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“... TODAY IS THE ILLUSTRATION OF OUR CONSTANT SUPPORT!”

Successful technologies



Opening Remarks & Keynote

9:00 – 9:10 am

OPENING REMARKS

Ms. Viktoria Bodnarova – Regional Representative,
EURAXESS North America

EURAXESS - Researchers in Motion is a unique pan-European initiative delivering information and support services to professional researchers. Backed by the European Union and its Member States, it supports researcher mobility and career development, while enhancing scientific collaboration between Europe and the world. EURAXESS Worldwide is a networking tool supporting researchers working outside of Europe, in our case in North America (Canada and the US), who wish to connect or stay connected with Europe. Through networking, researchers can strengthen European research and scientific cooperation with the world.

We are excited to once again be a platform connecting more European scientists in North America, this year celebrated through the launch of the Joint European Mentoring Initiative [JEMI] and Marie Curie Alumni Association North America Chapter [MCAA North America].



9:10 – 9:30 am

KEYNOTE

Dr. Minh-Ha Pham – Counselor for Science and
Technology, Embassy of France in the United States

“ WE APPRECIATE WORKING WITH THE EURAXESS NORTH AMERICA TEAM AND TODAY IS THE ILLUSTRATION OF OUR CONSTANT SUPPORT! ”

Dr. Pham introduced the opportunities for higher education and research cooperation between the United States and France. One of the latest initiatives put in place by the new French administration is called 'Make Our Planet Great Again' (MOPGA). It has received very high interest so far.

International science community in Washington, D.C.!



Panel 1

9:30 –11:00 am

IMPORTANCE OF GLOBAL NETWORKING AND INVESTING IN EUROPEAN RESEARCHERS WORLDWIDE

Moderator: **Dr. Ana Maestre**, ECUSA -
Spanish Scientists in the US

**Mr. Xavier Eekhout – EURAXESS TOP II project, Spanish
Foundation for Science and Technology (FECYT), Spain**

EURAXESS TOP II project was coordinated by FECYT, the national coordinator (BHO) of EURAXESS Spain between 2012 and 2014. At this time, the core goal of the EURAXESS initiative was to support researchers and institutions in practical aspects related to researcher mobility, in a scenario where new national networks were joining in and the EURAXESS Links (now EURAXESS Worldwide) initiative was being scaled up.

The core goal of the project was to support EURAXESS in providing even better services in relation to mobility, being better known and reaching out to new stakeholders. With


this aim, the project implemented many successful activities in the areas of promotion, capacity building, improving the EURAXESS portals (websites) and strategic issues with key stakeholders. Many of these actions have been the cornerstones for both the following TOP projects, and the national network activities aimed at global networking. As an example, the collaboration of EURAXESS Spain with associations of Spanish researchers abroad, and the recent efforts in providing visibility to researcher career possibilities in Spain are presented.

**Mr. Adam Molnar – EURAXESS TOP III project,
Bay Zoltan, Hungary**

EURAXESS TOP III is coordinated by Bay Zoltán Nonprofit Ltd. for Applied Research, the Hungarian EURAXESS network coordinator institution. Compared to previous TOP projects, EURAXESS TOP III builds on an extended consortium of 41 institutions.



Project activities address new and current areas of operation of the EURAXESS network for the benefit of both non-mobile and mobile researchers. On the one hand, the project focuses on developing and testing innovative career management services for researchers to be offered as part of the EURAXESS service portfolio. On the other hand, the project also works to strengthen the services already being offered by members of the EURAXESS network to mobile researchers. Through this dual approach, the project sets out to making scientific careers in European research institutions more attractive for European researchers who are facing career decisions and for non-European researchers who are contemplating moving to Europe for part of their career. Within the project, a number of capacity building, networking, service consolidation and quality assessment activities are being made available to the whole network of the EURAXESS members.



An internal, horizontal funding scheme for support activities, carried out within the national networks themselves is in operation as a tested and successful mechanism refined in previous EURAXESS projects.

