

EARTH SCIENTISTS ELECTED TO THE ACADEMIA EUROPAEA

Four Earth scientists were recently elected as members of the Academia Europaea (www.acadeuro.org), an international, non-governmental, not-for-profit association of scientists and scholars. Members are drawn from some 35 European countries and eight non-European countries. Membership is currently around 2300 and covers the natural sciences, humanities, and letters. Founded in 1988, the Academia Europaea organizes workshops, conferences, and study groups; publishes the *European Review* and other academic materials; and provides expert advice on European science-policy matters.



Peter Liss, FRS, is a Professorial Fellow in the School of Environmental Sciences at the University of East Anglia in Norwich, UK, where he researches and teaches many aspects of environmental chemistry. His research interests are in global change, and he specializes in ocean-atmosphere interaction, particularly involving trace gases.



Kristín Vala Ragnarsdóttir is a professor of sustainability science at the Institutes of Earth Sciences and Sustainable Development, University of Iceland. After undertaking research on geothermal systems, the behavior of pollutants, and their link to health, she turned to sustainability studies. These range from city to national and world scale, with a focus on soils, communities, and well-being.



Stephen Sparks, FRS, is a professor of geology in the School of Earth Sciences at the University of Bristol and a leading authority in volcanology and igneous processes, including hazard and risk assessment. He is currently chair of the UK Advisory Committee on Mathematics Education and a member of the Technology Advisory Panel of the Nuclear Decommissioning Agency.



Lars Stixrude is a professor of geophysics and mineral physics at University College London. Through his research into the deep structure and evolution of the Earth as revealed by material behavior, he has helped to establish quantum mechanical simulation as a method for exploring the high-pressure behavior of planet-forming materials.

SHEPARD MEDAL TO GEROLD WEFER



Gerold Wefer of the University of Bremen, Germany, is the 2014 Shepard medalist for excellence in marine geology of the Society for Sedimentary Geology (SEPM). Gerold Wefer is a professor of marine geology. He founded MARUM, the Center for Marine Environmental Sciences at the University of Bremen, and was a director until November 2012. He received his diploma and PhD degree in marine geosciences from the University of Kiel, Germany. He has published more than 300 papers in the field of marine geosciences and has participated in about 30 major research cruises. He is a member of the German Mineralogical Society.



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