

Election of a Vice President

In accordance with our statutes and regulations, a call for nominations was published and open to all members. At the closing date (31st August) five nominations had been received. However, and in view of specific challenges that will face the Academia Europaea in the next few years, the Board decided to propose to elect only one Vice President at this time. For the reasons set out below, **only a single candidate will be proposed.**

As only a single candidate is proposed, the Board decided not to hold an e-ballot of all members, but instead to hold a vote on a proposal of members present at the AGM on 27th October. This is fully in accordance with our statutes

All candidates have been made aware of this situation and have concurred.

The Board therefore ask that:

Members present at the AGM do approve the election and appointment of Professor Donald Dingwell as a Vice President. The Vice President shall serve for a first term of three years from 1st January 2023.

Note also that this appointment may be renewable for a further term of three years only.

The nomination for Professor Dingwell is set out here:



ISTITUTO NAZIONALE DI GEOFISICA E VULCANOLOGIA

Pisa, 29 August 2022

I herewith nominate Prof. Dr. D.B. Dingwell for the role of Vice-President of the Academia Europaea.

Prof. Dingwell has been a member of Academia Europaea since 2007 and has been actively engaged in its organization and activities since that date. He has served as Section Chair of Earth and Cosmic Sciences and as the inaugural Chair of Class B. He currently runs the Munich Hub of Academia Europaea and will host the 2023 Annual Meeting of the Academia Europaea at Munich. I consider it highly appropriate and very wise to gain Prof. Dingwell as a Vice-President of the Academy.

His scientific credentials are impeccable including ca. 500 peer-reviewed publications – a body of work of profound relevance in the earth sciences, a dozen scientific prizes and medals from national and international organisations, and membership in 4 national academies besides the

Academia Europaea.

His European experience is also unique with his having served as the Secretary General of the European Research Council as well as the President of the European Geosciences Union.

Canadian by birth Prof. Dingwell is a dual citizen (Canada/Germany) and has conducted the last 35 years of his career in Europe.

As the Academia Europaea enters a period of significant challenges and adaptation, Prof. Dingwell will be a major asset in helping to define its future path.

I attach a short biographical sketch and photo obtained from Professor Dingwell for your convenience. Support letters by Sierd Cloetingh and Eva Kondorosi are attached, as well as further support statements directly sent to the Secretary General by Ole Petersen and Poul Holm.

Sincerely

Paolo Papale



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Short Biography for Don Dingwell

Prof. Dr. (h c mult) Donald Bruce Dingwell OC ONL FRS FRSC

https://www.ae-info.org/ae/Member/Dingwell_Donald

Academic Director of the Munich Hub and member of the Board of Trustees of the Academia Europaea. Former Class chair (Exact Sciences)

Elected: 2007 Earth and Cosmic Sciences

Born in 1958 in Corner Brook, Nfld., Canada, Don Dingwell received his B.Sc. (1980) in Geology/Geophysics from the Memorial University of Newfoundland and his Ph.D. in Geology at the University of Alberta (1984). Next followed two years as a Carnegie Research Fellow at the Geophysical Laboratory of the Carnegie Institution of Washington and one on the Faculty of the University of Toronto. In 1987 he was recruited to Germany as assistant to the director of a newly-founded research institute in Bayreuth. There he obtained his Venia Legendi in Geochemistry in 1992. In 2000 he was called to the Chair in Mineralogy and Petrology at the Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich. There he founded the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences of which he is currently Director.

Dingwell's principal research interest is the physico-chemical description of molten rocks and their impact on volcanic systems. He has contributed largely to the development of the new and expanding field of experimental volcanology.

He has published ca. 500 papers on geomaterials, magmas and volcanism. His approach is fundamentally experimental and materials-based. His current research spans the structure and dynamics of silicate melts, the mechanistic interpretation of volcano monitoring and magma kinematics and the quantification of the role of volcanism and volcanic ash in the Earth System.

He has received numerous scientific awards, medals and fellowships - most notably the Bunsen (EGU), Day (GSA), Hess (AGU), Holmes (EGU), Peacock (MAC), Werner (DMG), VIP (GAC) and Miller (RSC) Medals and the Goldschmidt (DMG), Bowen (AGU), Schott, and MSA (MSA) awards. He holds honorary degrees from UCL, Alberta and UNAM, is a member of the Royal Society of Canada, Academia Europaea, acatech, the Leopoldina, the Royal Society (London), the Order of Merit of Germany, an Officer of the Order of Canada, and a member of the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador. He has been President of the European Geoscience Union (EGU) and the International Association of Volcanology and Chemistry of the Earth's Interior (IAVCEI), and was the 3rd and last Secretary-General of the European Research Council.

Letters of support

I want to express my support of the nomination of Prof Donald Dingwell for the position as Vice President of Academia Europaea. Don is uniquely qualified and suited for the position. He is an outstanding scholar of world-wide repute as evident from his election to academies of the highest standing, lately the British Academy. He has a consistent ability to not only identify but to see through and implement initiatives of great vision, lately the establishment of the AE Academic Hub in Munich, and he has an excellent grasp of EU science-policy issues. Most importantly for this position, Don has good interpersonal skills and demonstrates excellent collegiality in working across all the academic fields covered by AE. He wins the trust of people he works with. Prof Dingwell will be an excellent Vice President of AE.

All the best

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Guest Professor, Department of Historical Studies, Gothenburg University
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To the Board of Academia Europaea

Utrecht, August 29, 2022

Regarding: nomination Professor Dingwell for Vice-Presidency of Academia Europaea.

Dear Members of the Board of Academia Europaea,

Herewith I like to give my full support to the nomination of Don Dingwell for Vice-President of Academia Europaea.

