

# ENGAGING IN RESEARCH POLICY DISCUSSIONS

An event for early career researchers from the Baltic region

19<sup>th</sup> June 2019, Estonian Academy of Sciences (Tallinn, Kohtu 6)

This event, organised by Wellcome Trust and the Estonian Academy of Sciences, will give early career researchers an opportunity to discuss research policy issues that interest and affect them, from a national, Baltic and European perspective. Attendees will have time to network and share their experiences, and will hear from research and science policy experts.

## PROGRAMME

- 10.00 Coffee and registration
- 10.30 Addresses by Wellcome Trust and the Estonian Academy of Sciences  
Professor **Tarmo Soomere**, President of the Estonian Academy of Sciences:  
*Perspectives from the Estonian Academy of Sciences*  
**Amelia Dearman**, Policy Officer, Wellcome Trust: *Background on aims of the day, and EU work of the Wellcome Trust*
- 11.00 Panel session on the future of Baltic and European research  
**Mario Kadastik**, Deputy Director of National Institute of Chemical Physics and Biophysics, President of the Estonian Young Academy of Sciences  
**Olga Mastianica Stankevič**, Lithuanian Institute of History, Secretary of LAS Young Academy  
**Laura Bužinska**, University of Latvia, Philosophy and Sociology Institute, Member of the Board at Association of Latvian Young Scientists  
**Mangala Srinivas**, Head of Multiscale Imaging Lab, Radboud University Medical Center in Nijmegen, Chair of the Young Academy of Europe
- 12.00 Lunch
- 13.30 Keynote talk  
Speaker: Prof **Ene Ergma**, astrophysicist, speaker of Riigikogu 2007–2014, member of the Estonian Academy of Sciences

- 14.15 Presentations from early career researchers
- 15.00 Break
- 15.15 Panel session on engagement of young researchers in policy discussions  
Panel chair: **Andi Hektor**, senior researcher working in astro-particle physics and cosmology at the National Institute of Chemical Physics and Biophysics  
**Tanel Tenson**, University of Tartu, Faculty of Science and Technology, Institute of Technology, Professor of the technology of antimicrobial compounds  
**Brigita Serafinavičiūtė**, Head of Lithuanian RDI Liaison Office in Brussels – LINO  
**Signe Martisune**, Former Science Attache of Latvia to the EU, European Affairs consultant
- 16.15 Break
- 16.30 Awards to young scientists
- 16.45 Presentation of the Yearbook of the Estonian Academy of Sciences
- 16.50 Closing remarks from Prof **Tarmo Soomere**, **Amelia Dearman** and **Johanna Roostalu**
- 17.00 Informal reception