



AE-BKH: Reflecting on Our Achievements and Looking Ahead to 2025

As we approach the end of another fruitful year at the **Academia Europaea Barcelona Knowledge Hub (AE-BKH)**, it is a great time to reflect on the activities we have successfully organized and look ahead to the exciting plans for 2025.

Last year, we continued our tradition of excellence with the **Disputatio** series. The **Disputatio 2023** focused on *The Origin of Human Violence* exploring deep-rooted questions of human nature and societal structures. **Disputatio 2024**, titled *Disinformation: The Invisible Global Threat*, took place on **November 21st, 2024** and it was addressed to the urgent issue of misinformation in our digital age.

Hypatia Prize 2023 celebrated outstanding work in **Experimental Sciences and Technology**, and it was awarded to **Professor Nuria Oliver**, a renowned international expert in artificial intelligence. This award underscores our commitment to recognizing contributions that drive innovation and impact society meaningfully. This year we called **the fifth edition** dedicated to **Life and Health Sciences** and in a few days, we will announce **Hypatia Prize 2024** winner.

Our **Arts and Sciences** initiative took place in September and successfully bridged the gap between creative and scientific thinking, fostering a dialogue that encourage interdisciplinary collaboration. Additionally, our **Dialogues** series continued to inspire and provoke meaningful exchanges through both **Agora Dialogues** (in Catalan or Spanish) and **Frontiers (in English) Dialogues**, offering insights into cutting-edge research and fostering the sharing of ideas across fields. These events have underscored the value of bringing diverse perspectives together, enhancing the spirit of collaboration that lies at the heart of our mission.

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce that in 2025, we will host the **Academia Europaea Meeting: Building Bridges**, (Barcelona, Wednesday 15 - Friday 17 October 2025) a landmark event bringing together leading thinkers from across Europe and beyond. This meeting will focus on creating connections across disciplines, regions, and cultures to address global challenges collaboratively. It is our hope that **Building Bridges** will deepen academic partnerships and spark new ideas to shape the future.

None of this would have been possible without the hard work and dedication of our team at the Fundació Catalana per a la Recerca I Innovació. A special thank you goes to our Hub Manager, **Maite Sánchez**, for her unwavering support and commitment to making each of these initiatives a success. As we wrap up the year, I want to take a moment to wish you all a **peaceful Christmas** and a **Happy New Year 2024**. May 2025 brings continued growth, new ideas, and enduring connections.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Bertranpetit', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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