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
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 Winternmantel**
  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 Hornuth
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)