

Conference Programme

First ASEM Rectors' Conference: Asia – Europe Higher Education Leadership Dialogue "Between Tradition and Reform: Universities in Asia and Europe at the Crossroads"

27-29 October 2008

Henry Ford Building, Freie Universität Berlin
Garystr. 35, 14195 Berlin



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Sunday, 26 October 2008

19:00 – 22.00 h Informal welcome reception for early arrivals

Hotel Steglitz International Berlin

Cocktail Bar, 1st floor
Albrechtstraße 2
12165 Berlin

Monday, 27 October 2008

Pre-conference programme (on registration)

9:00 h Transfer from hotel to conference venue

9:15 h Morning coffee and conference registration

10:00 h Welcome and Introduction to Freie Universität Berlin

Professor Dr Dieter Lenzen

President, Freie Universität Berlin

The Strategic development of FU Berlin

12:00 h

Lunch Break

13:30 h

Information Update Session

Group I: *Recent Trends in Higher Education in Asia*

Chair:

Professor Dr Ion Panzaru

Rector, University of Bucharest, Romania

Input:

Professor Hiroshi Mizubayashi

Vice-President, Tsukuba University, Japan

Professor Dzulkifli Abdul Razak

Vice-Chancellor, University Sains Malaysia, Malaysia

Group II: *Recent Trends in Higher Education in Europe*

Chair:

Professor B.B. Bhattacharya

Vice-Chancellor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

Input:

Ms Patricia Pol

Vice-President, Université Paris-Est

Professor Dr Federico Gutiérrez-Solana Salcedo

Rector, Universidad de Cantabria, Spain

14:30 h

Group I + II: *Information Update on the ASEM Process*

Ambassador Nguyen Quoc Khanh

Deputy Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation

Group I + II: *Information on the Set-Up of an ASEM Studies Curriculum*

Professor Dr Ra Jong-Yil

President, Woosuk University, South Korea

- 15:30 h **Berlin Guided City Tour**
(return to hotel around 17:30 h)
- 18:30 h **Coordination meeting** of speakers and chairs
Hotel Steglitz International Berlin
Salon Lankwitz, 1st Floor
- 19:30 h **Welcome Dinner**
Hotel Steglitz International Berlin
Salon Steglitz-Zehlendorf, 1st Floor

Tuesday, 28 October 2008

- 8:45 h Transfer from hotel to conference venue
- 9:00 h Continuation of conference registration and snacks
- 9:30 h **Welcome and Conference Opening**
- Welcome and Opening Statement*
- Professor Dr Dieter Lenzen**
President, Freie Universität Berlin
Vice-President International, German Rectors' Conference (HRK)
- ASEM: Europe and Asia in Dialogue for a Strategic Partnership in
Higher Education Cooperation*
- Professor Dr Frieder Meyer-Krahmer**
State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education and Research
- Achieving Equity through Higher Education –
Within ASEAN and between Asia and Europe*
- Dr Soeung Rathchavy**
Deputy Secretary-General, ASEAN
- Stocktaking: The Role of Higher Education in the ASEM Process*
- Ambassador Nguyen Quoc Khanh**
Deputy Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation
- 10:45 h *Coffee break*
- 11:15 h **Higher Education Cooperation between Asia and Europe**
- An Asian Perspective on Higher Education Cooperation between Asia
and Europe*
- Professor Dr Binglin Gu**
President, Tsinghua University, P.R. China

A European Perspective on Higher Education Cooperation between Asia and Europe

Professor Pierre de Maret

Member of the Board, European University Association

11:45 h

Panel talk:

The Universities' Response to the Results of the ASEM Ministerial Meeting

Panelists:

Professor Pierre de Maret

Member of the Board, European University Association

Professor Dr Binglin Gu

President, Tsinghua University

Ambassador Nguyen Quoc Khanh

Deputy Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation

Professor Dr Dieter Lenzen

President, Freie Universität Berlin

Professor Dr Frieder Meyer-Krahmer

State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education and Research

Dr Soeung Rathchavy

Deputy Secretary-General, ASEAN

Chair: **Armin Himmelrath**

Freelance journalist

13:00 h

Group Photo Session

followed by Lunch Break

14:00 h

Working Group Discussions on Development of Higher Education Systems in Asia and Europe

