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# CONFERENCE Excellence in Research October 22-23, 2013

Venue: Academy Hall, Kohtu 6, 10130 Tallinn, Estonia

Organizers:

Estonian Academy of Sciences  
Council of Estonian Centres of Excellence in Research  
Estonian Research Council

**Preliminary programme** (titles tbc)

The working language is English

Tuesday 22 October 2013, 13:00-18:00

## EXCELLENCE AS SEEN FROM RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS

Moderator *J.Engelbrecht*

### Opening

*J.Aaviksoo*, Minister of Education and Research  
*R.Villems*, President of Estonian Academy of Sciences

### Presentations

*J.-C.Burgelman*, European Commission  
*G.Öquist*, Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences  
*T.Courvoisier*, Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences  
*K.Deketelaere*, League of European Research Universities  
*E.-L.Winnacker*, European Research Council  
*T.Maimets*, Science Europe

### Discussion

Wednesday 23 October 2013, 10:00-13:00

## EXCELLENCE AS SEEN FROM THE RESEARCHER

Moderator *A.Koppel*

*R.Näätanen*, University of Tartu/Helsinki University  
Scientific Excellence – How to Achieve and Maintain it – keynote lecture  
*Ü.Niinemets*, Estonian University of Life Sciences/ENVIRON, ERC awardee  
*R.Ubar*, Tallinn University of Technology/CEBE  
*E.Vasar*, University of Tartu/CETM

### Discussion

Why talk about excellence, in the first place? How to define scientific excellence – isn't it self-evident? Is excellence possible in a small country? How to recognize the seeds of excellence and nurture them into being? How to maintain excellence? Is excellence measurable? The conference aims to tackle multiple facets of excellence in research, assembling speakers and discussants of different background, experiences, countries.