Mrs. Foteini Ziogou – EURAXESS TOP IV project, Centre for Research and Technology Hellas (CERTH), Greece

EURAXESS TOP IV is coordinated by Center for Research and Technology Hellas (CERTH), the Coordinator of the Greek EURAXESS network. The EURAXESS TOP IV consortium includes partners from 40 countries (34 beneficiaries and 7 Linked Third Parties), covering the whole EURAXESS network and maximizing the impact for the long-lasting benefit of the research community.

Within the project, Work Package (WP) 2 (EURAXESS Career Development) and WP3 (Social Integration Initiatives) aim to expand the set-up and operation of Career Development and Dual Career services within the network; on the other side, WP4 (Engagement with industry) promotes intersectoral mobility of researchers by promoting entrepreneur careers through collaboration with innovation facilitators and launching industry-academia mentoring programmes for researchers.

The WP7 (EURAXESS Open to the World) aims to attract third country researchers to Europe as well as European scientific Diasporas contributing thus, to brain circulation while WP5 (Capacity Building of the EURAXESS Network), WP6 (Network support and a comprehensive communication and cooperation strategy for EURAXESS) and WP8 (Open EURAXESS

portals) aim at the deepening of existing services through trainings, networking and updating of national EURAXESS portals.

Based on the results of the project and the future trends in the ERA, a strategy and a vision for EURAXESS towards 2030 will be delivered for the future of the EURAXESS Network–New services (WP9).

Finally, the impacts of the project are linked to increasing the visibility of EURAXESS Network and diversifying the services provided by the EURAXESS Service Centers at an increased quality to enhance the career development of researchers addressing the cross-national and international circulation of researchers in Europe for the benefit of Responsible Research and Innovation under HORIZON 2020.

... A VISION FOR EURAXESS TOWARDS 2030 WILL BE DELIVERED

**Ms. Viktoria Bodnarova – EURAXESS North America,
Washington DC**

European researchers and scientists have been an integral part of the North American research landscape for a long time. In an age, where research and innovation have become increasingly global and answers to our most pressing scientific issues are found through international cooperation and collaboration, opportunities for early-career researchers are plentiful and exciting. However, challenges have increased as well. Mentoring and networking are essential tools to address them and to help young researchers in their pursuits. Scientific diaspora networks constitute a vital form of support and community building in this context.



“ THIS ANNUAL MEETING IS A PRIME EXAMPLE OF HOW EURAXESS NORTH AMERICA CONTINUES TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE COMMUNICATION THROUGH THIS UNIQUE PLATFORM FOR THE EUROPEAN SCIENTIFIC DIASPORAS TO EMPHASIZE AND PROMOTE THE VALUE OF DIRECT COMMUNICATION BETWEEN EUROPEAN SCIENTISTS IN NORTH AMERICA, EUROPEAN EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES AND THE EUROPEAN UNION. ”

The process began in 2014, when EURAXESS North America together with the Embassies of Italy and Spain spearheaded an initiative that would explore possibilities of collaboration between active European National Scientific Diasporas in North America. At the initial meeting, participants decided to establish a framework for a larger and more encompassing collective of European Scientific Diasporas, through a series of “Annual Meetings of European Scientific Diasporas.”

The inaugural meeting was held in December 2015 and focused on means that might allow Scientific Diasporas to enhance benefits of networking beyond existing national frameworks. The meeting concluded with recommendations for concrete actions for implementing this vision. At the second annual meeting of European Scientific Diasporas, leaders and activists discussed ways to further the work of the scientific communities, especially those with existing mentoring programs, and their efforts to support researchers at home and abroad.

Dr. Minh-Ha Pham – Science Diplomats Club, Washington DC

The Science Diplomats Club (SDC) of Washington, DC is a local initiative chaired by France since 2010. Dr. Minh-Ha Pham was appointed President of the SDC in 2013. The Club has about 200 members and invitees representing 52 countries and 92 organizations. The main activities of the SDC are: (1) the Science Breakfasts organized at the French Embassy, (2) field trips or visits and (3) the end or beginning of the year receptions.

