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**Presentation of the Academia Europaea 2020 Gold Award,
Wednesday 20 October 2021, Barcelona, to**

Professor Ole H Petersen CBE MAE ML FRS

Citation: This award is only rarely given, and is made “... *to those members and non-members of the Academia and to organizations, in recognition of the contribution made to European science through inspiration, public support, management expertise or by financial means.*”

The Board of Trustees of the Academia Europaea are pleased to recognize the substantial and sustained contribution that Ole Petersen has made to the Academia Europaea. As one of the founder members (elected 1988), Ole has maintained a close and active engagement in all aspects of the Academy. He has at various times served as a Council member, as a Trustee and Board member, as a Section

chair (for Physiology and Neurosciences) and as the first Class chair for Life Sciences. He continues to serve on the Board as a Vice President. Ole was instrumental in the establishing of the Class structure of the Academia and the nomination of new members' process that we have today. More recently, Ole has overseen the Cardiff Knowledge Hub as its Academic Director and, in that position, represents the Academia alongside the President on the Board of the EU Horizon project 'SAPEA', where the AE plays a significant role. The outstanding and selfless service that Ole has given to the Academia Europaea over the past 30 plus years remains unmatched. The Gold award of our Academy is a fitting mark of recognition of this service.

Ole Petersen delivered his Gold Award address during the Academia Europaea 32nd annual conference, Barcelona, 20 October 2021.

The laudation was given by Professor Sierd Cloetingh, President of Academia Europaea.