

NEWS IN BRIEF

MARE KÕIVA, LEADING RESEARCHER OF THE ESTONIAN LITERARY MUSEUM, ELECTED AS MEMBER OF ACADEMIA EUROPAEA

Mare Kõiva, Leading Researcher of the Estonian Literary Museum, was elected as a member of Academia Europaea, the European Academy of Humanities, Letters and Sciences. Kõiva has outstanding achievements in the field of Estonian folklore, folk belief, and mythology, and has authored over 200 scientific publications. Since 2000, she has been working as Head of the Department of Folkloristics of the Estonian Literary Museum, has led several voluminous scientific projects, and has been Head of the Centre of Excellence in Estonian Studies, supported by the European Regional Development Fund, since 2015. Membership of Academia Europaea is a recognition of Kõiva's international research and her continuous contribution to European scholarship.



Photograph by Juri Fikfak 2019.

Academia Europaea is a functioning international scientific academy, established by the London Royal Society in 1988, with a membership of more than 3000, involving experts from many different fields: physics and technology, biology and medicine, mathematics, letters and humanities, social and cognitive sciences, economics and law.

This reputable academy has 17 members from Estonia. This year Mare Kõiva and Andra Siibak, Professor of Media Studies at the University of Tartu, were elected as members. Members formerly elected from Estonia are Jaak Aaviksoo, Jüri Allik, Jaan Einasto, Jüri Engelbrecht, Marina Grišakova, Jaak Järv, Veronika Kalmus, Toivo Maimets, Ülo Mander, Helle Metslang, Viacheslav Morozov, Tarmo Soomere, Margit Sutrop, Jüri Talvet, and Rein Vaikmäe.

The academy's mission is to encourage the highest possible standards in scholarship, research, and education in Europe, and to promote a better understanding among the public at large of the benefits of knowledge and learning, and of scientific and scholarly issues which affect society, its quality of life, and its standards of living.

New members of Academia Europaea were elected by the Council of Academia Europaea in June 2021 (see the website of Academia Europaea at <https://www.ae-info.org/>).

Piret Voolaid