies Madame de Staël Prize for Cultural Values, as well as the annual business meeting. We are delighted to organise this year’s event in the context of the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

You are invited to participate in a two-day series of discussions on some of the most pressing issues concerning European science today. On 16 May, the symposium Science in Times of Challenged Trust and Expertise features sessions covering notions of the alleged loss of trust in research and evidence. Experts present underlying causes, as well as questions on how valid knowledge can and should be acquired and communicated.

The scientific discussion is followed by the 2018 All European Academies Madame de Staël Prize for Cultural Values award ceremony. This year, ALLEA honours Andrea Pető, Professor in the Department of Gender Studies at the Central European University in Budapest. The European Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society, Mariya Gabriel hands over the Prize to the laureate.

On 17 May, SAPEA (Science Advice for Policy by European Academies) organises the policy symposium Shaping European Science Advice: Insights and Experiences. The speakers look at the state and role of science advice for policy and how we can learn from experience to shape the future of policy advice.

In this programme, you will find all details on the sessions, speakers, and practical information to make for an enjoyable stay in Sofia.

With our best wishes for an intellectually inspiring time!

Kind regards,

Julian Revalski
President of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (BAS)

Günter Stock
President of All European Academies (ALLEA)
16 May
Wednesday

All programme parts, except the festive reception, will take place in the Lecture Hall of the main building of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.

11:30 – 12:30
REGISTRATION AND LIGHT LUNCH

12:30 – 12:55
CONFERENCE OPENING

Welcome Address:
Prof Julian Revalski
President of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

Welcome Address:
Prof Ivan Dimov
Deputy Minister of Education and Science of Bulgaria

Opening Address:
Prof Günter Stock
President of ALLEA

12:55 – 13:10
SCIENCE IN TIMES OF CHALLENGED TRUST AND EXPERTISE

Introduction to the Symposium Theme:
Prof Ed Noort
Vice President of ALLEA

13:10 – 14:20
SESSION 1: THE LOSS OF TRUST(WORTHINESS) IN SCIENCE?

Keynote Lecture: *Trust in Experts? Knowledge, Advice and Influence in Environmental Policy*

Prof Susan Owens
Emeritus Professor of Environment and Policy, University of Cambridge, and Fellow of the British Academy

This plenary will reflect on the nature of expertise and its relations with politics and policy-making, and on the factors that engender trust (or distrust) in expert advice, especially in complex and contested areas such as that of the environment. Such factors include the attributes of the experts themselves; the institutional processes through which advice is sought and delivered; and the political context for the advice, including the framing of the issues involved.

Comments & Plenary Discussion

Prof Boris Grozdanoff
Professor of Philosophy, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

Prof Cathrine Holst
Professor of Sociology, University of Oslo
14:20 – 14:40  
TEA AND COFFEE BREAK

14:40 – 15:50  
SESSION 2: SPECTRA OF SCIENCE & KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTION

Keynote Lecture: European Universities - How to Generate Trust in Knowledge Production?

Prof Antonio Loprieno  
Incoming President of ALLEA and President of the Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences

In the last twenty years, the position of higher education in European societies has changed dramatically: from being the only agency of knowledge production, operating in relative secludedness, universities have become one of the many stakeholders of knowledge societies. They now have not only to produce, but also to spread science and to generate trust. Do they manage to combine all these different expectations?

Comments & Plenary Discussion

Prof Nikolay Vitanov  
Professor of Mathematics, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

Prof Milena Zic-Fuchs  
Professor of Linguistics, University of Zagreb, Croatian Academy of Sciences

15:50 – 16:10  
TEA AND COFFEE BREAK

16:10 – 17:20  
SESSION 3: CHANGING LANDSCAPES OF COMMUNICATION

Keynote Lecture: Trust in Expertise - Communicating Knowledge in a Digital Age

Prof José van Dijck  
President of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences

With the rise of social media and digital platforms in Western societies, institutional systems of trust have been disrupted, leading to fierce discussions about misinformation and ‘fake news’. How do we evaluate expert sources that are not only mediated by journalism but also by social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter and YouTube? What checks and balances are built into institutional systems (science, journalism and education) to anchor trustworthy judgments of scientific research and how can they be recalibrated in the face of social and technological transformation?

