



GREETINGS FROM ST. PETER

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Dear members and colleagues,

Summer is almost over, and I hope that you had some time to relax to have enough energy for new activities in the upcoming period 2016/2017. Vacations are always very important to recharge your batteries.

Holidays for me always mean to have time for reading and reflecting. This year my reading focused on the era of Enlightenment. Last year an increasing number of publications on the end of the Enlightenment appeared. Indeed, we are entering a **Post-Enlightenment era**.

200 years ago Kant stated: „Die Aufklärung ist Ausgang des Menschen aus seiner selbstverschuldeten Unmündigkeit“.

This year the end of the Enlightenment is the topic of the Forum Alpbach too. In this context some articles appeared in different newspapers, stating the end of the Enlightenment. The final result of the Enlightenment is not breath taking. Instead of the freedom originally desired, man is trapped in the economy created by himself. All areas of life are somehow constrained by the economy which seems to destroy life totally.

When Vaclav Havel was inaugurated as member of the Academy, he stated that the Western world is atheistic, technology leads to an overall crisis in all areas of all institutions, it will be a disintegration and ruin of the Western world. This statement has been done in 1995 in Aachen and is still valid today.

Such a disintegration is evident in our society, you can see and feel it everywhere. The decline of the EU is a sign of this disintegration too and means that a new impetus is indispensable, an impetus that can be given by the Academy with your input. „Next Europe“ is a way of creating new ideas in a narrative way. The rigid structures derived from economy have to be broken. The whole Enlightenment finally leads to a brutal economy and man is excluded. Now, we increasingly read that all our doings are towards man. Since 25 years we have been saying it. All our doings have to serve man in his existence and not to exploit him.

Stimulated by all this I propose an alternative formula to the Post-Enlightenment period:

Man – to man – to mankind.

Recently Avishay Braverman visited Salzburg. I showed him this formula. He responded with: **“Only when man to man is kind then we are mankind”** (Braverman, August 2016). I stimulate you for a response, for your comments what you feel and think. The myth of King Midas becomes a reality, especially when we see everything in the light of economy.

Just before summer we had a Senate's Meeting. Essentially, there was the suggestion by Stefan Schepers to create an additional class: Public affairs. We welcomed this suggestion, discuss it next time and will bring it to voting at the General Assembly in March 2017.

We also discussed the geographical distribution of our new members. The senate shared the idea that we should look for a geographical balance among our members as we have countries with many members, and some countries with less members. You are called upon to nominate additional members. Please have in mind: young people and female.

In the framework of our project "Next Europe" we had the pleasure to welcome around 80 students from China. Within the European Studies Program offered by the Munich International Summer School and taking place under the patronage of the Center for Applied Policy Research, those students enjoyed a three-week course about the history and functioning of the European Union. On 23 August, the students - coming from seven different Chinese Universities - made a day trip to Salzburg. After an introduction to the work of the Academy and the project "Next Europe" by President of EASA Felix Unger, the students presented the topics and results they had been working on for the last three weeks. We would like to thank the students as well as the Center for Applied Policy Research, who initiated this idea, for getting an insight into European issues from a Chinese perspective.

There are many meetings ahead such as the Rings of Tolerance, and Next Europe in Salzburg. Below you will find the full list of events.

I wish you a good start for the next period 2016/2107 and keep the Academy in mind. When I attend meetings I am proud to always see at least 6- 10 members.

Some members have listed the Academy in their CV to indicate their membership. In case you have not listed the Academy in your CV, please do so.

Next academic year I would appreciate very much when you are organizing a meeting under the coverage Next Europe – Implications of Nanotechnology.

I wish you a good return to work and a successful new academic year.

All the best,

Felix Unger
President



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Upcoming events:

- 21 September 2016: Advanced Ceramics and Applications V: New Frontiers in Multifunctional Material Science and Processing Conference
Belgrade, Serbia
- 24 September 2016: Chiemgauer Kardiologie Tage
Chieming/Ising, Germany
- 26 September 2016: Rings of Tolerance
Cologne, Germany
- 8 October 2016: 14. Mannheimer Ethiksymposium - „Identität, Identitätssuche in einer sich wandelnden Welt. Wozu Identität?“
Mannheim, Germany

- 14-15 October 2016: International meeting on Neurocardiology
Belgrade, Serbia
- 27 October 2016: Next Europe
Salzburg
- 3 March 2017: Welcome reception on the occasion of the Festive Plenary Session 2017
Salzburg
- 4 March 2017: Festive Plenary Session
Salzburg

For more information, please check our website <http://www.euro-acad.eu/activities/events>

Received publications:

- Geraldine Meßmer. Nanomedizin - Rechtliche Betrachtung und rechtsvergleichende Aspekte zwischen schweizerischem und deutschem Recht. Schulthess Juristische Medien AG, Zürich - Basel – Genf, 2016.
- The Risk Institute, Genva. CADAMUS - New Perspectives on Major Global Issues, Volume 2, issue 6. The Risk Institute, Geneva, May 2016.
- Konrad Paul Liessmann. Philosophicum Lech - Bd. 11 - Die Gretchenfrage - Nun sag', wie hast du's mit der Religion? Paul Zsolnay Verlag, Wien 2008.
- Braunschweigische Wissenschaftliche Gesellschaft. Jahrbuch 2015. J. Cramer Verlag, Braunschweig 2016.
- Monika Fioreschy. Strip-Cut-Collage. Hirmer Verlag GmbH, München 2016.
- Michael Hampe & Mauro Pagano. The Crafty Art of Opera. The Boydell Press, Woodbridge 2016.

We want to congratulate:

- Joachim Trümper (Germany): Was awarded the Tycho Brahe Prize
- Weihbischof Hans-Jochen Jaschke (75)
- Ferdinand Reisinger (70)

We have to regret the death of:

- Franz Jeglitsch (Austria)
- Dimitar Mirchev (Macedonia)
- Wolfgang Grünberg (Germany)

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