



## March Newsletter

Dear EARMA member: For us, as Research Managers and Administrators, we have interesting times in front of us. The Commission has just launched the Green Paper "From Challenges to Opportunities: Towards a Common Strategic Framework for EU Research and Innovation Funding", thereby opening discussions relevant to our future fields of work. The EARMA Working Group on the European Research Area

(ERA-WG) held a very successful event, 2 March in Brussels "Innovation Union", (See overleaf). It also initiated preparation on EARMA's response to the questions raised in the Green Paper.

**Earlybird registration for the next Annual Conference to be held in Bragança 22-24 June**, is available at: <http://earma-braganca2011.org/> and is **open until March 31**. Please take advantage of the reduced rates.

At the same site you will find details of the programme and on how to get to Bragança (free buses will be available from Porto airport). The EARMA Policy Forum is on 25 June. On the 22 June the Preconference event "EARMA in the World - The World in EARMA" will take place.

Although the formal call for topics has closed we still welcome proposals for the planned poster session. *Please send topics to Anna Groeninx*, email: [ak.groeninx@luris.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:ak.groeninx@luris.leidenuniv.nl).

## Call for Articles

The Board is delighted to announce the re-launch of LINK. We would like to invite articles for the next edition. You can either send the full article or a short abstract (maximum 250 words). Criteria for selection:

- 1) Relevance of article to European research managers and administrators
- 2) Clarity.

Please email articles till 15/4/11 to [webmaster@earma.org](mailto:webmaster@earma.org)

We welcome articles on topical issues affecting experienced research managers as well as tutorial style articles for less experienced members.



## Membership

The time to renew your EARMA membership has arrived, and we have sent out invoices. To those who already paid: thank you very much! If you have not received an invoice, please let us know as soon as possible. At the moment 120 payments have been registered. Although this is far below the budgeted membership we recognise that payments sometimes take time to get through your system and hope to reach the target of 300 members. A very positive trend is the movement from individual membership to institutional membership, and this makes it crucial that we deliver real benefits for all members and the needs of institutions. This will be one of the discussions on the EARMA Policy Forum 25 June in Bragança.

## Membership Benefits

- Contact with a wide network of professional research managers and administrators from more than 30 countries (European and global)
- A Bi-monthly Newsletter
- The professional publication, 'Link', focusing on important topics for research managers
- A 3-day Annual Conference comprising keynote speeches, parallel presentations and workshops
- The International Research Management Fellowship Exchange Programme US - Europe - offered in collaboration with NCURA
- Training events and activities
- An interactive website with discussion forums
- Information on international research management job vacancies
- Opportunities for members to join Working Groups on topics relevant to their profession
- A Brussels-based association with regular communication with European Commission & policy-makers Share professional experience with others and develop your career Opportunities to volunteer and contribute to the development of research management policy and practice.

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- Member benefits from our sponsors: Reduced fee on Hyperion Courses - Reduced introduction rates on Research Research

## EARMA LINKS

- EARMA was represented on the European Commissions Stakeholder meeting 1 March 2011 - on the Green Paper.
- An informal initiative to activate former executive members of EARMA has been launched and will be followed up by an "EARMA Ambassador Round Table" at the EARMA Annual Conference.
- The EARMA-NCURA Fellowship Program is now permanent and a call for hosts and fellows are just about to be launched.
- The EARMA website will be updated in March 2011

## AUS-ACCESS4EU - opportunities for European-Australian research collaboration - information days

A series of information days to raise awareness of opportunities for European researchers to take part in Australian RTDI programmes under Australian-funded research funding schemes will take place in five European cities from **17-25 May 2011**. These events are organised by AUS-ACCESS4EU, a project funded by the European Commission under the 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme (FP7). They will be of particular interest to scientific research managers and administrators and policy makers. Speakers will include members of leading Australian research-led institutions and research councils. The information days will be held in **Stockholm, Amsterdam, Vienna, Rome and Madrid**. To register your interest in receiving more information and reserving a place, please go to <http://www.access4.eu/australia/765.php>

## Innovation Union Event, 2 March 2011

"The European Research Landscape and the "Innovation Union" event, which was an initiative of the Working Group (ERA-WG), was by all measures a huge success. Around 50 participants attended. There were excellent talks from Clara de la Torre (DG R&I -on the EC's policy background for the move towards innovation and Peter Fisch,(DG R&I) who outlined approaches for the evaluation of innovation. Pawel Poneta (Mostostal), project manager of a FP7 Collaborative Project, impressively demonstrated how well a large company from a new Member State can fare in FP7. Finally, Laura Pontiggia (ERCEA) introduced a new ERC grant, the first tailored to supporting innovation, which will be launched later this year. All presentations (available on EARMA website) were followed by active questions and lively discussions which elaborated things even more. *Look out for a full report in the new LINK.*

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