I know Don Dingwell for more than 25 years through a close interaction with him in our common scientific Earth science domain. Don stands for frontier research and his contributions to advancing quantitative volcanology are an impressive example of how findings from innovative basic science impact societal relevance in both natural hazards and geothermal energy.

Don has received numerous medals and awards from prestigious professional societies such as the Arthur Holmes medal (the highest award) from the European Geosciences Union. He was elected as member of a number of academies including Leopoldina and the Royal Society.

In addition he served as Secretary-General of the ERC and in numerous functions in Academia Europaea, including Section Chair of Earth and Cosmic Sciences and Class Chair of Class B.

Electing him as Vice-President of our academy would be of great strategic value. This concerns in particular the key role of the Munich hub he directs for the future positioning of our academy in European projects and his role as host of our 2023 Annual Conference in Munich.

I, therefore, recommend the Board to allocate to Don Dingwell the authority of AE Vice-President and a portfolio of securing AE's position in the ERA, based in the Munich hub and supported by the leadership of one of Europe's leading universities.

Sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Sierd Cloetingh

31 August 2022

Nomination of Professor Donald B. Dingwell as a candidate to the position as elected Vice President of Academia Europaea

I have been asked by Professor Paolo Papale if I am willing to support the nomination of Professor Donald B. Dingwell to the position of Vice President of Academia Europaea. I have responded that I am honoured and delighted to do so. My reasons for this might be summarized as follows.

Firstly, Professor Dingwell is highly distinguished scholar in the field of Earth- and Geo-sciences. His eminence has been demonstrated in multiple ways, not least by the fact that he has twice been advanced grants by the European Research Council, namely in the years 2009 and 2019.

Furthermore, on an institutional level he has played a pioneering role. Thus in 2002 he was a founding director of the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, at the Ludwig Maximilian University in Munich. Two years later he was appointed Dean of the Faculty of Geo-sciences at the same university. He has contributed greatly to this broad research field both on a national and an international level. Thus he has been a prominent contributor to the field and its scientific as well as institutional development in a range of countries on both sides of the Atlantic and to its international associations.

Secondly, Professor Dingwell is a significant actor in the Arena of European and international scientific development in general. Thus he served as the third Secretary General of the European Research Council in the years 2011-2013. His contribution to the promotion of high quality research in Europe and beyond has been recognized by his election to a number of academies, including the German National Academy of Sciences, Leopoldina in 2017 and Royal Society in the UK in 2021. He has also been awarded a number of honorary doctorates as well as other awards and distinctions, including the Harry M. Hess Medal of the American Geological Union in 2020.

Thirdly, Professor Dingwell has ever since he was elected to Academia Europaea in 2007, served the Academy in a collegial, thoughtful and effective way. Thus he has been Chair of the Section of Earth and Cosmic Sciences, Chair of the Class of Exact Sciences, a longstanding member of the Board of Trustees and a founding Director of the Munich Knowledge Hub of the Academy.

I have had the pleasure of collaborating with Professor Dingwell in a range of committees in Academia Europaea and have consistently benefited from and enjoyed this interaction.

Professor Dingwell is an ideal candidate to the position of Vice President of Academia Europaea and I am honoured to support his candidacy.

Björn Wittrock

Professor em., Uppsala University

Member (since 2001) of Academia Europaea

Chair, Class of Social and Related Science (A2) , Vice President (ex officio)

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To the Board of Academia Europaea

Re: Nomination of Professor Dingwell for Vice-President Academia Europaea.

Dear Members of the Board,

Aug. 29, 2022

I would like to express my strong support for Don Dingwell's nomination as Vice President of the Academia Europaea. I have known Don since 2012, when I was elected to the ERC Scientific Council and the ERC organized a plenary meeting in Erice, Sicily where the newly elected members were also invited before our term started in 2013. Don was the ERC's Secretary General, and he was the person who introduced us the work of the ERC Scientific Council. He also talked about his work and the interaction with him made our life much easier at ERC. During the ERC Scientific Council meetings, he had constructive and wise advice on different matters. I was impressed how he could summarize the essence of often complex issues, something that was also very much appreciated by the European Commissioner for Research and Innovation. It was a pleasure to work with him. Then our interaction continued in the Academia Europaea Board. I also have appreciated very much his clear analyses and problem-solving approaches in matters concerning Academia Europaea. During the last few years, we have been experiencing unforeseen crisis situations (e. g. the complex European landscape existing after Brexit, pandemics, war, energy shortage, political turbulence, freedom problems, etc), and on several occasion Academia Europaea must take a stand on these issues. Therefore, we need pragmatism, and Don is particularly good to deal with problems and to propose practical approaches and solutions.

Furthermore, Don Dingwell is an eminent scientist and an absolute leader in his field of research. The list of honors and awards in his CV speaks for itself and we can be proud of having him.

For a strong position of the Munich hub in securing future European funding authorizing Don with the formal position of Vice-President of our academy would be the right and most timely thing to do, especially as we have decided to hold our 2023 Annual Conference in Munich.

I, therefore, strongly, and very warmly recommend his appointment as our Vice-President.

Best regards,

Eva Kondorosi

Reasons for the V Board of trustees proposing only a single Vice President this time.

After the call for 1-3 Vice presidents was published, the Board held a strategy discussion on the growing probability that the UK will not reach an agreement with the EU about future participation in Horizon Europe. In the near future, we will therefore need to put into place urgent action to ensure our continued participation in EU funded Horizon projects, such as the SAPEA policy advice projects that we are currently actively engaged in.

We also must ensure longer-term continuity in the management and operational capacity of the AE, e.g. by a possible re-location of the Head Office to an EU member state.

Given these developments, the trustees have decided this year, to elect a single Vice president and chose the candidate who in their view, has a clear track record and competence in scientific organisational re-location processes.