

## Estonian Academy of Sciences in the COVID-19 Crisis

- **Academy is functioning via web:** General Assembly Extraordinary Meeting on April 22, 2020; Academy Board Meetings as planned, and other activities
- **Policy advice to Estonian Government:** provided by the crisis committee members (incl Academy Professor Andres Merits) + epidemiological models.
- **Communication to the society:**
  - *ad hoc* Academic Council at the major daily newspaper Postimees (The Postman); meetings twice a week since March 19: fact check + selecting and prioritizing the topics to be covered
  - >10 opinion pieces in leading newspapers by Academy members
    - translation into Estonian and publishing the Leopoldina's report.
  - Political declaration – a vision for the future after the crisis (26 May) with clean energy production and smaller energy consumption supported by novel IT solutions
    - extensively commented & supported by the President of Estonia
- **Supporting research:**
  - One Academy Research Professor in virology (Prof Andres Merits, see above)
  - Academy reviewed research projects within the extraordinary call connected with the COVID-19 crisis

