

GREETINGS FROM ST.PETER

I.LETTER OF THE PRESIDENT

Salzburg, OCTOBER, 2026

Dear Members of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts,

I send you warm greetings from Salzburg this autumn. As you have already been informed, there has been a change in the Academy's office: Mag. Maximilian Niesner has taken over from Ingrid Vierthaler and is now your point of contact for the nomination of new members. Prof. Björn Brücher (Class II) has been elected as the new Treasurer by the Senate. He is currently devoting himself with great commitment and meticulousness to reorganising and reforming the membership database, which involves extensive technical and organisational work on the database. Count Salm remains attached to the Presidium as Deputy Treasurer and will focus more closely on funding matters. I would like to thank both of them for their commitment, as sound governance of the Academy relies heavily on technical and organisational efficiency.

At the last Senate meeting, new expert groups were established to address challenges of crucial importance to Europe. I would like to highlight the new expert group on 'Quantum Sciences and Technologies', which is coordinated by Prof. Roberto Giuntini (Class I). Quantum sciences began with fundamental discussions in physics and philosophy, which were recognised with Nobel Prizes, but have long since left the laboratories as part of a 'second quantum revolution' – characterised by quantum computing and quantum communication – and are leading to revolutionary changes in technology and industry.

This innovation raises socio-political questions that require interdisciplinary reflection. Prominent members of our Academy from various classes, as well as colleagues from outside the Academy, have already pledged their support. The aim is to produce a position paper from our Academy on this topic, as well as to organise annual conferences to report on the state of the art. The coordinator, Roberto Giuntini, will keep the Academy informed on these matters.

A further expert group led by Dean Alberto De Franceschi (Class V) and Franz Faupel will address sustainability issues at the interface between legal questions, markets and the environment. This marks the continuation, with a new focus, of the EASA working group on energy, climate and the environment, which was established in 2020. However, this expert group is also closely linked to the EASA Institute for Earth System Preservation (IESP), which was founded by Peter Wilderer (Class VI) in the spirit of our late Nobel Laureate Paul Crutzen and is now led by Martin Grambow (Class VI) and Wolfram Mauser (Class IV).

Of the past EASA conferences, I would particularly like to highlight the workshop 'Towards Artificial General Intelligence? The Pope and AI'. Everyone is talking about 'AI' these days, without, however, knowing exactly what it is. This EASA workshop was characterised by technical and scientific expertise, philosophical and ethical depth, and knowledge of law, economics and the social sciences. The papal encyclical on AI added a further dimension to the discussion, extending beyond day-to-day politics.

I would like to draw your attention to the upcoming events of our Academy such as the international Dialogues4Peace conference in Athens, which is supported by messages of welcome and letters of intent from political and religious leaders; the conference in Salzburg on 'Complex Systems and Applied AI'; and the Danube Conference, which will take place in Mostar this year.

Please also take note of our other events, which are announced on the Academy's website, as well as the publications and announcements from our members listed following these Greetings. In particular, I would like to welcome the new members of the Academy appointed last Senate meeting, who will be formally inaugurated at the Academy's festive meeting on 6 March.

With warm regards



Prof. Dr. DDr. h.c. Klaus Mainzer

Präsident

BRIEF DES PRÄSIDENTEN

HERBST 2026

Liebe Mitglieder der Europäischen Akademie der Wissenschaften und Künste,

Aus dem herbstlichen Salzburg sende ich Ihnen herzliche Grüße. Wie Sie bereits informiert wurden, gab es einen Wechsel im Office der Akademie: Mag. Maximilian Niesner folgte Ingrid Vierthaler und ist nun Ihr Ansprechpartner bei der Nominierung neuer Mitglieder. Prof. Björn Brücher (Classe II) wurde im Senat zum neuen Schatzmeister gewählt. Er widmet sich derzeit mit großem Engagement und Akribie einer Neuordnung und Reformierung der Mitgliederdatei, was mit einer aufwendigen technischen und organisatorischen Bearbeitung der Datenbank verbunden ist. Graf Salm bleibt weiterhin dem Präsidium als Stellvertreter des Schatzmeisters verbunden und wird sich verstärkt den Funding-Aufgaben widmen. Ich danke beiden für Ihren Einsatz, denn gute Governance der Akademie beruht wesentlich auf technischer und organisatorischer Effizienz.

