

**ISE Conference  
Strengthening the European  
Research Area:  
What does science need to flourish?**

**Programme**

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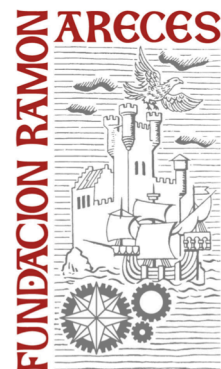
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**Thursday, 3 May 2011**

**13:30 – 14:30**    **Arrival, registration and light lunch.**

**14:30 – 16:00**    **Welcome and Keynotes**

*Antoni Castellà, Secretary of Universities and Knowledge, Autonomous Community of Catalonia*

*Octavio Quintana-Trias, Director for the European Research Area, European Commission.*

*Federico Mayor, outgoing president of ISE, former director of UNESCO*

*Maria Leptin, president, Initiative for Science in Europe (ISE)*

**16:00 – 16:30**    **Coffee Break**

**16:30 – 18:30**    **Plenary Session 1: Research Cooperation Across Borders**

*Chair: Telemachos Telemachou, Science Counselor, Permanent Representation of Cyprus to the EU.*

**The Need for Support of Research Cooperation**

*Representatives from learned societies and scientific organisations give examples of what kind research cooperation is needed in the different disciplines.*

**The role of scientists in the establishment of the research agenda of the FACCE Joint Programming Initiative.**

*Tim Willis (BBSRC), Member of the Secretariat of the Joint Programming Initiative Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change.*

**Cooperation of European Research Funding Organisations - Thematically open research funding.**

*Pär Omling, Vice President of Science Europe and President of the ESF*

**18:00 – 18:30**    **Discussion: Effective Instruments for Research Cooperation**

**Friday, 4 May 2011**

- 09:30 – 11:30**     **Panel discussion: How to Ensure Scientists' Involvement in the Governance of the European Research Area**  
Chair: Iain Mattaj, *Director General, EMBL*  
Helga Nowotny, *President, ERC*;  
Ellen Kuhlmann, *European Sociological Association*  
Peter Svensson, *European Acoustics Association*
- 11:30 – 12:00**     **Coffee Break**
- 12:00 – 12:45**     **Plenary Session 2: The Future of the European Research Area.**  
Chair: Israel Pecht, *Secretary General, FEBS*  
How ERA will develop: Deeper Integration or Enhanced Partnership?  
Peter Tindemans, *Euroscience*  
Conclusions of the Conference  
Wolfgang Eppenschwandtner, *Executive Coordinator, ISE*
- 12:45 – 13:30**     **Closing Words**  
Cristina Guiterrez-Cortinez, *Member of the European Parliament*  
Salvador Sedó i Alabart, *Member of the European Parliament*  
Andreu Mas-Colell, *Minister of Economy and Knowledge, Autonomous Community of Catalonia*