



**International  
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# **European Members of the International Science Council (ISC)**

## **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**

**September 14–15, 2023**

**MONTENEGRIN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AND ARTS  
Podgorica, Montenegro**

**European Members  
of the International Science Council ISC  
6<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**

Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts, Podgorica  
Address: Rista Stijovica, 5, 81000 Podgorica, Montenegro

Thursday, 14 September 2023, 15:00–until late  
Friday, 15 September 2023, 9:00–16:45

# Agenda

## PART I: BUSINESS MEETING

Thursday, 14 September 2023

15:00 Registration and refreshments

### 1 **Welcoming remarks, Meeting agenda, Minutes of the 2022 meeting**

15:30 Opening of the Annual Meeting:  
Welcoming address — **Dragan K. Vukčević**,  
President of the Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts

15:40 Opening address by Euro-ISC chair & short overview  
of activities — **Tarmo Soomere**

Documents	Action	
Meeting agenda	3	<b>required</b> To adopt the agenda and approve the minutes of 2022 Annual Meeting
Meeting participants	6	
Minutes of 2022 Annual Meeting	7	

### 2 **An overview of current developments in ISC and foresight for European Members**

16:00 ISC: update on developments and challenges — **Vivi Stavrou**, ISC / **Salvatore Aricò**, ISC

16:40 Discussion panel: Topical issues of the ISC European Members (ISC/EM) and contribution to the global ISC

Chair: **Tarmo Soomere**

Panelists: **Geoffrey Boulton, Anna Mauranen, Jürg Pfister, Giselinde Kuipers, Vivi Stavrou**

Topics: (a) identify those parts of the current ISC portfolio that resonate in current European settings;  
(b) discussion of specific tasks of the EMG — asks the question 'what?', would be about 'why?';  
(c) whether the European Members could be the basis for an ISC focal point, analogous to other similar ones in different parts of the world (Item 2, Item 2a).

<b>Action required</b> To consider the information
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- 17:40 Issues for the Management group to carry forward — **Tarmo Soomere**
- 17:50 Science Day teaser: Science in the times of innovation — can we defend the investment in us? — **Anna Mauranen**

**19:00 Gala dinner**  
**hosted by the Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts**  
Restaurant PORTO, 40 Bul. Stanka Dragojevića  
(10 minutes' walk from the Academy)

## **PART II: SCIENCE MEETING**

*Friday, 15 September 2023*

- 09:00 Registration and refreshments
- 09:30–09:40 Opening
- Introduction to the Science Day themes — **Tarmo Soomere**, President of the Estonian Academy of Sciences
- 09:40–10:00 Challenges for Science in Montenegro
- Speaker:
- **Biljana Šćepanović**, Minister of Science and Technological Development, Government of Montenegro
- 10:00–11:15 Track 1: Science and democracy**
- Chair: **Giselinde Kuipers**, Professor of Sociology, KU Leuven, Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences
- Speakers:
- **Ellen Rutten**, Professor of Slavonic literature and culture at the University of Amsterdam (online presentation)
  - **Jeroen de Kloet**, Professor of globalisation studies, University of Amsterdam
  - **Ralph Weber**, Associate Professor for European Global Studies, University of Basel
- 11:15–11:30 Coffee break
- 11:30–13:00 Track 2: Science in transition**
- Chair: **Geoffrey Boulton**, Regius Professor of Geology Emeritus in the University of Edinburgh
- Speakers:
- **Vladimir Crnojevic**, Director of the BioSense Institute in Novi Sad, Professor in Computer Sciences at the University of Novi Sad: „Past, present and future of science, a personal view on evolution“

- **Luke Drury**, Vice President of ALLEA, Royal Irish Academy: „Reforming publishing for a digital age — what can the Euro-ISC group do?“
- **Mila Popovich**, Director General, Government of Montenegro; Founder, EVOLving Leadership: „Futures Literacy: Global Trends and Montenegro’s Possibilities“

13:00–14:00 Lunch at the Montenegrin Academy Club

**14:00–15:15 Track 3: What is happening on the continent?**

Chair: **Jürg Pfister**, Secretary General, Swiss Academy of Sciences (SCNAT)

