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Dear Presidents,

As part of ALLEA's efforts to promote the work of European academies and enlarge the discussion on intellectual Europe, we would like to make a special request to our member academies. We are assessing the scope of the role of women in the history of European academies and look for examples of prominent female figures, such as Sophie Charlotte and Catherine The Great, who had a remarkable impact on the foundation and/or development of European academies over the course of history until today.

In order to gather the aforementioned information we have prepared three questions regarding names, sources and specialists on this relevant topic. We would be very grateful if you could take a few minutes to respond to these questions at your earliest convenience but at the latest by the end of April 2017. The information collected will be very valuable to help future endeavours on the history of European academies.

Thank you very much for your attention and collaboration.

Kindest regards,



Günter Stock
President of ALLEA

Inquiry on the role of women in the history of European academies

ALLEA is interested in exploring the topic of the role of women in the foundation and development of European academies as part of its goal to promote intellectual Europe. We would like to kindly ask for your contribution regarding this topic by responding to the following questions:

Name of your academy/institution:

- **Are there any prominent female figures that have had a relevant role in the science system of your country, and/or the foundation and/or development of your academy over the course of history until today? If so, please indicate name, contribution and sources of information (if available).**

- **Are there any relevant sources in your academy's archives regarding the role of women in European academies? If so, which type of resources?**

- **Would you recommend us any specialists or authors on topics related to the history of European academies who could help us on this issue?**