Comments & Plenary Discussion

Prof Vassil Kirov  
Professor of the Study of Societies and Knowledge, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

Prof Christiane Woopen  
Professor for Ethics and Theory of Medicine at the University of Cologne
17:20 – 17:30
CONCLUSIONS & CLOSING OF SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM
Prof Ed Noort
Vice President of ALLEA

17:30 – 18:30
REFRESHMENT BREAK

18:30 – 20:00
MADAME DE STAËL PRIZE AWARD CEREMONY
Opening: “The Unique Voices” - Three Tenors
Prof Günter Stock
President, ALLEA

Prof Alberto Quadrio Curzio
President of the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei

Laudatory speech:
Prof Luisa Passerini
Professor at the Department of History and Civilisation, European University Institute, Florence

Mariya Gabriel
European Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society

Laureate lecture: Parallel stories in European history
Prof Andrea Pető
Professor at the Department of Gender Studies at the Central European University, Budapest

Closing: Folklore ensemble “Shopcheta-Bobcheta” – folklore children group

From 20:00
FESTIVE RECEPTION

The festive reception will take place at the National Archeological Museum, which is located in 10 minutes walking distance from the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.

Address:
National Archeological Museum, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences
Atanas Burov square, Sofia 1000, Bulgaria
17 May
Thursday

All programme parts will take place in the Lecture Hall of the main building of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.
Moderator: Dr Julia Stamm

8:00 — 8:30
REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE

8:30 — 8:50
SHAPING EUROPEAN SCIENCE ADVICE: INSIGHTS AND EXPERIENCES

Welcome Address:
Prof Julian Revalski
President of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

Welcome Address:
Prof Ivan Dimov
Deputy Minister of Education and Science of Bulgaria

Introduction to SAPEA and SAM:

Prof Bernard Charpentier
Chair of SAPEA Board

Prof Pearl Dykstra
Deputy Chair of the European Commission’s Group of Chief Scientific Advisors

8:50 — 9:10
OPENING PRESENTATION:

HOW TO DEVELOP SCIENTIFIC BASED POLICIES - FUTURE POLICIES FOR SUSTAINABILITY AND GROWTH BASED ON RESEARCH DATA AND ANALYSES

Counsellor Karina Angelieva
Head of Sector Education and Research, Permanent Representation of Bulgaria to the EU

9:10—10:20
SESSION 1: SCIENCE FOR POLICY: NATIONAL PERSPECTIVES

Professor Peter Halligan
Chief Scientific Advisor for Wales

Professor Dr Frans Brom
Council Secretary and Director of the Netherlands Scientific Council for Government Policy (WRR)

Dr Siyavuya Bulani
Senior Liaison Officer, Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf)

10:20—10:45
TEA AND COFFEE BREAK
10:45—11:30
SESSION 2.1: SCIENTIFIC POLICY ADVICE IN PRACTICE:
SUCCESS STORIES, CHALLENGES, IMPACT AND LIMITS

Case study 1: Food from the Oceans

Prof Ole Petersen
Vice President of Academia Europaea, SAPEA Board Member

Prof Pearl Dykstra
Deputy Chair of the European Commission’s Group of Chief Scientific Advisors

Iain Shepherd
Senior Expert at the Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (European Commission)

11:30—12:15
SESSION 2.2: SCIENTIFIC POLICY ADVICE IN PRACTICE:
SUCCESS STORIES, CHALLENGES, IMPACT AND LIMITS

Case study 2: Authorisation processes for plant protection products in Europe

Dr Andy Hart
Visiting Professor of Risk Analysis Practice at Newcastle University

Dr Johannes Klumpers
Head of SAM Unit, European Commission

Prof Evangelia Ntzani
Chair of the SAPEA Plant Protection Products Working Group

12:15—12:50
SESSION 3: REFLECTIONS

Prof Ulrike Tillmann
Vice-President, The Royal Society

Prof Elżbieta Frąckowiak
Vice-President, Polish Academy of Sciences

Prof Peter Kennedy
President, The Royal Irish Academy

Prof Tarmo Soomere
President, Estonian Academy of Sciences

12:50 — 13:00
SUMMING UP AND CONCLUSIONS

Dr Julia Stamm
Founder and Director of SCIENCE LEADS

13:00 — 14:00
Lunch

14:00 — 18:45
ALLEA GENERAL ASSEMBLY BUSINESS MEETING (CLOSED)
CULTURAL PROGRAMME

18 May
Friday

9:00 – 17:00
PLOVDIV, 2019 EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CULTURE

