The topic of the symposium „The Freedom of Scientific Research in the Face of Political and Societal Demands“ suggests a juxtaposition of scientific, political and societal spheres, which might be considered tense or even conflictual. However, increasing interest in deepened exchange offers enormous potential for all three sectors. Thus it is not surprising that initiatives and concepts aiming at a greater interaction are currently on the rise: Science with and for Society as one of the mainstays of Horizon 2020, the European Commission’s Scientific Advice Mechanism (SAM) to strengthen evidence-based policy making, strategies to establish Open Science and Open Innovation as well as Open Access initiatives all attest to these ever more urgent attempts to encourage interaction between the scientific, political and societal spheres. Yet, trying to influence the direction and the results of this exchange might fundamentally risk the autonomy of science and research, and with it, the key source of its credibility. This symposium aims to discuss these interactions, their risks and opportunities, from a scientific perspective and to contribute to advancing the discourse on the European level.

BACKGROUND: ALLEA PRIZE

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SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM

THE FREEDOM OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN THE FACE OF POLITICAL AND SOCIETAL DEMANDS

MORNING SESSION

Chair: Günter Stock | President, ALLEA

09:30–10:00

Opening and Welcome
Anton Zeilinger | President, Austrian Academy of Sciences
Heinz Fischer | President of the Federal Republic of Austria
Günter Stock | President, ALLEA

10:00–10:30

Keynote Lecture
Sir Peter Knight | Imperial College London
Interplay of Freedom of Scientific Research and Political Demands

10:30–10:50

Symposium Lecture
István Zala | President, Hungarian Academy of Sciences
Political Influence, Societal Demands, and the Expectation of Economic Returns: Threats or Possibilities for Research?

10:50–11:05

COFFEE BREAK

11:05–11:45

Symposium Lectures
Irmgard Griss | former President of the Austrian Supreme Court of Justice
Freedom of Science and Academic Education
Michèle Leduc | Ecole Normale Supérieure Paris
Integrity and Responsibility of the Researchers: Ethical Views

11:45–12:30

Panel Discussion
Chair: Günter Stock | President, ALLEA
Speakers of morning session
Societal and Political Demands towards Scientific Research

12:30–13:45

LUNCH BREAK

13:45–13:50

Re-opening
Anton Zeilinger | President, Austrian Academy of Sciences

13:50–14:15

Keynote Lecture
Jean-Pierre Bourguignon | President, European Research Council
Perspectives of the ERC

14:15–14:40

Symposium Lecture
István Zala | President, Hungarian Academy of Sciences
Political Influence, Societal Demands, and the Expectation of Economic Returns: Threats or Possibilities for Research?

14:40–14:50

COFFEE BREAK

14:50–15:50

Symposium Lectures
Stefan Hornbostel | German Centre for Higher Education Research and Science Studies
Under Pressure! Investigating Academic Freedom
Andre Gingrich | University of Vienna
Advancing Quality Standards in Changing Contexts: The Case Example of German-speaking Humanities and Social Sciences
Jan Velterop | Academic Publisher
Openness is a Scientifically and Societally Relevant Part of a Published Article’s Quality

15:50–16:00

COFFEE BREAK

16:00–16:50

Panel Discussion
Chair: Anton Zeilinger | President, Austrian Academy of Sciences
Speakers of afternoon session
Autonomy of Scientific Institutions

16:50–17:50

Debates
Julia Budka | Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich
Roberta D’Alessandro | Leiden University
Paul Heinz Mayrhofer | Vienna University of Technology
Early Career Researchers in Austria and Europe: Freedom is just another Word for ...

17:50–18:00

Closing Address
Anton Zeilinger | President, Austrian Academy of Sciences
Günter Stock | President, ALLEA

18:00–19:15

EVENING RECEPTION

AWARD CEREMONY

ALLEA MADAME DE STAËL PRIZE FOR CULTURAL VALUES

19:15

Arrival

20:15

Award Ceremony
Ed Noort | Vice-President, ALLEA
Laudatory Speech
Johannes Hahn | European Commissioner for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations
Festive Speech and Hand-over of the ALLEA Prize 2016
Rémi Brague | University of Paris I
Laureate’s Speech

21:25

Musical Concert
VioArt Quartett