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# Dear members of the Finnish Academy of Science and Letters

Greeting from the Secretary General

2022 was a very active and significant year for the Finnish Academy of Science and Letters. On behalf of myself and the entire management and staff of the Academy, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all of you for your participation and commitment. Last year, by conservative estimates, well over a hundred members actively participated in the Academy's activities. This is a large number, and it is proof of the Academy's sense of community and commitment to promoting valuable science. This is something we can all be proud of.

First of all, I would like to thank each and every one of you who have worked in the various committees. The hard work and expertise of the Selection Committees, the Publications Committee and other committees is essential if we want to continue to do our best and to support science. The work of the committees is an essential part of the Academy's operations, and your contribution is important.

Secondly, I am grateful to all of you who have participated in our events and

activities, either on-site or remotely. We believe that our wide range of events provides important platforms for promoting science, sharing information, networking and dialogue. Various events, such as theme nights, are also valuable opportunities to highlight and discuss the current challenges and opportunities facing our scientific community.

Thirdly, I would like to express my gratitude to our members who have represented the Finnish Academy of Science and Letters in various national and international scientific organizations and other communities. This is very important work. It strengthens our position in the Finnish and international scientific community and helps us cooperate with other actors.

I would also like to mention those who have been involved in the various science advice projects. This work is critical to making science visible, effective, and heard in society. Making cutting-edge science and scientific knowledge a part of decision-making and social debate is especially



important. The science advice projects play an important role in ensuring this.

I also want to thank all the experts who have been involved in the evaluation of grant applications. This evaluation work has once again been excellent, and the Finnish Academy of Science and Letters can be sure that the approved projects have been feasible and of high quality, focusing on important and meaningful topics in the fields of mathematics, natural sciences and the humanities.

Participation is important for our community, for science and for the entire society. A vibrant science academy is made of active members. Everyone's contribution,

large or small, is important and valued. That is why we want to offer our members different opportunities to spend time together and make a difference. One of these opportunities is the new Science Matinee (Tiedematinea), a discussion event for our members. Simply put, the idea of the Science Matinees, held in Mariankatu, is this: you propose the topic and the speakers to be invited, and we handle the rest.

Once again, I would like to thank you all for your contribution and commitment. Together, we can continue our important work for the benefit of science and for the good of society.

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*With heartfelt thanks,*

*Pekka Aula*



Secretary General Pekka Aula presented the 2022 annual report of the Finnish Academy of Science and Letters at the Spring Meeting at the Old Student House in April 2023.