The Bulgarian Academy of Sciences invites participants of the ALLEA General Assembly to attend a guided sightseeing tour to the city of Plovdiv, the 2019 European Capital of Culture.
PLOVDIV

Plovdiv, the ancient Philipopolis, is one of the oldest towns in Europe. It was inhabited by the Thracians, Romans, Goths, Slavs and Ottomans, whose traces have turned the town into a museum. A place of special interest is the old part of the town. Brilliant examples of the Bulgarian national revival period are preserved here. One can sit among the ruins of the ancient Roman theatre and feel the atmosphere by gone times.

Participation fee: €35 – €45, depending on the number of participants.

Sighseeing tour

The sighseeing tour will focus on the Old Town, including the Roman Ancient Theatre, which was built in the 2nd century CE under the rule of the Roman Emperor Trajan and is nowadays considered to be the largest surviving Roman construction in Bulgaria. The trip will continue with visits to the Ethnographic Museum, the Roman Stadium, St. Constantine and Helena Church, among other sights.

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Karina Angelieva  
**Head of Sector Education and Research at the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Bulgaria to the EU**

Karina Angelieva is Counsellor, Head of Sector Education and Research at the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Bulgaria to the EU. She holds Master degrees in European integration and in Contemporary History from Sofia University “Saint Kliment Ohridski”. She is a founder of the Club of Young Scientists in Bulgaria and has been in charge of the coordination of the national contact points’ network for the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation for 10 years.

Frans Brom  
**Council Secretary and Director of the Netherlands Scientific Council for Government Policy (WRR)**

Frans Brom is Council Secretary and Director of the Netherlands Scientific Council for Government Policy (WRR), and a professor of Normativity of Scientific Policy Advice at Utrecht University. He studied ethics at the Catholic Theological University in Amsterdam, with an extended minor in philosophy of law at Free University Amsterdam. Since 2016 he is Chair of the Netherlands Society for Bioethics, among other positions.

Siyavuya Bulani  
**Senior Liaison Officer, Academy of Science of South Africa**

Dr Siyavuya Bulani is the Senior Liaison Officer at the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf) and is in charge of the Academy’s Overseas Collaboration sub-program. Siyavuya is responsible for all the academy’s bilateral agreements with other overseas academies, multilateral organisations and represents ASSAf at Government Joint Commission on Science and Technology (JCST). His role is to build new and maintain existing overseas partnerships, and serve as the main contact person for all overseas collaborative activities and engagements.

José van Dijck  
**Prof. of Comparative Media Studies, President of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW)**

José van Dijck is a new media author and professor of Comparative Media Studies and former dean of the University of Amsterdam. Since 2010 Van Dijck is member of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences. In 2015 she was elected by Academy members as the president of the organisation and became the first female to hold the position.
Ivan Dimov
*Deputy Minister of Education and Science of Bulgaria*

Professor Ivan Dimov is the Bulgarian Deputy Minister of Education and Science with the portfolio “High Education and Research”. His main responsibilities are the reform in the science sector and elaboration of a new strategy for research development closer to innovations, market application and economic development as well as human potential enhancement; ongoing reform in universities, dominated from a progressively increasing performance based funding and internationalisation of the Bulgarian research system as a whole.

Pearl Dykstra
*Deputy Chair of the European Commission’s Group of Chief Scientific Advisors*

Professor Pearl Dykstra is the Deputy Chair of the European Commission’s Group of Chief Scientific Advisors and has a chair in Empirical Sociology and is Director of Research of the Department of Public Administration and Sociology at the Erasmus University Rotterdam. Previously, she had a chair in Kinship Demography at Utrecht University (2002-2009) and was a senior scientist at the Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute (NIDI) in The Hague (1990-2009).