**“ THE SCIENCE
DIPLOMATS CLUB IS
A GREAT EXAMPLE
OF A COMMITTED
AND FRIENDLY
INTERNATIONAL
SCIENCE COMMUNITY
IN WASHINGTON, DC! ”**



Panel 2

11:15 –12:30 pm

JOINT EUROPEAN MENTORING INITIATIVE: ENGAGING EUROPEAN SCIENTIFIC DIASPORAS IN NORTH AMERICA

Moderator: **Dr. Irina Ramos**, PAPS – Portuguese
American Postgraduate Society

Dr. Gerrit Roessler – German Center for
Research and Innovation, New York

Dr. Gerry Alons – Marie Curie Alumni
Association North America Chapter, Boston

Dr. Stefano Lami – Embassy of Italy,
Washington DC

Dr. Dimah Mahmoud – EURAXESS
North America, Washington DC

MISSION

To empower European researchers to achieve their full potential by providing a bottom-up comprehensive mentoring platform to build and maintain networks for their research career advancement.

OBJECTIVES

- Build bridges between the North American and European scientific communities.
- Develop careers, personal growth, relationships, and leadership of mentors and mentees.
- Foster and maintain cross-generational network of mentors and mentees.
- Share experiences and knowledge.
- Enhance national-level mentoring initiatives
- Secure funding from the European Commission and funding agencies

Scientific Diasporas have a vital role to play in European Public Diplomacy. JEMI, by composition, promotes broader pan-European and global collaborative projects. As a platform, it highlights the quality of European academics and emphasizes the value of European influence in North America. This cross-generational network of researchers, hence aims to unlock the potential to more international, interdisciplinary and inter-sectorial collaborative projects. Not tied to an institution but rather to a goal: the advancement of European Research Area, JEMI is not only a knowledge-sharing tool, it is an investment in a global-oriented European identity and, ultimately, in the future.

MOVING FORWARD

The panelists encouraged the audience, both as individual researchers as well as members of the European Scientific community in North America, to join the Management Team's efforts for a pilot JEMI programme for 2018. They have also given the option of signing up to a mailing list to stay up to date of upcoming events and call for mentees.

With its proposed pilot program, JEMI aims to extend the necessary local support to researchers in North America from settling in to connecting back with the home country and understanding how the process works in the new base.

A reflection and evaluation of the pilot will be presented at the [4th Annual Meeting of European Scientific Diasporas in North America](#) at the Embassy of Austria on 7 December 2018.

THE JOINT EUROPEAN MENTORING INITIATIVE [JEMI]

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“ TO SUCCEED IN THE CURRENT PACE OF OUR SOCIETY, WE ALL NEED A MENTOR AND WE COULD ALL BE MENTORS TO YOUNGER SCIENTISTS. ”

Dr. Irina Ramos
PAPS – Portuguese American
Postgraduate Society

“ WE DON'T WANT TO MAKE JEMI AN EXCLUSIVE CLUB ONLY FOR EUROPEANS, RATHER WE WANT AMERICANS INTERESTED IN EUROPE, WE WANT OTHER NATIONALITIES INTERESTED IN EUROPE TO BE PART OF THIS. ”

Dr. Gerrit Roessler
German Center for
Research and Innovation,
New York





“ AS SOON AS EUROPEANS ARE ABROAD
DOING THEIR RESEARCH, THAT PART OF
THE WORLD BECOMES PART OF EUROPE.
WE ARE JUST SPREADING THE EUROPEAN
RESEARCH AREA ALL OVER THE WORLD. ”

Dr. Gerry Alons
Marie Curie Alumni Association
North America Chapter, Boston

“ I EXPERIENCED BOTH BEING A MENTOR AND A MENTEE IN THIS COUNTRY (USA) THUS I HAVE MY HEART IN THIS INITIATIVE WHICH I THINK CAN BE REALLY HELPFUL .”

