

## **Friday 24 March 2017, MCAA General Assembly**

### **Event restricted to MCAA Members**

**09h00:** Registration and Reception of Members

**09h30 to 11h00:** Administrative procedures

#### **Opening Speeches**

- *Brian Cahill*, Chair of the MCAA Board
- *Odissefs Panopoulos*, Policy Officer DG EAC.C3 - European Commission
- *Prof. Juan Manuel Corchado Rodríguez*, Salamanca University, Vice President for Research and Technology Transfer

#### **Approval of the minutes of the General Assembly 2016**

- *Maria-Antonietta Buccheri*, Secretary of the Board of the MCAA

#### **Report on 2016 Activities and Approval of Annual Accounts 2016**

- *Maria-Antonietta Buccheri*, Secretary of the Board of the MCAA
- *Kiran Kumar Chereddy*, Treasurer of the Board of the MCAA

#### **Appointment of the Chairs of Working Groups and Chapters**

- *Marco Masia*, Vice-chair of the Board of the MCAA

**11h00 to 11h30:** Coffee-break and networking

#### **11h00 to 12h45: Enhancing Collaboration Among Members Part I**

- Parallel sessions for six Working Groups to present their work to a smaller audience: Communications; Career Development; Gender Equality; Bridging Science and Business; Events and Networking; Policy

**12h45 to 14h30: Lunch break and networking** (two hours)

**14h30 to 15h30: Poster Session**

#### **15h30 to 16h30: Promoting Engagement of Membership within MCAA**

- How to Contribute to the MCAA
- Suggestions to MCAA board and open floor for Q&A

**16h30: Closure session**

**17h00: City visit** – walking tour (+/- 2 hours) - will include: the University; Casa de las Conchas; the Cathedral; the Clerecía; the Plaza Mayor

**20h00: Evening Event with Science Slam**

## Morning:

**09h00: Registration and Reception of Participants**

**09h30 to 09h45: Opening Speeches**

- Brian Cahill, Chair of the MCAA Board
- Maria Angeles Serrano, Vice-Chancellor for Internationalisation, Salamanca University

**09h45 to 11h50: Plenary Session: Protecting Freedom in Science**

**09h45 to 10h35: Part 1 - Keynote speech 1**

- "The role of scientists and researchers in society", Sophie Beernaerts, European Commission Head of Unit DG EAC – B3: Innovation in Education, EIT, and Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

**10h35 to 11h00: Coffee-break and networking**

**11h00 to 11h50: Part 2 - Keynote speech 2**

- "Logic and Reason: their roles in contemporary society", Mats Rosengren, Professor of Rhetoric, University of Uppsala

**11h50 to 12h50: Parallel Sessions: Science and Business**

**Session A: panel discussion: science to business: researcher to employer**

**Chair:** Marie-Antonietta Buccheri, MCAA Board Secretary

- *Emilio Corchado* – Salamanca University – Organiser Start-up Ole
- *René de Jong*, Entrepreneur, Business Angel and Advisor (<http://renedejong.com>)
- *Javier Ayuso*, Cube Ventures (<http://cubeventures.es>)

**Session B: Pensions for Mobile Researchers**

**Chair:** Mike W. Rogers, MCAA Honourary Member

- Delicia Hofmann, Claudia Wegner-Wahnschaffe Findyourpension.eu Project
- Indi Seehra, Director of Human Resources at the London School of Economics, representing the RESAVER Pension Fund consortium

**12h50 to 14h30: Lunch break and networking**

**14h30 to 15h30: Panel discussion: International Cooperation and Mobility of Scientists**

**Chair:** Miia Ijas, Employment and Career Development WG Coordinator of Eurodoc

- Gülsün Saglamer, Former Rector of Istanbul Technical University
- Margaux Kersschot, Adoc Talent Management, former president of Eurodoc
- Fiona Colligan or Martina Mallett, jobs.ac.uk
- Izaskun Lacunza, Spanish Foundation for Science and Technology (FECYT)

**15h30 to 16h30: Parallel Sessions: Skill portal**

**Session A: Business communication skills: pitching with song, music and dance**

- Kiran Kumar Chereddy, Treasurer of the Board of the MCAA
- Rita Ribeiro (BeNeLux chair)
- Scott Harrison, [Eduworks](#) ITN

**Session B: Mentoring and Networking**

- Francesco Grassi /Danilo Maddalo - MCAA Academy – MCAA's mentoring scheme
- Frauke Kersten / Natalia Balcazar – Practical example of how Mentoring helps career development

**16h30 to 17h00: Coffee-break and networking**

**17h00 to 17h30: How can MCAA help displaced researchers?**

**Chair:** Neil Howard, Post-doctoral research fellow at the Institute of Development Policy and Management (IOB) at the University of Antwerp, Senior Fellow at the UNICEF Office of Research

- Sinead O'Gorman – European Director of 'Scholars at Risk'

**17h30 to 18h00: MCAA Awards Ceremony**

- Brian Cahill, Chair of the MCAA
- Marco Masia, Vice-Chair of the MCAA
- Amit Zodge, Vice-Chair of the MCAA

**18h00: Closure of the MCAA Annual Conference**, announcement of Venue for GA 2018, and open call for the 2019 GA venue.