Auf der letzten Senatssitzung wurden neue Expertengruppen ins Leben gerufen, die für Herausforderungen Europas entscheidend sind. Hervorheben möchte die neue Expertengruppe „Quantum Sciences and Technologies“, die von Prof. Roberto Giuntini (Klasse I) koordiniert wird. Die Quantenwissenschaften begannen mit physikalischen und philosophischen Grundlagendiskussionen, die durch Nobelpreise belohnt wurden, aber längst in einer „zweiten Quantenrevolution“ mit Quantencomputer und Quantenkommunikation die Labore verlassen haben und zu Umwälzungen in Technologie und Industrie führen.

Mit dieser Innovation werden gesellschaftspolitische Fragen aufgeworfen, die einer fächerübergreifenden Reflektion bedürfen. Namhafte Mitglieder unserer Akademie aus verschiedenen Klassen, aber auch außerhalb der Akademie haben bereits ihre Mitarbeit zugesichert. Angestrebt wird ein Positionspapier unserer Akademie zu diesem Thema ebenso wie jährliche Konferenzen, um über den State of the Art zu berichten. Der Koordinator Roberto Giutini wird darüber die Akademie unterrichten.

Eine weitere Expertengruppe von Dekan Alberto De Franceschi (Klasse V) und Franz Faupel wird sich mit Nachhaltigkeitsfragen an der Schnittstelle von Gesetzen, Märkten und Umwelt beschäftigen. Damit wird die 2020 gegründete EASA-Arbeitsgruppe über Energie, Klima und Umwelt mit neuen Akzenten fortgesetzt. Diese Expertengruppe steht aber auch in engem Zusammenhang mit dem EASA-Institut für die Erhaltung des Erdsystems (Institute for Earth System Preservation IESP), das seinerzeit im Geist unseres verstorbenen Nobelpreisträgers Paul Crutzen von Peter Wilderer (Klasse VI) gegründet wurde und von Martin Grambow (Klasse VI) und Wolfram Mauser (Klasse IV) fortgeführt wird.

Von den vergangenen Tagungen der EASA möchte ich besonders den Workshop "Unterwegs zu einer Künstlichen Allgemeinen Intelligenz? Der Papst und KI" hervorheben. Alle Welt redet heute über „KI“, ohne allerdings genau zu wissen, was es ist. Dieser EASA-Workshop zeichnete sich durch technisch-wissenschaftliche Expertise, philosophische und ethische Tiefe, juristische, ökonomische und sozialwissenschaftliche Kenntnis aus. Die päpstliche Enzyklika über KI gab der Diskussion eine zusätzliche Dimension über die Alltagspolitik hinaus.

Aufmerksam machen möchte ich auf die kommenden Veranstaltungen der Akademie Dialogues4Peace in Athen, die durch Grußworte von Seiten der Politik und der Weltreligionen unterstützt wird, der Tagung in Salzburg über „Komplexe Systeme und angewandte KI“ und die Donau-Konferenz, die in diesem Jahr in Mostar stattfinden wird.

