

## Bulgarian Presidency Flagship Conference

"Research Infrastructures beyond 2020 – sustainable and effective ecosystem for science and society"

John Atanasoff Innovation Forum - Sofia Tech Park - 22-23 March 2018, Sofia, Bulgaria

### PROGRAMME

22 March 2018, Thursday

09:30 Registration & Welcome coffee

11:00 Opening

- **Krasimir Valchev**: Minister of Education and Science of Bulgaria
- **Carlos Moedas (video)**: European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation

11:30-12:30 **Session 1: Research Infrastructures Challenges beyond 2020**

**Moderator:**

- **Ana Proykova**: Sofia University, Head of HPC laboratory

**Introductory speech:**

- **Jan – David Malo**: Director, Directorate "Open Innovation and Open Science", DG "Research and Innovation", European Commission

**Panel:** Overarching challenges & solutions for RIs post 2020 - an introduction to the thematic sessions of the conference.

- **Milena Žic Fuchs**: member of the High-Level Group on maximizing the impact of EU research and innovation programmes (Lamy Group)
- **Giorgio Rossi**: Chairperson, European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI)
- **Erik Steinfeldt**: Director General, Biobanking and Biomolecular Resources Research Infrastructure (BBMRI)
- **Franciska de Jong**: Executive Director, Common Language Resources and Technology Infrastructure - European Research Infrastructures Consortium (CLARIN – ERIC)

**Rapporteur:**

- **Tiziana Ferrari**: Technical Director, European Grid Infrastructure (EGI) Foundation

12:30 Exhibition

**13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break**

**14:00-15:30      Session 2: European Synchronisation of RI policies**

**Moderator:**

- **Beatrix Vierkorn-Rudolph:** InRoad Advisory Board Member

**Setting the scene:**

- **John Womersley:** Director General, European Spallation Source – ERIC)

**Panel:**

- **Salvatore La Rosa:** Ministry of Education, Universities and Research, Italy
- **Mats Johnsson:** Senior Advisor at Ministry of Education and Research, Sweden
- **Caterina Biscari:** Vice Chair, League of European Accelerator – based Photon Sources (LEAPS)
- **Axel Börsch-Supan:** Managing Director, Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe - European Research Infrastructures Consortium (SHARE-ERIC)
- **John Womersley:** Director General, European Spallation Source – ERIC)

**Rapporteur:**

- **Margarida Ribeiro:** Policy Officer, Directorate “Open Innovation and Open Science”, DG “Research and Innovation”, European Commission

**15:30    Coffee break**

**16:00-17:30      Session 3: Exploring synergies**

**Moderator:**

- **Jean-David Malo:** Director, Directorate “Open Innovation and Open Science”, DG “Research and Innovation”, European Commission

**Keynote speech:**

- **Juan María Vázquez Rojas:** Secretary General Science and Innovation, Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness, Spain

**Panel:**

- **Lukás Levák:** Director, Department of Research and Development, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, Czech Republic – panel speaker
- **Mateusz Gaczynski:** Deputy Director, Department of Innovation and Development, Ministry of Science and Higher Education, Poland
- **Alexandra Vilela:** Member of the Board of Operational Programme for Competitiveness and Internationalization (COMPETE 2020), Portugal
- **Ilyiana Tsanova:** Deputy Managing Director, European Strategic Investments Fund, joint initiative of European Investment Bank and European Commission
- **Eugenia Kazamaki Ottersten:** Head of Smart Development Division, Joint Assistance to Support

Projects in European Regions (JASPERS)

- **Nicolae-Victor Zamfir:** General Director of “Horia Hulubei” National Research and Development Institute for Physics and Nuclear Engineering; Director of ELI -NP, Romania

**Rapporteur:**

- **Ylva Reisnert:** Policy advisor Research and Innovation, Skåne European Office

**19:00 Official dinner**

**Welcoming address by:**

- **Ivan Dimov:** Deputy Minister of Education and Science, Bulgaria
- **Christo Pimpirev:** Head of Bulgarian research infrastructure in Antarctica, Bulgaria
- **Jean-David Malo:** Director, Directorate “Open Innovation and Open Science”, DG “Research and Innovation”, European Commission

**Day 2: 23 March 2018, Friday**

**09:00 -10:30      Session 4: Excellence innovators**

**Moderator:**

- **Jana Kolar:** Executive Director, Central European Research Infrastructures Consortium - European Research Infrastructures Consortium (CERIC – ERIC)

**Keynote speech: Research Infrastructures for industry and innovation**

- **Iain Mattaj:** Director General, European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL) and EIROforum Chair

**Panel:**

- **Fredrik Melander:** Head of Research & Development Relations, Science Village Scandinavia
- **Jean Susini:** Director of Research, European Synchrotron Radiation Facility (ESRF)
- **Markus Nordberg:** Head of Resources Development, Development and Innovation Unit, CERN
- **Ilaria Nardello:** Executive Director, European Marine Biological Resources Centre (EMBRC)
- **Anna Sandstrom:** Director of Science Relations, AstraZeneca
- **Zlataše Novotná:** Head of Strategic Partnerships & International Relations, CEITEC
- **Iain Mattaj:** Director General, European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL) and EIROforum Chair

**Rapporteur:**

- **Edward Mitchell:** Head of Business Development, European Synchrotron Radiation Facility (ESRF)

**10:30-11:30      Coffee-break**

**11:30-13:00**

**Session 5: European Call for Action on long-term sustainability of RIs**

**Moderator:**

- **Karina Angelieva:** Counsellor, Research and Education, Permanent Representation of Republic of Bulgaria to the European Union

**Keynote speech:**

- **Manuel Heitor:** Minister of Science, Technology and Higher Education, Portugal

**Introduction: Main messages from the conference**

- **Jan Hrusak:** Member of the Council for large research infrastructures, Czech Republic, European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI) Vice-Chair

**High level political panel:**

- **Manuel Heitor:** Minister of Science, Technology and Higher Education, Portugal
- **Tomaž Boh:** State Secretary at Ministry of Education, Science and Sport, Slovenia
- **Juan María Vázquez Rojas:** Secretary General Science and Innovation, Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness, Spain
- **Barbara Weitgruber:** Director General for Scientific Research and International Relations, Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (BMBFW), Austria
- **Barbara Kudrycka:** Member of the European Parliament
- **Markku Markkula:** First Vice-President of the European Committee of Regions

**Concluding remarks and Sofia conclusions on RIS beyond 2020:**

- **Ivan Dimov:** Deputy Minister of Education and Science, Bulgaria

**Rapporteur:**

- **Dominik Sobczak:** Policy Officer, Directorate “Open Innovation and Open Science”, DG “Research and Innovation”, European Commission

**13:00**

**Group photo**

**Press briefing**

- **Ivan Dimov:** Deputy Minister of Education and Science, Bulgaria
- **Jean-David Malo:** Director, Directorate “Open Innovation and Open Science”, DG “Research and Innovation”, European Commission

**13:00 Closing Lunch**