Elżbieta Frąckowiak
*Vice-President, Polish Academy of Sciences*

Prof. Elżbieta Frąckowiak (FRSC) is the Vice-President of the Polish Academy of Sciences. She works in the Institute of Chemistry and Technical Electrochemistry at the Poznan University of Technology, Poland. Her research field is energy storage/conversion with special emphasis on electrochemical capacitors, lithium-ion batteries, fuel cells and hydrogen electroosorption in carbon materials. She is particularly interested in electrode materials from activated carbons, carbon nanotubes, carbons enriched with heteroatoms (nitrogen, oxygen), graphene materials, conducting polymers and composites.

Mariya Gabriel
*European Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society*

Mariya Gabriel is the European Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society since July 2017. Within her overarching portfolio, she has as an overall objective the realisation of the Digital Single Market which should directly benefit European citizens. She served as Member of the European Parliament from 2009 to July 2017. Being the EPP Group Vice-President, she tackled issues related to EU enlargement, Mediterranean region, Middle East and North Africa.
Boris D. Grozdanoff
Philosopher of Science, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

Boris D. Grozdanoff is a philosopher of science who works in the fields of scientific epistemology and metaphysics. He holds doctoral degrees in analytic epistemology from Central European University and in the philosophy of science from the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. He won the prestigious Marie Sklodowska Curie Fellowship in 2008 and worked as a researcher at the Philosophy of Physics group at Oxford University until 2010.

Peter W Halligan
Chief Scientific Adviser for Wales (CSAW)

Professor Peter W Halligan gained qualifications in psychology, philosophy and education at University College Dublin. In 2003, he became the founding Director of the Cardiff University’s Brain Research Imaging Centre (CUBRIC), and later in 2006 Dean of Interdisciplinary Studies at Cardiff University. In 2012, he joined Universities Wales as Head of Strategic Futures as part of a 2 year secondment before joining the Learned Society of Wales in 2015 as Chief Executive. In March 2018, he became Chief Scientific Adviser for Wales (CSAW).

Dr Andy Hart
Visiting Professor of Risk Analysis Practice at Newcastle University

Andy Hart is Visiting Professor of Risk Analysis Practice at Newcastle University and was previously at the UK Food and Environment Research Agency (now Fera Science Ltd.). He served for 9 years on the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) expert panel on pesticides. He has a special interest in approaches to uncertainty, weight of evidence and expert judgement in risk assessment, and contributes to EFSA guidance and training on these subjects.

Cathrine Holst
Professor of Sociology, University of Oslo and Senior Researcher at ARENA Centre for European Studies

Cathrine Holst is a Professor of Sociology at the University of Oslo. She is also Senior Researcher at ARENA Centre for European Studies, University of Oslo. Previously she was Associate Professor in Philosophy of the Social Sciences, University of Bergen. She is currently leader of two research projects on science advice in democracies, ‘Expertization of public inquiry commissions’ (EUREX), and ‘Why not epistocracy? Political legitimacy and the fact of expertise’ (EPISTO).
Peter Kennedy
*President of the Royal Irish Academy*

Peter Kennedy is a Professor of Microelectronic Engineering at University College Dublin and Scientific Director of Ireland’s Microelectronic Circuits Centre. Over his career, he has published extensively in the fields of neural networks, chaos theory, and microchip design, ranging from basic to applied research. Peter has held visiting positions at several universities in Europe, including EPFL and the University of Pavia. He served as Policy and International Relations Secretary, and is President of the Royal Irish Academy since 2017.

Vassil Kirov
*Associate Professor in the Institute for the Study of Societies and Knowledge, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences*

Vassil Kirov, PhD (Sciences Po) is Associate Professor at the Institute for the Study of Societies and Knowledge, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (ISSK-BAS) and Associate researcher at the European Trade Union Institute (ETUI). His research interests are in the sociology of enterprise, work and organisations, employment relations, digitalisation and Europeanisation.

Johannes Klumpers
*Head of the SAM Unit, European Commission*

Johannes Klumpers leads the recently created Scientific Advice Mechanism Unit (SAM) in the European Commission. The Unit supports the Commission’s Group of Chief Scientific Advisors who, as their name suggests, give science advice to the European Commissioners. The Group of Advisors— with support by the Unit— collaborates in this endeavour with five European Science Academy Networks. The Unit also supports the European Group on Ethics in Science and New Technologies (EGE), which also advises the Commissioners.