Dr. Stefano Lami
Embassy of Italy,
Washington DC



“ THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO GET INVOLVED WITH MOVING JEMI FORWARD AND WE WELCOME ALL THE INPUT. ALL HANDS ON DECK! ”

Dr. Dimah Mahmoud
EURAXESS North America,
Washington DC



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Reviewing the International Research Landscape in Canada



12:30 –1:00 pm

REVIEWING THE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH LANDSCAPE IN CANADA: INSIGHTS AND ISSUES

Dr. Joseph Sparling – Chair, Canadian Association of Postdoctoral Scholars (CAPS)

The Canadian Association of Postdoctoral Scholars (CAPS) represents all postdocs in Canada and Canadian postdocs abroad. The main activities of CAPS are: (1) connect postdocs to promote a supportive national community; (2) support postdocs by sharing information and resources and (3) collect data and track outcomes of postdocs based in Canada. Approximately 10,000 postdocs work in Canada. 75% of the postdocs at the major 15 universities in Canada are international.

“ WE NEED TO BETTER CONNECT EURAXESS TO CAPS AND THE BROADER INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH COMMUNITY IN CANADA SO THEY CAN TAP INTO ALL THE WONDERFUL INFORMATION ALREADY AVAILABLE THROUGH THIS PLATFORM. ”

Panel 3

2:00 –3:30 pm

FEATURING THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH
AREA: ESTONIA, GREECE, LUXEMBOURG
& POLAND

Moderator: **Mr. Dietrich Wolf Fenner**, GAIN -
German Academic International Network

Ms. Helen Popp (in absentia) –
Second Secretary, Embassy of Estonia

Did you know that Skype was programmed in Estonia in 2003? Or that Estonia has used legally binding digital signatures since the year 2000? These facts illustrate the innovative attitude of the small North European country called Estonia perfectly. Estonia has an attractive environment for research, top-level infrastructure, a collaborative research community and excellent research achievements.

Estonian researchers are good partners in international collaboration projects and the number of international



co-publications is rising. Research in Estonia is becoming more international as the number of foreign researchers from 2005 to 2014 has increased sevenfold. The impact of papers authored by Estonian researchers is growing rapidly; average citations per paper exceed the Thomson Reuters' Essential Science Indicators (ESI) mean citation rate by 5%. There are 20 R&D institutions in Estonia, including 6 public universities where most research is performed. The leading scientific institution in Estonia is the University of Tartu. The ratio of total R&D expenditure to GDP in 2015 was 1.5%, with nearly half of R&D expenditure in 2015 coming from the state budget

Follow the EURAXESS Estonia portal (www.euraxess.ee/) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/euraxessestonia/) page for support and practical information for mobile researchers. Find research jobs in Estonia through the EURAXESS Jobs database.

For more information on Estonia's research landscape, please see our [quarterly newsletter from March 2017](#) available on our website: northamerica.euraxess.org

Mr. Theodosios Vallas – Minister Counselor for Economic & Commercial Affairs, Embassy of Greece

Greece has a number of research institutions conducting cutting-edge basic research. Five of the Top-50 research organizations that receive funding through the EU's Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (Horizon 2020) are from Greece. The capacity of Greek research institutes to conduct excellent research is also reflected in the relatively good performance in terms of outstanding scientific publications. Greece's performance (2015) is above the EU average for some individual indicators such as: international scientific co-publications (120% of the EU average), non R&D innovation expenditure in the private sector (127%), SMEs marketing/organisational innovations (124%) and innovative SMEs collaborating with others (120%).

Research & Development (R&D) constituted 0.99% of GDP for 2016, continuing the upward trend of recent years. R&D expenditures for 2016 amounted to €1,733.1 million, an increase of €29.3 million



compared to 2015. The General Secretariat for Research & Technology (GSRT) has set up a National Strategy and a National Roadmap for Research Infrastructures, taking into account the orientations set out by the Europe 2020 strategy and its two flagship initiatives: the Innovation Union and the Digital Agenda, as well as the priorities identified through the Smart Specialisation Strategy. The National Roadmap for Research Infrastructures signals a long-term commitment of the Greek government for the systematic support of strong research and innovation hubs in Greece, allowing the Greek research ecosystem to be shaped into a gateway for global research challenges.

