

Greetings from St. Peter 02/22

Letter of the President

Salzburg, 8th April 2022

Dear members of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts,

Easter 2022 is not peaceful. We have war in Europe. Therefore, already in February, our Academy such as many other Academies in Europe strongly opposed the invasion and occupation of a sovereign European state like Ukraine by the armed forces of the Russian Federation, which is against international law. We declared our solidarity with the Ukrainian people and our Ukrainian colleagues, members of our European Academy of Sciences and Arts with a clear voting for democracy and academic freedom (compare website of the Academy).

After numerous public statements, it now comes down to our professional expertise as academics in the classes. We were of the opinion in the Senate that, for example, the theologians and religious scholars in Class VII could work on the religious background and traditions of this conflict, the economists and sociologists in Class V could work on the socio-economic background and consequences, environmental scientists on the environmental catastrophies of wars, lawyers and philosophers could work on the significance of international law, cultural scholars and historians could work on the historical and cultural background of this conflict, etc., etc. Corresponding working papers from the classes could be brought together at the end. However, this will certainly take time and require thorough discussion. Members who would like to get involved on these topics based on their subject expertise may please contact their deans.

As mentioned in previous Greetings, we have now also decided on an official journal of the Academy that will be launched on 2 July at the Annual Meeting/Fest Plenary. This new journal could later document the results of the processing of this conflict.

Separate invitations to the festive reception on the evening of Friday 1 July and to the Annual General Meeting/Festive Plenum on the afternoon of Saturday 2 July will be issued in due course. In addition, as already announced in the last Greetings, various workshops of our expert groups will take place in presence in Salzburg. All members of EASA will be cordially invited to these workshops with a programme in due course.

As a "save the date", I would ask you to make a note of a workshop on "Mental Health System" on Thursday, 30 June (coordinated by EASA members Günter Schiepek/Salzburg, Claudi Bockting/Amsterdam and others). The expert group "Digitalisation, AI, and Societal Impact" will meet on Friday morning (1 July), the expert group "Climate, Environment, and Energy" on Friday afternoon (1 July). The presentation of the EASA journal and the workshop of the expert group "Innovation, Research, and Education" will take place on Saturday morning (2 July).

The topics of all our workshops concern a currently great challenge for Europe how to become more independent through innovation, research and science in order to secure future quality of life and sustainability. We hope that many members from near and far will be motivated to visit summery Salzburg for these events. In addition, there will be enough time for travel planning. Those who need

a visa to leave the country for the festive plenary in Salzburg, please contact the office, we will be very happy to assist you: presidential.office@euro-acad.eu

For current events, I would like to ask all members to check the Academy's website. Attention should be drawn to the lecture series which started in March entitled "Health. Society in Crisis?", which is organised by the Medical University of Vienna and the University of Vienna together with the European Academy of Sciences and Arts. On 20 April 2022, the presentation of the commemorative publication "30 Years of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts" by the Honorary President of EASA Felix Unger will take place in the EASA meeting room.

With best wishes and Happy Easter

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Klaus Mainzer". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

President

NEW MEMBERS elected by the Senate March 18, 2022

Class I:

Prof. Dr. Riccardo Pozzo, Università di Roma Tor Vergata, Italy

Class II:

MD, PhD, FAANS, FACS Kenan Arnautovic, Semmes-Murphey Clinic, University of Tennessee, USA

Prof. Claudi Bockting, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Prof. Mariella Catalano, University of Milan, Italy

Prof. Iztok Takac, University Medical Centre Maribor, Slovenia

Prof. Zhenning Wang, The First Hospital of China – Medical University, China

Class III:

Prof. Dr. Milutin Djurickovic, Institute of Children`s Literature, Serbia

Prof. Peter Fister, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

Assoc. Prof. PhD Svebor Secak, Alma Mater Europaea Dance Academy, Croatia

Prof. PhD Livia Teodorescu-Ciocănea, National University of Music Bucharest, Romania

Dr. phil Dr. h.c. Varujan Vosganian, National Institute for Economic Research / Union of Writers in Romania, Romania

Class V:

Prof. Adam Biela, The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland

Prof. Jose Molero-Zayas, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain

Class VI:

Prof. Mau-Chung Frank Chang, University of California, USA

Prof. Bing Chen, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada

Prof. Rajaâ Cherkaoui El Moursli, Mohammed V University in Rabat, Morocco

Prof. Francesco dell'Isola Università degli Studi dell'Aquila, Italy

Prof. Makarand Madhao Ghangrekar, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur

Prof. Giovanna Guidoboni, University of Missouri, USA

Prof. DSc Eng. Yatchko Ivanov, BAS – Institute of Mechanics, Bulgaria

Prof. Gwo-Bin Lee, National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan

Prof. Dr.h.c. Marin Milkovic, University of North Croatia, Croatia

Ph.D. Martin Ostoja-Starzewski, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA

Prof. Dr. Ph.D Paolo Samori, University of Strasbourg, France

Prof. Ming Hung Wong, The Education University of Hong Kong, China

Prof. Min Xie, City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR (China)

Prof. Dan Zhao, University of Canterbury, New Zealand

Class VII:

Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Volker Leppin, Yale Divinity School, USA

SCHEDULE/EVENTS

Colloquium Science Meets Art, Ioannis Liritzis (Dean Class IV) and Violeta Dinescu (Dean Class III), Summer – Semester: February 18 – April 8, 2022; Program: <https://euro-acad.eu/events?id=115>

Lecture series – Health. Society in crises ? This lecture series deals with the social location of health crises, Medical University of Vienna, University of Vienna and EASA, organization: Thomas Beyer, Class II, Speech on March 22: Alexander Kekulé, Class II in German language, dates of the whole series: March 9 – June 28,

Program: <https://www.meduniwien.ac.at/web/ueber-uns/events/2022/rv-gesundheitskrisen/>

30 Years of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts, presentation of the commemorative publication by the Honorary President of EASA Felix Unger in the EASA meeting room, St. Peter Bezirk 10, on 20 April 2022, 6:30 pm.