Beachten Sie bitte auch unsere anderen Veranstaltungen, die auf der Website der Akademie angekündigt sind und die Publikationen und Ankündigungen unserer Mitglieder, die im Anschluss an diese Greetings genannt sind. Insbesondere begrüße ich die dort genannten neuen Mitglieder der Akademie, die auf der Festversammlung der Akademie am 6. März feierlich eingeführt werden.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen

Ihr



Prof. Dr. DDr. h.c. Klaus Mainzer

Präsident



II. [EVENTS](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

[COLLOQUIUM ARTS MEET SCIENCES WINTER SEMESTER 2026](#)

October 16 till February 12, 2026/2027

Organizers:

Violeta Dinescu, Livia Teodorescu Ciocanea, Yue Zhao, Andrew Balas, Peter Hermannn, Dušan Šuput

Online

[PROGRAM FLYER](#)

[THE INTERNATIONAL AND INTERDISCIPLINARY EASA CONFERENCE 'Dialogues4Peace'](#)

Athens, October 25-27, 2026

[PRELIMINARY SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM](#)

LEAD

Klaus Mainzer, President EASA

Ioannis Liritzis, Vice-President EASA

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

[Organizing Committee | 1st Dialogues for Peace Conference | HIS 2026](#)

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

[Scientific Committee | 1st Dialogues for Peace Conference | HIS 2026](#)

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CONFERENCE TOPICS

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REGISTRATION

[Registration | 1st Dialogues for Peace Conference | HIS 2026](#)

Place: Athens, Greece

[DANUBE ACADEMIES CONFERENCE \(DAC\) 2026/"Sciences for Peace"](#)

November 4-6, 2026, Location: University of Mostar, Hosts: EASA, University of Mostar, Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

[PROGRAM](#)

[ANSO-EASA Conference on Applied AI and Complex Systems \(CAS-ANSO-C1A-2025-04\)](#)

November 13, 2026, Leading Host: EASA, Co-Hosts: Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts (SASA), Alma Mater Europea (AMEU), University of Zagreb, South China University of Technology (SCUT), Location: Austria, Salzburg, Bibliotheksaula/Library Hall of the University of Salzburg.

Conference Chairs

Ioannis Liritzis, Vice President, EASA

Klaus Mainzer, President, EASA

[PROGRAM](#)

[4th INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME](#)

November 13, 2026, Organizing Committee: **Branislav Milovanovic**, **Milovan Bojic**, Class II Belgrade, Serbia

[IPC2026](#)

November 19-20, 2026; Chair & Contact: **Xiangyu Wang** (EASA member, Class IV: xiangyu.wang.perth@gmail.com, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC)

[KAPODISTRIAN LECTURES](#)

December 4, 2026, EASA in collaboration with the Literary Society PARNASSUS, Initiative: Ioannis Liritzis, Vice-President EASA, Lecture **Lenart Škof**, Class I: »Antigone's Democracy«

[23rd CHRISTMAS SYMPOSIUM](#)

December 10-12, 2026, **Marko Robnik**, Class IV, Director CAMTP, Maribor

ROUND TABLE

March 5, 2027, Library Hall of the University of Salzburg

EVENING RECEPTION

March 5, 2027, Jeanne-Kahn Foyer

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

March 6, 2027, Great Assembly Hall, University of Salzburg

FESTIVE PLENARY

March 6, 2027, Great Assembly Hall, University of Salzburg

PAST EVENTS SINCE SEPTEMBER 2026

[INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL](#)

August 31 -September 4, 2026

TUM, TUM-IAS, Deutsches Museum, Hochschule für Philosophie, Alma Mater Europaea - ECH supported by Udo Keller Foundation; European Academy of Science and Arts with EASA-members **Stefania Centrone**, **Klaus Mainzer** (President), **Michael Molls**, **Roberto Giutini** et al.

[WAAS@66 CONFERENCE](#)

Solutions to Global Turbulence: Peace, Prosperity, and Freedom

September 8-11, 2026, The WAAS@66 conference was organized in collaboration with a remarkable network of partner institutions, including EASA and AMEU et al.

[TAGUNG Leibniz und das abstrakte symbolische Denken](#)

September 8- 9, 2026, TUM Akademiezentrum Raitenhaslach, Lectures of EASA members:

Klaus Mainzer (President), **Michael Molls**, **Roberto Giuntini**, **Konrad Oexle**, **Werner G.Faix** et al.

