

State Protector (President of Estonia) Konstantin Päts enacted and proclaimed the Estonian Academy of Sciences Act as a decree on 28 January 1938. The Act entered into force after its publication in the State Gazette on 2 February 1938.

The founding of the Academy was brought back to the memory by a festive meeting “Academy and Society” at the Estonian Parliament building and an official reception at the Academy House on 31 January 2018.

The first 12 Members of the Estonian Academy of Sciences, nominated by the Minister of Education, were approved by a decree of the State Protector on 13 April 1938. A week later, on 20 April 1938, the very first meeting of the General Assembly was held in the University Council Hall at the University of Tartu.

These two events are marked with a ceremonial meeting of the General Assembly and an accompanying conference “The History of Thought in Estonia” at the Estonian National Museum in Tartu on 20 April 2018.

The Academy was inaugurated at the next General Assembly meeting that was held in the Hall of the Estonian Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Tallinn on 22 October 1938.

An international conference is organised by the Academy to highlight the vital relevance of independent and highly professional scientific expertise and policy advice that science academies strive to provide in Europe and worldwide. The conference “Advisory Role of Academies in the Information-Rich Societies” will take place at the Academy House in Tallinn on 22-23 October.