The 15 th Baška GNSS Conference: PNT Technologies, Techniques and Applications, Serdjo Kos, Class VI, May 8-13, Information: <https://euro-acad.eu/events?id=112>

Jülich- Aachen Neuromorphic Computing Day at Forschungszentrum Jülich

Keynote Speaker and Moderation of the Panel Discussion: Klaus Mainzer, Advisory Board of *future cluster NeuroSys* and President of the EASA, May 25, 2022.

Program: <https://euro-acad.eu/events?id=124>

Historia Magistra Ecclesiae – Die Geschichte als locus theologicus

Interdisziplinäres Symposium an der Universität Freiburg in German Language

Organisation Mariano Delgado (Dean Class VII) Freiburg and Volker Leppin, Yale University.

Trägerschaft SNF – Schweizerischer Nationalfonds, Europäische Akademie der Wissenschaften und Künste, Stiftungsrat des Forschungsfonds Universität Freiburg, Dekanat der Theologischen Fakultät Universität Freiburg. More Information: <https://euro-acad.eu/events?id=123>

Festive Session 2022, Inauguration Ceremony and Evening Reception: postponed from March to July 1 and 2, 2022, Program in progress. Those who need a visa to leave the country for the festive plenary in Salzburg, please contact the office, we will be very happy to assist you:

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Kirchklang Festival Salzkammergut, Symposium Schöpfungsmythen, in German Language,
Klaus Mainzer, Präsident der EASA, Bischof Manfred Scheuer und Wilfried Seipel; Österreichische
Erstaufführung/Premiere: Violeta Dinescu (Dean Class III): Dona nobis pacem für Sopran, Violoncello
und Schlagwerk ; Round Table: Prof. Violeta Dinescu • Rojin Sharafi • Tanja Elisa Glinsner,
July 3 (4 – 7 p.m.): Programm: [kirchklang 2022 Programm](#)
Karten & Information: www.kirchklang.at; office@kirchklang.at

Advanced Ceramics and Applications X, dedicated to Vojislav V. Mitić,

contact information: **Dr. Nina Obradović** : president@serbianceramicsociety.rs ,
September 26 – 27, 2022, <http://www.serbianceramicsociety.rs/index.htm>

Ecopole 2022, XXXI Conference of the Ecological Chemistry and Engineering Society, Opole (PL),
Chairperson of the Organising Committee: Maria Waclawek, Class IV, EASA, Hotel Tomaszowice
Manor/Hybrid-conference, October 19 – 22, 2022;
Contact: maria.waclawek@o2.pl and mrajfur@o2.pl

RECEIVED PRINT PUBLICATIONS

K.-H. Korte, G. Scobel, T. Yildiz (Eds.), *Heuristiken des politischen Entscheidens*, Suhrkamp
Taschenbuch Wissenschaft 2022.

Ioannis Liritzis, *Natural Sciences in Archaeology and Cultural Heritage*, MDPI Books, 2022

Costas Demetzos, *The Voice of Science – The Silence of Nature*, Lambert Academic Publishing, 2022

Oskar Dohle, Salzburger Landesarchiv, Land Salzburg and EASA, *30 Jahre Europäische Akademie der
Wissenschaften und Künste/30 Years European Academy of Sciences and Arts*, Author: Josef Schopf,
Schriftenreihe des Salzburger Landesarchivs Nr. 31, Salzburg 2022.

WE CONGRATULATE

Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. mult Manoliw G. Varvounis, Democritus University of Thrace (Greece), Member of
Class I, EASA, recently received a Honorary doctorate from the University of Bucurest, in Romania
and also a Honorary doctorate from the University of Aegean, in Greece.

WE REGRET THE DEATH OF

The European Academy of Sciences and Arts mourns the death of Dr. Erhard Busek.

Dr. Busek has been a great supporter of the Academy especially he appreciated the idea of interdisciplinarity approaches of the academy as a most achievable goal in our scientific world.

He has seen that this is an important tool in our society- a missing link in the sciences. He was so much fascinated on the idea of interdisciplinarity and supported the academy in all aspects.

The Academy has given a thank to him and elected him as a Honorary Senator 1992. He has been the first Honorary Senator of our Academy and fulfilled this role totally.

We will keep our supporter in a constant good memory and hope, that many others will see him as an example of an open minded supporter.

R.I.P. requiescat in pace

Felix Unger, Honorary President

Georgi Stardelov (Class III), January 2022

Harald Reuter (Class III), February 23, 2022

Luan Starova (Class III), February 24, 2022

Luc Montagnier (Nobel Prize laureate), February 8, 2022

Erhard Busek, Honorary Senator, March 13, 2022

Requiescant in pace