Speakers

- **Agnieszka Gadzina-Kolodziejska**, Deputy Head of the Science for democracy and evidence-informed policymaking Unit, the Joint Research Centre (JRC): „EU perspectives on evidence-informed policymaking in governance and public administrations“
- **Maarja Kruusmaa**, European Commission’s Chief Scientific Advisor, Professor of Biorobotics, Tallinn University of Technology, Center for Biorobotics: „From risk management towards better uncertainty management: recommendations for the future“ (online presentation)
- **Vivi Stavrou**, Executive Secretary of the ISC Committee for Freedom and Responsibility in Science: „Science in Times of Crisis: experiences and lessons from the ISC“

15:15–15:45 Coffee break

**15:45–16:30 Track 4: Science and diplomacy**

Chair: **Anna Mauranen**, Professor of English, University of Helsinki

Speaker:

- **Jan Marco Müller**, Coordinator for Science Diplomacy and Multilateral Relations, DG Research & Innovation: „A framework for European science diplomacy — and why it matters for science academies and learned societies“ (online presentation)

16:30–16:45 Closing remarks — **Tarmo Soomere**

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Location and approximate time of the next Annual Meeting





## MONTENEGRIN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AND ARTS

The Parliament of the Republic of Montenegro passed the Law on the Society for Science and Arts of Montenegro, on 12<sup>th</sup> October 1971. The Society was founded as an independent scientific organization placed in Titograd (today's Podgorica), with the mission to gather prominent scientists and artists from a wide range of areas of science and art, in order to develop scientific thought, cultivate and promote art, to pursue scientific research and, independently or in cooperation with other scientific organizations, stimulate the activity of scientific organizations and scholars in Montenegro. The Parliament of Socialist Republic of Montenegro passed the Law on 10<sup>th</sup> March 1976, by which the Society for Science and Art of Montenegro has been constituted as the Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts (CANU/MASA).

The current Law on the Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts was passed on February 27, 2012 (Official Gazette of Montenegro No. 14, of March 7, 2012). The Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts is established by the Law as the supreme national institution in the field of science and art in Montenegro, of particular national and state interest. The Academy unites scientific potentials; organizes, prones and develops all forms of creation in science, art and culture; affirms Montenegrin spiritual, national and state tradition from Doclea to contemporary Montenegro; and with its engagement contributes to the overall progress of the state of Montenegro. The Academy is an independent institution that is managed independently by its members, in compliance with the Law and the Statute of MASA.

The members of MASA are in the status of full, associate and foreign. Full and associate members of the Academy make up the working composition of MASA. At present, the Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts has 39 members in working composition (31 full and 8 associate) and 29 foreign members.

The Bodies of MASA are: the Assembly, the Presidency and the President.

MASA performs its overall activity within the *Departments, Committees, Institutes, Centers, Commissions* and other working bodies.

MASA has four (4) Departments:

- Department of Natural Sciences,
- Department of Social Sciences,
- Department of Humanities,
- Department of Arts.

As part of MASA operate the following scientific research and artistic units (5):

- Institute for Language and Literature „Petar II Petrović Njegoš“,
- Lexicographic Center,
- Center of Young Scientists and Artists,
- Center for Energy and Ecology — ENEKO Center,
- Center of the World Academy of Art & Science.

Special units within the Academy are Library with Archive, and Gallery with art collection.

Overall forms of activities through which MASA performs its work include:

- Scientific and Research Projects,
- Scientific Meetings and Conferences, Round tables, Discussions, Academic Orations, Homages, Commemorative Sessions,
- Scientific lectures („Tribunes“),
- Publishing,
- Promotion of MASA editions,
- Exhibitions,
- Cooperation with national bodies and institutions,
- International outreach.

From the beginning of the XXI century, MASA continuously carries out the organization and implementation of international meetings and projects that contribute to the promotion and enhancement of the international scientific role of both the Academy and Montenegro. The Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts has 29 bilateral Agreements on Scientific Cooperation signed with foreign, mainly national, academies of sciences and arts. As a national academy, MASA is represented in the most important European and international academic associations and societies. MASA representatives regularly participate in annual meetings and assemblies, and in other way contribute to the work of the international academy associations of which MASA is an institutional member (9). Members of MASA individually are fellows of the reputable international academies of sciences and arts and learned societies (5).

## MONTENEGRIN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AND ARTS IN THE NEW BUILDING

The construction of the new and reconstruction of the previous building of MASA began in May 2020. As of January 2023 MASA finds itself, after 50 years, in a new, appropriate setting. The new and reconstructed MASA building provides adequate conditions for the implementation of numerous and diverse creative activities, including art exhibitions, film projections and musical concerts at the Gallery of MASA.