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The Board of the Academia Europaea¹ have issued the following information:

Election of a President

The Board of Trustees are pleased to announce that Professor Sierd Cloetingh MAE was elected by the membership at an Annual general Meeting, held in Barcelona on 16th July, 2014.

Professor Cloetingh is the sixth President of the Academia Europaea. He will serve a term of three years.

Sierd Cloetingh is Royal Netherlands Academy Professor of Earth Sciences at Utrecht University. He published more than 250 papers in international peer-reviewed journals and has been promoter of more than 65 PhD students of 20 different nationalities. He served the Earth Science community in various functions, including Presidency of the European Geophysical Society. He is currently the President of the International Lithosphere Programme, Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal "Global and Planetary Change" and Chairman of the Scientific Committee of the ESF Large Scale Collaborative Research Programme (EUROCORES) TOPO-EUROPE. He received honorary doctorates from five European universities and numerous honours and awards, including the Holmes Medal and Stephan Mueller Medal of the European Geosciences Union, Fellow and Honorary Fellow of the American Geophysical Union and the Geological Society of America, the Leopold von Buch Medal of the German Geological Society and the Alexander von Humboldt Research Prize. He is member of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences and Foreign member of the Royal Norwegian Academy of Sciences, the Royal Danish

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Academy of Sciences, the Heidelberg Academy, the Bavarian Academy and the German Academy for Technical Sciences, Acatech. In 2006 he was distinguished as Chevalier de Legion d'Honneur for his contributions to science and European scientific cooperation in research and education.

He was elected member of Academia Europaea in 1994 and served Academia Europaea as Chair of the Earth and Marine and Earth and Cosmic Sciences Sections. In 2008 he was elected by the Council as Vice-President of Academia Europaea. He is a current member of the Scientific Council of the ERC since 2009 and was recently elected as a Vice President of the ERC².

In April 2014 he was awarded the honour 'Order of the Netherlands Lion (Knight)' on H.M. the King's birthday. This is to honour outstanding individuals in science, arts and literature.

Further information about Professor Cloetingh can be found at: http://www.ae-info.org/ae/User/Cloetingh_Sierd

² See <http://erc.europa.eu/>