

Press release

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New members appointed for the ERC Scientific Council

The European Commission has appointed three new members of the Scientific Council, the governing body of the European Research Council (ERC). The term of office of the new members runs from the beginning of January 2014 until the end of 2017.

The new members are

- Prof. Nils Chr. STENSETH, Centre for Ecological and Evolutionary Synthesis, University of Oslo
- Prof. Martin STOKHOF, Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Humanities, University of Amsterdam
- Prof. Michel WIEVIORKA, Fondation Maison des sciences de l'homme, Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales, Paris

The new members have been identified by an independent Identification Committee, composed of six high level scientists and appointed by the European Commission. The scientific community was consulted in this identification process.

The ERC Scientific Council is composed of the President of the ERC and 21 other members, who are all distinguished scientists and scholars.

The outgoing members are; Dr Daniel Estève, Prof. Carlos Duarte and Prof. Alain Peyraube. In addition, Prof. Helga Nowotny has been replaced by Prof. Jean-Pierre Bourguignon as ERC President as of 1 January 2014.



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Background

Renewed Scientific Council

Jean-Pierre BOURGUIGNON, ERC President

Klaus BOCK, Danish National Research Foundation

Nicholas CANNY, National University of Ireland, Galway

Sierd A.P.L. CLOETINGH, Utrecht University

Tomasz DIETL, Polish Academy of Sciences

Daniel DOLEV, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Athene DONALD, University of Cambridge

Barbara ENSOLI, Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Rome

Pavel EXNER, Czech Academy of Sciences

Nuria Sebastian GALLES, University of Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona

Reinhard GENZEL, Max Planck Institute for Extraterrestrial Physics

Carl-Henrik HELDIN, Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research, Uppsala

Timothy HUNT, Cancer Research UK

Matthias KLEINER, Technical University of Dortmund

Éva KONDOROSI, Hungarian Academy of Sciences

Mart SAARMA, University of Helsinki

Nils Christian STENSETH, University of Oslo

Martin STOKHOF, University of Amsterdam

Anna TRAMONTANO, Sapienza University of Rome

Isabelle VERNOS, Centre for Genomic Regulation, Barcelona

Reinhilde VEUGELERS, Catholic University of Leuven

Michel WIEVIORKA, Fondation Maison des sciences de l'homme, Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales, Paris



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Note to the editors

Set up in 2007 by the EU, the **European Research Council** is the first pan-European funding organisation for frontier research. It aims to stimulate scientific excellence in Europe by encouraging competition for funding between the very best, creative researchers of any nationality and age.

From 2007 to 2013 under the seventh EU Research Framework Programme (FP7), the ERC's budget was €7.5 billion. Under the new Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020), *Horizon 2020*, the ERC has a substantially increased budget of over €13 billion. Since its launch, the ERC has funded nearly 4 000 researchers and their frontier research projects.

The ERC consists of an independent Scientific Council and an Executive Agency. The **Scientific Council**, the ERC's governing body, is composed of the ERC President and 21 eminent scientists and scholars who define the scientific funding strategy and methodologies. They act on behalf of the scientific community in Europe to promote creativity and innovative research. Since 1 January 2014, Prof. Jean-Pierre Bourguignon is the ERC President and the Chair of the Scientific Council. The ERC Executive Agency implements the ERC component of the EU Programme *Horizon 2020* and is led by Director Pablo Amor.

New ERC Scientific Council members are appointed by the European Commission, on the recommendations of the [Identification Committee](#), following an independent and transparent procedure for their identification. This includes a consultation of the scientific community. Members are identified on the basis of the criteria set out in the Commission Decision establishing the ERC of 2 February 2007 ([2007/134/EFC, Annex I](#)).

The standing [Identification Committee](#), appointed by the European Commission in September 2010, is chaired by Prof. Eero Vuorio, and includes as members, Prof. Ann Dowling, Prof. Andreu Mas-Colell, Prof. Greta Mirdal, Prof. Arnold Schmidt and Prof. Maciej Zylicz.

Biographies of the new Scientific Council members

Prof. Nils Chr. Stenseth

Current position: Research Professor in ecology and evolution and Chair of the Centre for Ecological and Evolutionary Synthesis ([CEES](#)) at the University of Oslo.

Prof. Stenseth is also the Chair of the Nordic Centre for Research on Marine Ecosystems and Resources under Climate Change ([NorMER](#)). His research interests span a broad spectrum of ecological and evolutionary topics, most of which are rooted in population biology. Besides a wide range of theoretical issues, he has worked on terrestrial, aquatic and marine issues, as well as disease systems with an environmental reservoir (plague and anthrax). He is an elected member and President of the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters (DNVA). He is also an elected member or fellow of several other academies, including the Royal Norwegian Society of Science and Letters (DKNVS), Academia Europaea, French Académie des Sciences and the Finnish Society of Sciences and Letters. He has been awarded honorary doctorates (Doctor Honoris Causa) at the University of Antwerp (Belgium, 2001) and the École Normale Supérieure (Lyon, France, 2011), and he is an Honorary Professor at Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia. Stenseth was made Chevalier (Knight) in the French National Order of the Legion of Honour (2011).

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Prof. Martin Stokhof

Current position: professor of philosophy of language at the Institute for Logic, Language and Computation (ILLC) and the Department of Philosophy of the University of Amsterdam.

Prof. Stokhof studied philosophy and linguistics, and has published extensively on various topics in formal semantics and pragmatics, such as questions and dynamic semantics, philosophy of language, and the philosophy of Wittgenstein - including a monograph on Wittgenstein's early views on logic and ethics. He is also co-author of the Gamut two-volume textbook on logic and formal semantics, which was translated into English, Spanish and Chinese, and he wrote a widely used textbook of philosophy of language.

From 1991 to 2011, he was associate editor of semantics and philosophy of language for the journal *Linguistics and Philosophy*. He is a member of the editorial boards of a number of other leading international journals in the field. In 2006, he was elected as a member of the Dutch Royal Academy of Sciences, and in 2007, as a member of the Institut International de Philosophie (Paris). He was scientific director of the Institute for Logic, Language and Computation from 1998 till 2004. From 2004 to 2010 he was chairman of the Humanities Council of NWO, the Dutch Science Foundation, and a member of the Standing Committee of the Humanities of the European Science Foundation. He was founding chairman of the HERA consortium, in which national funding organisations in the area of humanities co-operate in a European setting. Presently, he has a number of functions at the Dutch Royal Academy of Sciences and the Dutch-Flemish accreditation organisation NVAO.

<http://www.uva.nl/over-de-uva/organisatie/medewerkers/content/s/t/m.j.b.stokhof/m.j.b.stokhof.html>

Prof. Michel Wieviorka

Current position: Professor at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (Paris), Michel Wieviorka is chairing the Fondation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme (Paris).

Michel Wieviorka has been Director of the Centre d'Analyse et d'Intervention Sociologiques (1993-2009), founded by Alain Touraine and President of the International Sociological Association (2006-2010). He is the founding editor of a new Journal, *Socio* (first issue in March 2013), and a member of the editorial board of several other international journals.

His main research deal with social movements, racism, terrorism, violence, multiculturalism and cultural differences. Among his main books, in English, are: *The Arena of Racism* (Sage, 1995); *The Making of Terrorism* (University of Chicago Press); *Violence, a new Approach* (Sage, 2008); *The Lure of Anti-Semitism. Hatred of Jews in Present-Day France* (Brill, 2007) and recently *Evil* (Polity Press, 2012); *The Front National - caught between extremism, populism and democracy* (Counterpoint, 2013). In 2012, he was made Docteur honoris causa, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (Lima).

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