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# CONFERENCE

## Excellence in Research

### October 22-23, 2013

Venue: Academy Hall, Kohtu 6, 10130 Tallinn, Estonia

Organizers:

Estonian Academy of Sciences

Council of Estonian Centres of Excellence in Research

Estonian Research Council

#### PROGRAMME

The working language is English

Tuesday 22 October 2013, 13:00-18:00

12:30-13:00 Welcome coffee

#### EXCELLENCE AS SEEN FROM RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS

Moderator *J.Engelbrecht*

- 13:00-13:20 **Opening**  
*J.Aaviksoo*, Minister of Education and Research  
*R.Villems*, President of Estonian Academy of Sciences
- Presentations**
- 13:20-13:50 *G.Öquist*, Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences  
FOSTERING BREAKTHROUGH RESEARCH: A COMPARATIVE STUDY
- 13:50-14:20 *T.Courvoisier*, Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences  
GOOD SCIENCE: CAN WE DEFINE IT? CAN WE PROMOTE IT? CAN WE FOSTER IT?
- 14:20-14:50 *K.Deketelaere*, League of European Research Universities  
THE MULTIPLE FACETS OF EXCELLENCE AND RESEARCH
- 14:50-15:20 Coffee break
- 15:20-15:50 *J.-C.Burgelman*, European Commission  
SCIENCE 2.0. A NEW *MODUS OPERANDI* FOR SCIENCE AND RESEARCH
- 15:50-16:20 *E.-L.Winnacker*, Human Frontier Science Program (HFSP)  
FUNDING THE FRONTIERS
- 16:20-16:50 *Ü.Niinemets*, Estonian University of Life Sciences/ENVIRON  
SCIENCE CAREER MODELS: DO THEY CONTRIBUTE TO THE EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH?
- 16:50-17:50 **Discussion**

Wednesday 23 October 2013, 10:00-13:00

#### EXCELLENCE AS SEEN FROM THE RESEARCHER

Moderator *A.Koppel*

- 10:00-11:00 **Keynote lecture**  
*R.Näätanen*, University of Tartu/Helsinki University  
SCIENTIFIC EXCELLENCE – HOW TO ACHIEVE AND MAINTAIN IT
- Presentations**
- 11:00-11:20 *T.Maimets*, Science Europe  
IS EXCELLENCE A UNIVERSAL ENTITY?
- 11:20-11.40 Coffee break
- 11:40-12:00 *R.Ubar*, Tallinn University of Technology/CEBE  
RESEARCH EXCELLENCE AND ENGINEERING SCIENCES
- 12:00-12:20 *E.Vasar*, University of Tartu/CETM  
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- 12:20-13:00 **Discussion**

Why talk about excellence, in the first place? How to define scientific excellence – isn't it self-evident? Is excellence possible in a small country? How to recognize the seeds of excellence and nurture them into being? How to maintain excellence? Is excellence measurable?

The conference aims to tackle multiple facets of excellence in research, assembling speakers and discussants of different back-ground, experiences, countries.