

## ***EAHEP Round Table***

### **Regional higher education cooperation in the next decade The Bologna process and Europe-Asia dialogue**

**1-3 July, 2009**

**Programme – state 16 June 2009**

***Wednesday, 1 July 2009***

#### **Pre-conference programme**

- 9:15-12:30 **European Commission Info Session: Opportunities for Asia-Europe Cooperation**
- Overview of external policies towards cooperation with Asia (DG RELEX)
  - Funding prospects for EU-Asia bi-regional education: Erasmus Mundus and FP7 (DG EAC and DG Research)
- 12:30-13:30 Free Lunch (guests escorted to city centre and Grand Place)
- 14:30-17:00 Walking tour of Brussels historic center (*Meeting Point: Main hall of Gare Centrale in city centre*)
- 14.30-17.00 EAHEP advisory board meeting (on invitation only), EUA Secretariat, Rue d'Egmont 13, 1000 Brussels
- 17:45-18:45 Speakers/chairs/rapporteurs briefing, Representation of Bavaria to the EU
- 18:30 Opening cocktail at the Representation of Bavaria to EU (Rue Wiertz 77)



## Conference Programme:

*European Commission, Charlemagne building*

**Thursday, 2 July – Lessons from the Bologna process: Regional reform processes**

9:00-9:20 Welcome from the European Commission  
Dirk Meganck, Director AIDCO Unit D  
Lesley Wilson, EUA: Presentation of conference programme

### **Session 1: The Bologna Process in the light of global transition: The decade to come**

9:20- 9:50 Keynote: Reflections on the past decade of Bologna, ambitions for the next one  
*Lesley Wilson, Bologna Follow-Up Group, EUA Secretary General*

- Summary of a decade of reform: what has been accomplished
- What makes Bologna run: Bologna and its stakeholders
- Summary of the major outcomes of the ministerial meeting (BFUG) and priorities ahead
- Bologna in the Global Setting: Internationalisation of Bologna

9:50- 10:30 Keynote: Bologna and the Lisbon Strategy: Europe's modernization agenda and the global implications  
*Hélène Clark, European Commission, DG Education and Culture, Director Unit B*

10:30-11:00 Coffee

### **Session 2: Regional perspectives on Asian higher education development**

11:00-13:00 Moderated panel with input presentations and Q & A

Intro: The Asian higher education development (15-20 min)

*Lay Hwee Yeo, National University of Singapore*

- Disparities in Asian higher education systems and levels of development and challenges for cooperation
- Regional political collaboration and advancement toward regional higher education collaboration, including recent discussion on common



- higher education space
- Current regional bodies and initiatives

Current realities in regional dialogue (15 min)  
*Supachai Yavaprabhas, SEAMEO-RIHED, Thailand*

National perspectives in a regional context: Pakistan (20 min)  
*Atta-ur-Rahman, FRS, Chairman, Higher Education Commission, Pakistan*

**Panel: A regional convergence process for Asia?**  
*Above speakers*

*Chair: Lesley Wilson*

**13:00 – 14:00 Lunch**

**Session 3: Reform under the Bologna Process: success and lessons learned**

**14:00 – 14:30** Introductory presentation to break-out groups: Creating a higher education area: Policy, tools, practice  
*Gerard Madill, Higher Education Policy Unit, EUA*

**14:30– 15:30 Break-out sessions**

**1. Recognition and Mobility: From intra-regional to inter-regional**

*Chair: Andrejs Rauhvargers, Latvian Rectors Council*  
*Rapporter: Michael Hörig, Higher Education Policy Unit, EUA*

The session would assess the experiences of European and Asian initiatives in enhancing international mobility of students and graduates. It will focus actual and projected mobility and goals, but also on the underlying implications for institutional policies and curricula planning.

*20 years of Erasmus mobility:* The Erasmus programme is a European Union staff and student mobility programme which has been launched in the 1980's, paved the way for the development of the European Credit Transfer System. It continues to be a 'brand' for



European mobility to date but what is its impact? How has it evolved? What makes it successful?

- *Siegbert Wuttig, DAAD, Germany*

Recently, Japan has declared its intention to launch and support an Asian Erasmus, and has invited other nations in Asia to join this initiative. The presentation will suggest and discuss different scenarios for regional mobility scheme in Asia, citing potential obstacles and opportunities.

- *Takao Kamibeppu, Tokyo Jogakkan College, Japan*

## ***2. New frontiers in Quality Assurance: Bridging national and regional frameworks***

- *Intro and Chair: Luc Weber, Former EUA Vice-President, former Chair of the CDESR, Council of Europe*
- *Rapporter: Tia Loukkola, QA Unit, EUA*

Among initiatives, the oldest and most successful initiatives to establish QA linkages across several countries is the AUNQA. The presentation will explain motivations for and development stages of the AUNQA, and how it contributes to changing quality assurance in ASEAN countries.

- *Tan Kay Chuan, Office of Quality Management, National University of Singapore*

The establishment of a European Dimension of Quality Assurance quality assurance is one of the core actionlines of the Bologna Process, and indeed, it succeeded not only in creating mechanisms and tools which complement institutional and national level initiatives, but also to open up the discussion on a quality culture across national borders.

- *Norma Ryan, University Cork, Irish Bologna Promoter*

## ***3. Degree structures and qualifications frameworks***

*Chair and Intro: Stephen Adam, Higher education consultant*  
*Rapporter: Gerard Madill, EUA*



The revision of degrees in Europe has fuelled the discussion on employability in Europe, a growing issue in the European discussion on degree reforms. Higher education degrees should be employable not only in the academic world, but also outside. Labour markets exert increasing pressure to continue education, to up-date and retrain. While discussion on degrees and learning have to take this on board, there is also a growing demand for transparency tools such as qualifications frameworks.

The history and evolution of European and National Qualification Frameworks

- *Volker Gehmlich, Fachhochschule Osnabrück, Germany*

Case study: The Malaysian Qualification Framework

- *Sharifah Hapsah, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia*

**15:30 – 16:00 Coffee**

**16:00 – 17:30 Break outs continued**

**Free evening**

***Friday, 3 July – Strategic priorities for higher education development and cooperation***

**Session 5: Panel discussion: Asia-Europe research cooperation: linking research and higher education agendas**

9:00- 10:30 Panel (with short inputs from panelists)

Intro: The European Research Area (ERA) and the EHEA

*Tadeusz Luty, Wroclaw University of Technology, Poland/ EUA Board member*

Research mobility and collaboration in Asia

*Morshidi Sirat, Universiti Sains Malaysia*

Internationalisation of FP7

*Philippe Vialette, DG Research, European Commission,*



Capacity building in research collaboration  
*Intan Ahmad, Bandung Institute of Technology, Indonesia*

Institutional collaboration: models and practice  
*James J. Browne, National University Galway, Ireland*

*Chair: Tadeusz Luty, EUA Board Member*

10:30-11:00 Coffee

Session 6 ***Closing discussion: Projections and possibilities for enhanced EU-Asia regional cooperation and dialogue***

11:00-12:30 **Report from general rapporteur- Break out group summaries (20 min)**

**Panel Discussion**

*Nantana Gajasen, Asean University Network*

*Eva Åkesson, University of Lund*

*Hanneke Teekens, Nuffic*

*Chair: Stephen Adam, Higher education consultant*

**12:30-13:15 Lunch**

**13:30 Depart for University visit and city tour: Ghent**

**18:00 Boat tour and closing dinner reception in Ghent, hosted by university**

20:30 Return to Brussels