For more information on Greece's research landscape, please see our [quarterly newsletter from June 2017](#) available on our website: northamerica.euraxess.org

Mrs. Veronique Dockendorf – Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Luxembourg

Luxembourg, a country of 600,000, has a very diverse population with a rate of 47% of non-Luxembourgers. Luxembourg's economy has evolved from steel to financial services and is now being diversified through a Government strategy closely linked to the research policy. The overarching rationale behind Luxembourg's research policy is to strengthen innovation as a driver of sustainable economic development. Luxembourg offers a stable and attractive legal environment to companies, many of which conduct their R&D in Luxembourg (Goodyear for example operates its largest R&D center outside of the US in Luxembourg). As far as communication about research is concerned, Luxinnovation and the FNR, as well as the University, have strong presences on the web and on social media, and programs that support efforts to communicate research and science to the larger public.

Government spending on public research has increased tenfold since 2000, to about 400 mio. EUR in 2016. In 2015, there were over 1800 researchers in publicly funded research, and over 5500 people in R&D in general. The Luxembourg National Research

Fund (www.fnr.lu) is the main public funder of research activities and offers a variety of funding instruments. The Government also has an active policy to support innovation, through incentive packages for companies and incubators for start-ups. The main agency implementing the innovation policy is Luxinnovation, in charge of promoting Luxembourg's main economic sectors, through a cluster approach, and of supporting innovative foreign companies who want to set-up and develop their activities in Luxembourg.

For more information on Luxembourg's research landscape, please see our [quarterly newsletter from September 2017](#) available on our website: northamerica.euraxess.org

Dr. Grazyna Zebrowska - Science & Technology Advisor & Mr. Matthew Stefanski - Press, Media & Public Relations Advisor, Embassy of the Republic of Poland

Poland is building a knowledge-based economy with home grown talents while leveraging experienced Polish scientific diaspora around the world. This goal is well-supported: Poland's research and development as well as higher education budget

is steadily growing, and is supplemented by strong institutional framework and well trained human resources. Polish universities and other research institutions have become integrated into the European Research Area (ERA). Poland is a valued partner in many large international programs, most notably the largest EU funding effort - Program Horizon 2020. Poland funds research through governmental agencies – in basic sciences by the National Science Center, in applied sciences by the National Center for Research and Development, and in international cooperation by a newly established institution - the National Academic Exchange Agency.

To improve the internationalization of Polish academia and science we strive to communicate and promote achievements of Polish science outside the borders through different mediums. Whether it is by highlighting the historical achievements of Marie Skłodowska-Curie and the Polish mathematicians who were the first to decipher the Enigma code, or by inspiring school children to take an interest in STEM studies through interactive workshops, it is important that science communication reaches the general public as well as the scientific community. The achievements of Polish scientists and discoverers both in the past and at present form a part of a great heritage of world science and serve as a role model for others. It is only by inspiring successive generations that the advancements of science will continue into the future.

Launch of the **Marie Curie** Alumni Association North America



“ EURAXESS NORTH AMERICA HAS BEEN AND CONTINUES TO BE AN INDISPENSABLE ‘ALLY’ FOR US IN NORTH AMERICA, WITH WHICH WE CONTINUE TO CO-ORGANIZE EVENTS. ”

Dr. Gerry Alons
Marie Curie Alumni Association
North America Chapter, Boston

3:30 –4:30 pm

LAUNCH OF THE MARIE CURIE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (MCAA) NORTH AMERICA CHAPTER



Dr. Gerry Alons - Boston University, Boston, USA & Radboud University, The Netherlands

Dr. Iris Wiegand - Harvard University, Cambridge, USA & Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Germany

Dr. Catarina Ferreira - UFZ - Helmholtz-Centre for Environmental Research, Germany & Department of Biology, Trent University, Peterborough, ON, Canada (via Skype)

