

### Election of a Treasurer

In accordance with statute a call for nominations (1<sup>st</sup> July – 31 August) was published and open to all members. As only one nomination was received by the closing date, the Board has decided that an E-ballot of all members is not necessary.

The Board of trustees therefore propose:

**That the members present at the AGM confirm the appointment of Professor Stephen Evans (Section: Physics and Engineering, Cambridge, UK. Elected 2019) as the Treasurer, for a period of three years from 1 January 2023.**

Note that this term may be renewed for a second and final term of three years.

The nomination of Professor Evans is below.

URL [https://www.ae-info.org/ae/Member/Evans\\_Stephen](https://www.ae-info.org/ae/Member/Evans_Stephen)

Full name of candidate: Stephen Evans

AE Membership number: 4993

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#### Section 2.

Statement of candidature: You should state briefly the reasons why you wish to be a candidate and list what specific and directly relevant experience you will bring to the position of Treasurer. The Treasurer is a member and a Director on the Board of Trustees: What additional expertise will you bring to the Board in addition to that applicable to the position of Treasurer as described? PLEASE DO NOT EXCEED one side of A4.

I have an enthusiasm for proper and professional organisation, and a desire to maintain the integrity of Academia Europaea. I am a member of the AE Finance and Sponsorship sub committee, which only met once due to the pandemic.

I have experience in academic leadership and administration, and also bring a strong competence in industrial roles, for example as Chairperson or Board Member of various start-up companies and as Chairman of the Family Council for a well-known European family.

I bring some competence in finance – part of my team has helped build a novel method for attracting finance to Small Island States with climate and youth unemployment challenges. We have so far attracted \$100M in funding.

My priorities are:

Maintain oversight of AE finances to maintain a stable long-term position.

Work with the Executive Secretary to Improve the subscription payment numbers.

Work with the Board, Hubs and Classes to develop a pro-active programme seeking external sources of support, including from private sector organisations where appropriate, large foundations and international organisations.

Re-activate the finance and sponsorship sub-committee, to deliver an external sponsorship plan that will also identify enhanced sponsorship opportunities, including through associate, patron and corporate memberships.

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Supporting letters

6 September 2022

**To the Board of Academia Europaea**

***Regarding: Nomination Professor Stephan Evans for Honorary Treasurer of Academia Europaea.***

In my social/scientific network Professor Evans is one of those few scientists who combine deep theoretical knowledge with a super-solid practical experience and sense, and this combination always yields marvellous outcomes.

He is not a man of words (although I am convinced that he can deliver an eloquent sermon), but he is primarily a man of actions and realisation of dreams, thoughts and concepts, which he does with a deep human touch and a uniquely good humour. A constructive personality who always finds solutions even in the most difficult situations.

His expertise in both the meanderings of science and the practicalities of engineering, society and everyday life would be high assets for Academia Europaea if the Board decides to confer upon him the position of Honorary Treasurer.

Based on my years-long personal acquaintance with, and experiences about, him, his qualifications, scientific track record, constructive personality, and the values he can offer to Academia Europaea, I am supporting his candidature for the position of Honorary Treasurer of Academia Europaea full-heartedly and without any hesitation.

Yours sincerely,



Balázs Gulyás MD, PhD

Professor, President's Chair of Translational Neuroscience,

Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine - a partnership between NTU Singapore and Imperial College London,

Director, Cognitive Neuroimaging Centre,

Nanyang Technological University

Chair, Section of Physiology and Neuroscience (C3), Academia Europaea

And

To the Board of Academia Europaea

Re: Nomination Professor Stephan Evans for Honorary Treasurer of Academia Europaea

Herewith I like to express my strong support for the nomination of Professor Stephan Evans for Honorary Treasurer of Academia Europaea. I know Professor Evans personally for close to 10 years when he presented an impressive keynote lecture on the international symposium on Sustainability I organized at that time at Utrecht University. I was extremely pleased to see that a scientist of his reputation and extensive interaction with industry, decision makers and governmental organisations subsequently joined our academy as its member.

He knows through his active participation our academy from inside. For example, he acted in a brilliant way as chairman of a very successful session during one of our Annual Conferences in Barcelona where he introduced the Noble laureate in Graphene in a most fitting way.

Professor Evans has been an active committed member providing informal support to the Finance and Sponsorship sub-committee. His experience in leading research that is close to industrial practice is unusual and will be most helpful for realizing the ambitious strategy formulated for the coming years by Academia Europaea.. He brings a strategic and practical competence to management and most importantly integrity that is relatively rare in our academy. I strongly believe that he would represent the values of AE in this role and offer my full support to his application.

I am convinced that he will be an asset to the Board both through his expertise, networking skills and constructive personality.

Sincerely,

Sierd Cloetingh