

#### Venue and accommodation

**Hotel Eurostars Thalia**  
Narodni 13  
110 00 Prague 1  
Czech republic



#### Arrival by public transport

Take bus No. 119 from the Ruzyne airport to the final destination Dejvicka, change for metro A (green line) and ride to the Malostranska station and finally take trams Nos. 18 or 22 to the Narodni divadlo stop. Opposite the stop is the building of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic (ASCR), so follow approximately 50 m straightforward to the Hotel Eurostars Thalia.

Time: around 40 minutes

Fares: 26 CZK (approximately 1 EUR) ticket

#### Conference web

[www.era2009.cz](http://www.era2009.cz)  
[www.era2009.eu](http://www.era2009.eu)

#### Pre-registration:

<http://www.era2009.cz/en/registration/>  
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## **ROLE OF BASIC RESEARCH IN THE PROCESS OF STRUCTURING THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA**

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PRAGUE, HOTEL THALIA



# ROLE OF BASIC RESEARCH IN THE PROCESS OF STRUCTURING ERA



The objective of the ERA2009 conference is to look at the Role of Basic Research in the Process of Structuring the European Research Area (ERA). The event is being organized by the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, under the auspices of the Czech Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

The formation of the ERA is a political goal draw-up by the European Union at the beginning of the XXI century. The vision is being refined periodically through various analysis and/or recommendations, e.g. the Commission's Green Paper on "The ERA: New Perspectives" or Council conclusions. The recently launched Ljubljana Process is supported by five initiatives underpinning the development of the ERA, which were launched in 2008. They concern researchers' careers and mobility, research infrastructures, knowledge sharing, joint programming and international science and technology cooperation. These initiatives can contribute to setting-up durable partnerships with Member States and stakeholders to jointly develop the ERA in their specific areas of focus. Moreover, at the end of 2008, the paper prepared under the French Presidency, "Vision 2020 for the ERA", underlined the importance of the effective creation of an area of the freedom and exchange for researchers and therefore to contribute to the "Europe without barriers".

The ERA2009 conference will contribute to the discussion on these new perspectives for the European Research Area. The target participants are from the European and international communities of research stakeholders, research performing organizations, science foundations, European Commission and other relevant policy makers. The scientific community and relevant policy makers of all the EU member states as well as of the associated states are invited to come into the debate.

## PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

### 16 April 2009, Thursday

17.00 – 19.00 Registration at the Hotel Eurostars Thalia  
(room: Business Area – Atrium)

### 17 April 2009, Friday

08.30 – 09.30 Registration  
09.30 – 10.00 **Opening Session**  
Ministry of Education, Youth & Sports  
Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic  
Coffee break  
10.00 – 10.30 **ERA – Vision 2020**  
10.30 – 12.30 **Hervé Pero:** *Basic Research and Research Infrastructures in the Process of Structuring ERA*  
**Norbert Kroó:** *Views and Recommendations of the ERA Expert Group*  
**Miloslav Ransdorf** (tbc)  
12.30 – 14.00 Lunch  
14.00 – 16.00 **ERA – Innovation**  
**Wilhelm Krull:** *How Can We Inspire More Breakthroughs in Basic Research? – A Funder's Perspective*  
**Per Eriksson:** *Research and Innovation in Sweden*  
**David Livesey:** *Research and Innovation – Views of Universities*  
16.00 – 16.30 Coffee break  
16.30 – 18.30 **ERA – Coordination of Research**  
**Roland Schenkel:** *Position of the Joint Research Centre* (tbc)  
**Ian Halliday:** *European Research – Views and Visions of the European Science Foundation*  
**Ernst-Ludwig Winnacker:** *The European Research Council and the National Research Council in the New ERA*  
20.00 Conference Dinner

### 18 April 2009, Saturday

08.30 – 10.30 **ERA – View of Research Organizations**  
**Michal Kleiber:** *European Research – Views and Visions of the Polish Academy of Sciences*  
**Izo Abram:** *A View of the National Center for Scientific Research*  
**tbc** (EASAC)  
10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break  
11.00 – 13.00 **ERA – International View**  
**Alan I. Leshner:** *The Globalization of Science: Mechanisms for a Collaboration*  
**Nelli Didenko:** *New Russian Scientists and Globalization: the Role of Euroscience*  
**Closure of the Conference**  
13.00 – 14.30 Lunch

### THE LIST OF KEYNOTE SPEAKERS AND CHAIRS

<b>Abram, Izo</b>	Centre national de la recherche scientifique (CNRS)
<b>Didenko, Nelli</b>	Euroscience Governing Board
<b>Engelbrecht, Jüri</b>	All European Academies (ALLEA)
<b>Eriksson, Per</b>	VINNOVA
<b>Exner, Pavel</b>	European Research Council (ERC); Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic
<b>Halliday, Ian</b>	European Science Foundation (ESF)
<b>Kleiber, Michal</b>	European Research Council (ERC); Polish Academy of Sciences
<b>Kroó, Norbert</b>	European Research Council (ERC); Hungarian Academy of Sciences
<b>Krull, Wilhelm</b>	VolkswagenStiftung
<b>Leshner, Alan I.</b>	American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)
<b>Livesey, David</b>	League of European Research Universities (LERU)
<b>Pero, Hervé</b>	Directorate-General for Research, European Commission
<b>Ransdorf, Miloslav</b>	European Parliament; ITRE (tbc)
<b>Schenkel, Roland</b>	Joint Research Centre, European Commission (JRC) (tbc)
<b>Winnacker, E.-L.</b>	European Research Council (ERC)