Dr. Frauke Zeller - Ryerson University, Toronto ON, Canada

Dr. Leah Ashe – University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN, USA

Dr. Johannes Schöneberg - Hurley Lab of Experimental Biophysics, UC Berkeley, USA & Max Planck Institute of Biophysics, Germany

Ms. Viktoria Bodnarova - EURAXESS North America, Washington DC

This panel presented the MCAA as well as the new North America Chapter, explaining the importance of this initiative and how representatives of other organizations could benefit from its existence and cooperate with the Chapter. The second part of the panel focused on discussing the opportunities as well as the challenges in establishing and maintaining transatlantic collaborations. It invited experts and MCAA members to talk about their experiences, expectations, and opinions regarding three major points related to transatlantic collaborations now and in the future:

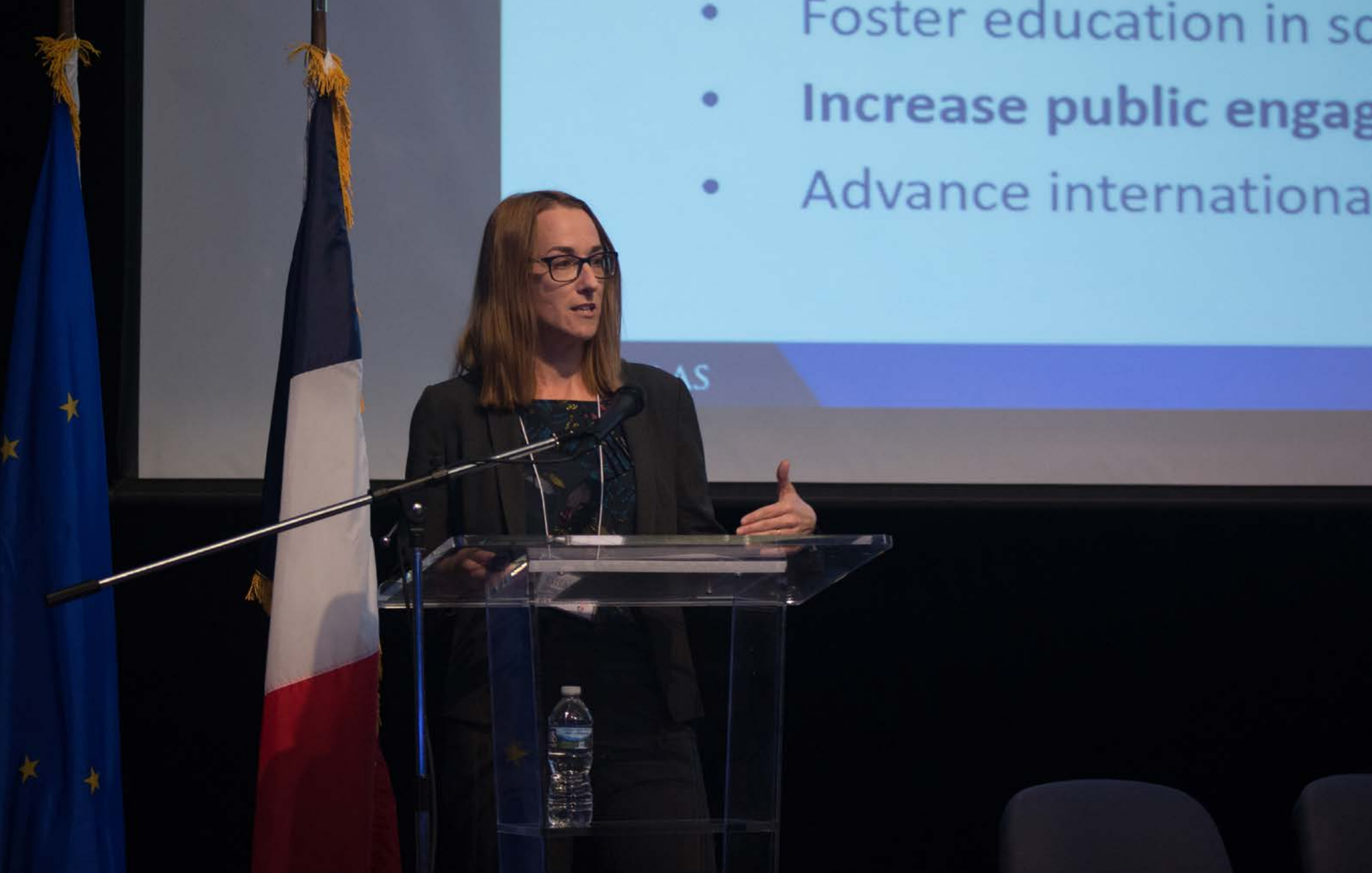
- (a) The value (opportunities) of international and transatlantic collaborations in academia;
- (b) the lack of funding infrastructures to support transatlantic collaborations;
- (c) the differences in communicating research philosophies and academic cultures across Europe and North America.