Antonio Loprieno
*President of the Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences*

Antonio Loprieno is President of the Swiss Academies of Arts and Science and incoming President of ALLEA. He is a renowned scholar in Egyptology, Linguistics and Semitology with a special interest in science management. From 2006 to 2015, he served as Rector of the University of Basel and from 2008 to 2015 he was the President of the Rectors’ Conference of the Swiss Universities (CRUS). He is currently Professor of History of Institutions at the University of Basel and has delved into the history of organisational structures of the international academic world.
Ed Noort  
*Prof. Em. of Ancient Hebrew Literature and the History of Religion of Ancient Israel, ALLEA Vice President*

Ed Noort is a scholar in the fields of Archaeology of Palestine and the literary traditions, the book of Joshua and the history of reception, hermeneutics, and historiography. From 1979 and on, he held professorships at Kampen, Hamburg and Groningen. In 1998 he was elected as a member of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW). He is Vice President of ALLEA and Co-Chair of the Working Group “Truth, Trust & Expertise”.

Evangelia Ntzani  
*Chair of the SAPEA Working Group on Improving Authorisation Processes for Plant Protection Products in Europe*

Dr Evangelia Ntzani is Chair of the SAPEA Working Group on *Improving Authorisation Processes for Plant Protection Products in Europe*. She is a pediatrician and an epidemiologist, and serves as an Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Hygiene and Epidemiology, School of Medicine, University of Ioannina, Greece. She is coordinator and investigator in grants on research methodology, evidence assessment, environmental epidemiology, genetic epidemiology of complex diseases and motivating behavior change across diverse areas.

Susan Owens  
*Emeritus Professor of Environment and Policy, University of Cambridge, and Fellow of the British Academy*

Susan Owens is Emeritus Professor of Environment and Policy at the University of Cambridge, and a Fellow of the British Academy. She has researched and published widely in the field of environmental governance, focusing on policy processes in modern democracies, relations between science and politics, and the role of knowledge, evidence, ideas and expertise in policy formation and change.

Luisa Passerini  
*Professor at the Department of History and Civilisation, European University Institute, Florence*

Luisa Passerini (1941, Asti) is a part-time Professor at the Department of History and Civilisation at the European University Institute, Florence, and former Professor of Cultural History at the University of Turin. Her research on Europe intends to deconstruct “Eurocentrism” in the field of passions by explaining the emotional and symbolic components of European identity within a historical perspective.
Ole Petersen  
Professor of Physiology, Biosciences, Cardiff University  
Professor Ole Petersen is Professor of Physiology in the School of Biosciences at Cardiff University. As one of the world’s leading physiologists, he leads a research group on disease of the pancreas. In 2008 his significant research was acknowledged by the award of CBE in the New Year Honours and election to the German National Academy of Sciences, Leopoldina, in 2010.

Andrea Pető  
Professor in the Department of Gender Studies at the Central European University, Budapest  
Andrea Pető is a Professor in the Department of Gender Studies at the Central European University in Budapest, Hungary, and a Doctor of Science at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Professor Pető will be awarded the 2018 All European Academies Madame de Staël Prize for Cultural Values to honour her wide-ranging scholarly work on Europe’s gendered memory of the Second World War, the Holocaust and political extremism.

Alberto Quadrio Curzio  
President of the National Academy of the Lincei  
Alberto Quadrio Curzio is President of the National Academy of the Lincei since 2015, and President of the Class of Moral, Historical and Philological Sciences since 2009. He is also Emeritus Professor of Political Economy at the Università Cattolica, Milan, where he was full professor of Political Economy from 1976 to 2010, and Dean of the Faculty of Political Science from 1989 to 2010.

Julian Revalski  
President of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences  
Professor Julian Revalski was elected President of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences in December 2016, with a mandate until December 2020. In 1997 he was awarded the degree Doctor of Mathematical Sciences and in 2001 became Full professor at the Institute of Mathematics and Informatics at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.
Iain Shepherd  
Senior Expert, Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries

Iain Shepherd is a physics graduate who has worked for the European Commission since 1980 on scientific support for EU policy; first at the Commission’s Joint Research Centre and later in the Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, where he is now a Senior Expert. He has contributed to policies on nuclear safety, nuclear non-proliferation, humanitarian aid and fisheries control, and he is now engaged in work that aims to help the EU realise the potential of the blue economy.