Bücher, die die VDW bewegen

September 9, 2026, **Maria Reinisch**, Class III, VDW Geschäftsführung Vereinigung Deutscher Wissenschaftler, Berlin

10th Autumn school "Proof and Computation"

September 13- 19, 2026, Aurachhof /Fischbachau, organisation & moderation: **Klaus Mainzer** (President), **Peter Schuster**, **Helmut Schwichtenberg**.

CONFERENCE THE CUSTODY OF THE HUMAN PERSON

Scientific Committee: **Alberto De Franceschi** (University of Ferrara), EASA Dean of Class V and Frank Pasquale (Cornell University), University of Ferrara

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIA "34th Days of Frane Petrić"

September 20- 23, 2026, the Croatian Philosophical Society

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM from Basic Radiobiology towards Radiogenomics

21-22 September, 2026, Belgrade Art Hotel Radisson, Coordination: **Dusan Suput** (Dean of Class II)

WORKSHOP auf der Jahrestagung der Gesellschaft für Informatik, INFORMATIK2026

September 23, 2026, **Reinhard Kahle**, EASA Klasse I, Carl Friedrich von Weizsäcker-Zentrum, Universität Tübingen, **Klaus Mainzer**, EASA President, TU München und CFvW-Zentrum, Universität Tübingen

QUANTUM & QUANTUM-Inspired Machine Learning Workshop

September 28-29, 2026, Cagliari

Member of the Organizing Committee: **Roberto Giuntini**, EASA Class I

COLLOQUIUM ON PORTABLE X-RAY FLUORESCENCE

September 30, 2026, Organisation and Chair: **Ioannis Liritzis**, Vice President EASA

TAGUNG ACATECH

October 1, 2026

Panel 2 „Dual Use in der Gegenwart“

Moderation: **Klaus Mainzer**, EASA-Präsident, Technische Universität München | acatech Mitglied

TAGUNG ENERGIESOUVERÄNITÄT

October 5, 2026

VDW Tagung, **Maria Reinisch**, Class III, Berlin

NEUROCARD 2026

October 9-10, 2026

Organizing Committee: **Branislav Milovanovic**, Class II, **Milovan Bojic**, Class II

Chinese–Moldovan Autumn School

On Emerging Trends in Science and Technology

October 13, 2026, **Klaus Mainzer**, Lecture on Artificial Intelligence, Academy of Sciences of Moldova, Chişinău, Republic of Moldova, Wuhan University of Technology, Wuhan, China, *hybrid*

TOWARDS AGI (Artificial General Intelligence)?

Innovation and Societal Impact, The Pope and AI

October 14, **Klaus Mainzer** (EASA President), **Claudi Bockting**, **Alberto De Franceschi**, **Verica Trstenjak** (EASA Vice President), **Paul van Geest**, EASA Dean Class VII, **Stefania Centrone** (EASA member, class I)

Moderation: **Anna Faix** (EASA Young Academy)

III. NEW ELECTED MEMBERS BY THE SENATE

New Members Class I – Humanities:

- Jürgen Kriz, Osnabrück University(I), Germany (N)
- Elias Petropoulos, Democritus University of Thrace (I), Greece (N)

New Members Class II – Medicine:

- Nissan Aviram, Bar Ilan University (I), Israel and USA (N)
- Marko Banić, University of Zagreb School of Medicine (I), Croatia (N)
- Weibo Cai, University of Wisconsin – Madison (I), USA (N)
- Thomas Efferth, Johannes Gutenberg University (I), Germany (N)
- Michael Koutsilieris, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (I), Greece (N)
- Chak-Sing Lau, Hong Kong University (I), United Kingdom (N)
- Christos Liapis, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (I), Greece (N)
- Dimitrios Linos, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (I), Greece (N)
- Markus Ritter, Paracelsus Medical University (I), Austria (N)

New Members Class III – Arts:

- Ioannis Melanitis, Athens School of Fine Art (I), Greece (N)
- Winfried Nerdinger, Technical University of Munich (I), Germany (N)

New Members Class IV – Natural Sciences:

- Karl Auerswald, Technical University of Munich (I), Germany (N)
- Efsthios Efsthopoulos, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (I), Greece (N)
- Anton Eisenhauer, GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel (I), Germany (N)
- Oliver Hayden, Technical University of Munich (I), Austria (N)
- Jinchang Ren, Robert Gordon University (I), China (N)
- Anderson Ho Cheung Shum, City University of Hongkong (I), Hongkong SAR/China (N)
- Stavros Stavrinides, Democritus University of Thrace (I), Greece (N)
- Rein Ulijn, City University of New York (I), USA (N)

New Members Class VI – Technical and Environmental Sciences:

- Reginald DesRoaches, Rice University (I), USA (N)
- Menachem Elimelech, Rice University (I), USA (N)
- Amir Gandomi, University of Technology Sydney (I), Australia (N)
- Ah-Hyung Park, University of California – Los Angeles (I), USA (N)
- Fengting Li, Tongji University (I), China (N)
- Christian Mitterer, Technical University of Leoben (I), Austria (N)
- Ngoc Thanh Nguyen, Wroclaw University of Science and Technology (I), Poland (N)
- Savas Tasoglu, Koc University (I), Turkey and USA (N)
- He Wei, Beijing Information Science Technology University (I), China (N)
- Marian Wiercigroch, University of Aberdeen (I), Poland and United Kingdom (N)
- Yuping Wu, Southeast University (I), China (N)
- Zheng Yan, Xidian University (I), China (N)
- Qiang Yang, Zhejiang University (I), China (N)
- Zaili Yang, Liverpool John Moores University (I), United Kingdom (N)
- Junbo Zhao, Dartmouth College (I), China (N)
- Song Jiangning, Monash University (I), Australia (N)
- Laurence Tianruo Yang, St. Francis Xavier University (I), Canada (N)

New Members Class VII – World Religions:

- Maren Niehoff, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (I), Germany and Israel (N)
- Dieter Vieweger, German Protestant Institute of Archeology – Jerusalem and Aman (I), Germany (N)

IV. PUBLICATIONS

[Zum Chemie-Nobelpreis 2026: Klaus Mainzer und das Rätsel der spiegelbildlichen Moleküle](#)
[October 7, 2026](#)

[Publication of War in the Name of Peace in Paris – Professor Bostjan Marko Turk, Dean of EASA](#)
[Class I](#)

[Li Xu, Class III, Appointed Co-Director of the AI and New Media Design Lab at the Academy of Fine Arts in Katowice, Poland](#)

[Self-organisation of complex dynamical systems: from synergetics to neuromorphic systems.](#)

Klaus Mainzer, *Front. Netw. Physiol.*, 15 April 2026, *Sec. Networks of Dynamical Systems*, Volume 6 – 2026; <https://doi.org/10.3389/fnetp.2026.1736738>

V. MULTIMEDIA

[PODCAST-Wissenschaft, KI und Musik: Ein Plädoyer für das Quadrivium und für Europa - mit Prof. Dr. DDr.h.c.Klaus Mainzer](#)

October 7, 2026, SYMPHONIKA

COLLOQUIA-VIDEOS

since September 2026

[COLLOQUIA ON PORTABLE X-RAY FLUORESCENCE/Elizabeth H.Paris & Jennifer Meanwell](#)

VI. PEASA NEW EDITORIAL BOARD-MEMBERS

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Marianne Roth, General Secretary, EASA

VII. WE ANNOUNCE/NEWS

[Ernst Pöppel received the prestigious Chinese Government Friendship Award in Beijing](#)

VIII. WE REGRET

Ivo Slaus, Class IV, **Obituary:** [IN MEMORIAM IVO SLAUS](#)

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Kevin Thompson, Class II

Constantin Floros, Class III

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