The MCAA North America Chapter was established in September 2017. Although a young Chapter, it is also a very active one with a lot of potential due to the large membership of fellows and alumni both in North America and Europe.

Their primary goal is to offer collegiate support to the members, while offering opportunities for networking and collaboration. By connecting researchers across North America and the EU, the Chapter wants to advance transatlantic communication and help new members settle in these two regions. They are also developing training events to promote knowledge exchange among MC fellows and alumni and to support career development. Finally, they want to enhance the image of the MCAA in North America by highlighting the benefits of the Marie Curie Actions and the MCAA and to disseminate the ideas of a multi-cultural and multi-disciplinary research community.

Currently the North America Chapter has 151 members. Approximately 40% of the members are female and 60% are male. 53% percent are alumni and 47% are current fellows. The largest part of the members is located in North America (46 in the US and 9 in Canada).





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Keynote



4:30 –5:00 pm

KEYNOTE

Ms. Tiffany Lohwater - Chief Communications Officer, Director of the Office of Public Programs, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)

AAAS is the world's largest general scientific society seeking to advance science, engineering, and innovation throughout the world for the benefit of all people. AAAS has many goals among which three focus specifically on science communication: (1) enhance communication among scientists, engineers, and the public, (2) provide a voice for science on societal issues and (3) increase public engagement with science and technology.

“ THERE ARE NOW MORE OPPORTUNITIES THAN EVER TO FOCUS ON SCIENCE COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT. ”

One of the examples of communicating science is a tool called SciLine which provides journalists real-time access to credible and articulate scientific experts. AAAS also hosts Science Journalism Awards open to all nationalities across the world and offers workshops for scientists where they help them focus on their key messages and define the audience. Since 2008 AAAS trained over 5,500 scientists and engineers.



Expo



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ASSOCIATION (NPA)**

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2017 Annual Meeting Programme

December 11, 2017

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REGISTRATION & COFFEE

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COFFEE BREAK

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Dr. Joseph Sparling - Chair, Canadian Association
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LUNCH

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USA & Radboud University, The Netherlands

Dr. Iris Wiegand - Harvard University,
Cambridge, USA & Max Planck Institute for
Human Development, Germany

Dr. Catarina Ferreira - UFZ - Helmholtz-
Centre for Environmental Research, Germany
& Department of Biology, Trent University,
Peterborough, ON, Canada
(via Skype)

Dr. Frauke Zeller - Ryerson University, Toronto
ON, Canada

Dr. Leah Ashe – University of Notre Dame,
South Bend, IN, USA

Dr. Johannes Schöneberg - Hurley Lab of
Experimental Biophysics, UC Berkeley, USA &
Max Planck Institute of Biophysics, Germany