Tarmo Soomere  
President of the Estonian Academy of Sciences

Professor Tarmo Soomere is President of the Estonian Academy of Sciences. He was appointed as Vice-Director of the Marine Systems Institute in 2002-2004 and elected as the first Professor of Coastal Engineering in Estonia (2005). Currently he is also the Head of Wave Engineering Laboratory in the Department of Cybernetics, Tallinn University of Technology.

Julia Stamm  
Founder and Director of SCIENCE LEADS, and Adjunct Senior Fellow at the Centre for Policy Futures, University of Queensland

Dr Julia Stamm is the founder and Director of SCIENCE LEADS, and Adjunct Senior Fellow at the Centre for Policy Futures, University of Queensland. She has over ten years of leadership and management experience in national and international academic institutions and international organisations.

Günter Stock  
ALLEA President, SAPEA Board Member

Professor Günter Stock has been serving as President of ALLEA (All European Academies) since 2012. Throughout 2017 he was chair of the European academies’ SAPEA project (Science Advice for Policy by European Academies). A physiologist by training, he has held many positions in the fields of academia and industry. Between 2006 and 2015, he was President of the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities. Additionally, between 2008 and 2015, he served as President of the Union of German Academies of Sciences and Humanities.
Ulrike Tillmann  
Vice-President of the Royal Society

Ulrike Tillmann is a mathematician who has worked in algebraic topology, K-theory, and non-commutative geometry. She is Professor of Mathematics at the University of Oxford, Professorial Fellow of Merton College, and a scientific board member of the International Centre for Mathematical Sciences, and the Mathematisches Forschungsinstitut Oberwolfach. Her work on the moduli spaces of surfaces and manifolds of higher dimensions has been motivated by problems in quantum physics and string theory. More recently her work has also been motivated by the challenges in data science.

Nikolay K. Vitanov  
Vice-Director of the Institute of Mechanics of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

Nikolay K. Vitanov is Vice-Director of the Institute of Mechanics at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences and Head of Department of Fluid Mechanics. Among his research interests are mathematical models of complex social systems. He is author of the book “Science dynamics and research production. Indicators, Indexes, statistical laws and mathematical models” published by Springer Publishing House in 2016.

Christiane Woopen  
Professor for Ethics and Theory of Medicine at the University of Cologne

Christiane Woopen is Professor for Ethics and Theory of Medicine at the University of Cologne. There, she is Executive Director of the Cologne Center for Ethics, Rights, Economics, and Social Sciences of Health (CERES). She also serves as Head of Research Unit Ethics and Vice-Dean for academic development and gender at the University Hospital Cologne. She is coordinator and leader of several international and national research projects concerning ethical aspects of reproductive medicine, neuro-ethics, quality of life, ageing, digital autonomy, and genome editing.

Milena Žic Fuchs  
Professor of Linguistics, University of Zagreb, Croatian Academy of Sciences

Milena Žic Fuchs is Full Professor of Linguistics at the University of Zagreb. In 2010, she was elected Fellow of the Croatian Academy of Arts and Sciences and, in 2013, a member of Academia Europaea. She served as the Croatian Minister of Science and Technology from 1999 to 2000. From 2009 to 2012, she was Chair of the Standing Committee for the Humanities of the European Science Foundation.
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Transfer from/to the airport

Sofia airport is located close to the city center (about 20 minutes drive). You can use public transportation or take a taxi from the airport to the hotel. A taxi ride will cost about 10 €.

From the airport:
By metro: get off at Metro station Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”. From it there is a three-minute walk to the Academy.
By bus: You can take No 184 and No 84 and get off at stop “Orlov most” (Eagle bridge). From it there is about ten-minute walk to the Academy.

Public Transportation in Sofia
You can reach the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences by public transport. The nearest subway (Metro) station is “St. Kliment Ohridski”.

Bulgarian Currency
Local currency: Bulgarian Leva (BGN)
Fixed exchange rate to the Euro: 1 Euro = BGN 1.95583 (Leva)

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