Working Group A: Governance and Management of Universities

Input: **Professor Soo Young Kwon**

Vice-President, Korea University, South Korea

Professor Dr Dorte Salskov-Iversen

Vice President, Copenhagen Business School, Denmark

Chair: **Professor Alain Beretz**

President, University Louis Pasteur, France

Working Group B: Competition and Cooperation

Input: **Professor Dr Ra Jong-Yil**

President, Woosuk University, South Korea

Professor Tadeusz Luty

President, Conference of Rectors of Academic Schools in Poland

Chair: **Dr Maurits van Rooijen**

Vice-President, University of Westminster, UK

Working Group C: Impact of Rankings and other Quality Indicators on Quality Assurance in Higher Education

Input: **Professor Dr Sharifah Hapsah S. H. Shahabudin**
Vice-Chancellor, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

Professor Dr Jens Oddershede
Rector, University of Southern Denmark
President, Universities Denmark

Chair: **Professor Sittichai Tudsri**
Vice-President, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand

15:30 h *Coffee break*

16:00 h **Panel Discussion on Development of Higher Education Systems in Asia and Europe – Reports from the Working Groups**

Chair: **Lesley Wilson**
Secretary-General, European University Association

16:00 h **Professor Dr Futao Huang**
Research Institute for Higher Education, Hiroshima University

The development of higher education systems in Europe and Asia – Similarities and Differences

16:15 h **Panel discussion** with
Professor Dr Emerlinda R. Roman
President, University of the Philippines (Rapporteur Working Group A)
Professor Dr Ulrich Radtke
Rector, University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany (Rapporteur Working Group B)
Professor James Browne
President, National University of Ireland, Galway (Rapporteur Working Group C)
Professor Dr Futao Huang
Research Institute for Higher Education, Hiroshima University

17:30 h End of first conference day

17:45 h Transfer from conference venue to hotel

18:45 h Transfer from hotel to evening reception

19:30 h **Evening reception for conference participants**

The Westin Grand Hotel
Friedrichstraße 158-164
10117 Berlin

Dinner speech: **Professor Dr Margret Wintermantel**
President, German Rectors' Conference

approx. 22:30 h Return to hotel

Wednesday, 29 October 2008

8:15 h Transfer from hotel to conference venue

8:45 h **Morning coffee and opening statement**

***The Internationalisation of the European Higher Education Area –
New Prospects for Cooperation with Asia***

Professor Dr Stefan Hormuth

President, University of Gießen and President, DAAD

9:30 h **Working Group Discussions on Asia-Europe Higher Education
Cooperation**

Working Group D: Strategic University Cooperation in Europe and Asia

Input: **Professor Katsuichi Uchida**
Vice-President, Waseda University, Japan

Professor Mille Millnert
Rector, Linköping University, Sweden

Chair: **Professor Seyed E. Hasnain**
Vice-Chancellor, University of Hyderabad, India

Working Group E: Research Cooperation between Asia and Europe

Input: **Professor Dr Sudjarwadi**
Rector, Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia

Professor Guiseppe Silvestri
Rector, Università degli Studi di Palermo, Italy

Chair: **Professor Dr Xian Xiao**
Vice-President, Yunnan University, China

Working Group F: The Future of ASEM Higher Education Cooperation

Input: **Kwek Puay Swan**
Director, European Union Centre, Singapore

Barbara Weitgruber
Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research
Chair, Bologna Global Dimension Working Group

Br Armin A. Luistro FSC
President, De La Salle University, Philippines

Sjur Bergan
Head, Department of Higher Education, Council of Europe

Chair: **Lesley Wilson**
Secretary-General, European University Association

11:00 h *Coffee break*

- 11:30 h **Panel Discussion: Setting the Agenda for Asia-Europe Higher Education Cooperation**
- Chair: **Professor Pierre de Maret**
Member of the Board, European University Association
- Panelists: **Professor Seyed Hasnain**
Vice-Chancellor, University of Hyderabad, India
(Rapporteur Working Group D)
- Professor Carla Locatelli**
Vice-Rector, University of Trento, Italy
(Rapporteur Working Group E)
- Bergthora Snaebjornsdóttir**
Academic Affairs Committee, European Students' Union
(Rapporteur Working Group F)
- Peter Greisler**
Deputy Director General for Higher Education, Federal Ministry
of Education and Research, Germany
- Professor Dr Supachai Yavabrabas**
Director, SEAMEO-RIHED
- 13:00 h **Outlook and Closing Words**
- Professor Dr Mai Trong Nhuan**
Rector, Vietnam National University Hanoi, Vietnam
- 13:30 h *End of Conference and Lunch reception*
- 14:30 h Visit to **Sanssouci Palace, Potsdam** (upon registration)
(Return to hotel around 18:00 h)