Ms. Viktoria Bodnarova - EURAXESS
North America, Washington DC

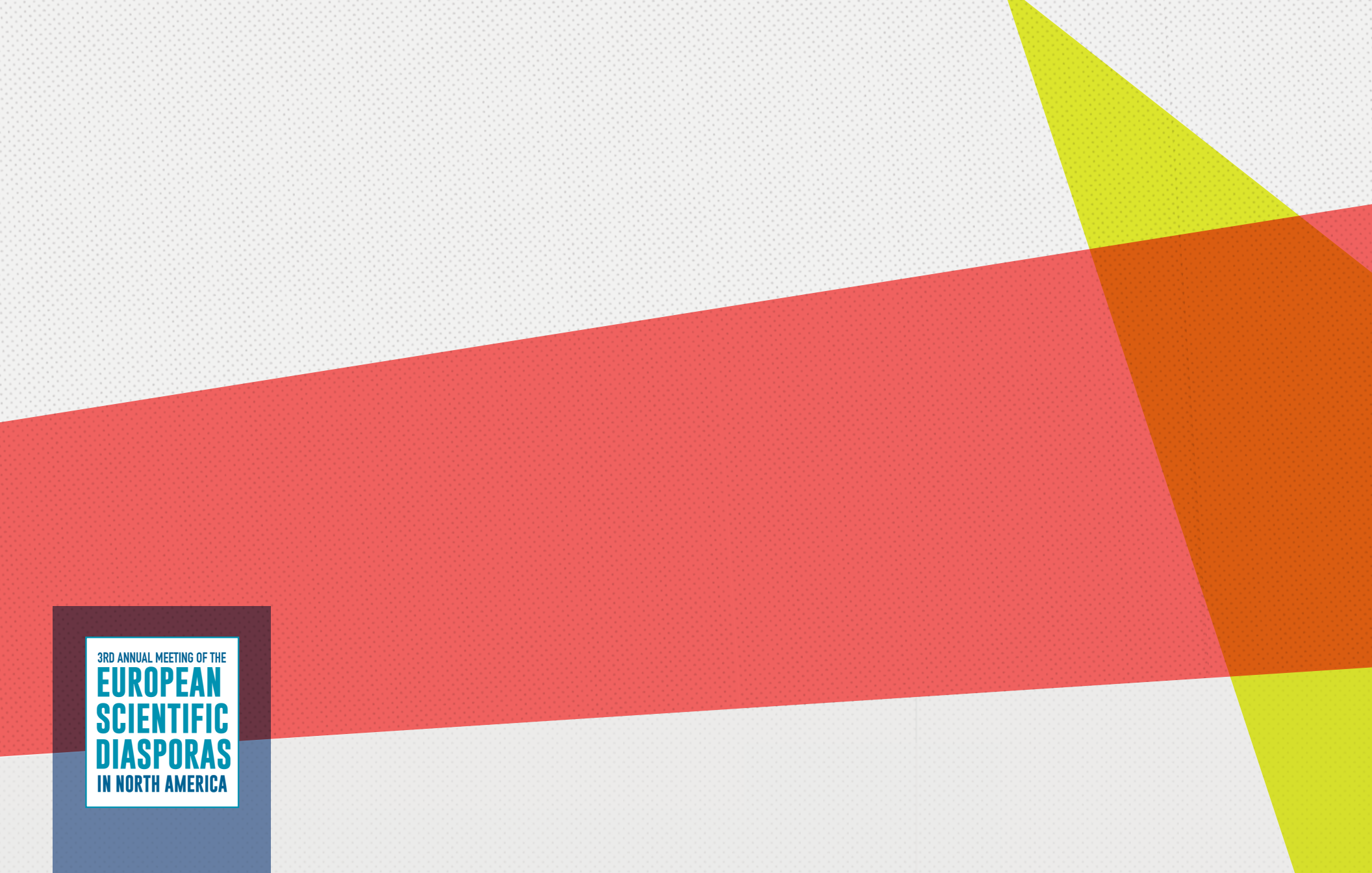
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KEYNOTE

Ms. Tiffany Lohwater - Chief
Communications Officer, Director
of the Office of Public Programs,
AAAS (American Association for the
Advancement of Science)

5:00 –6:30 pm

NETWORKING RECEPTION



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