



CONFERENCE OF THE EUROPEAN MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Leuven/Louvain-la-Neuve, 28-29 April 2009

* * * PRE-CONFERENCE PROGRAMME * * *

Monday 27 April Arrival and welcome in Leuven

All day	Welcome of delegations and transportation to Leuven	Brussels Airport / Leuven Train Station
13.00-21.00	Conference registration	University Library
18.00-19.45	Aperitif hosted by the Mayor of the City of Leuven Guided tours of Town Hall and Saint-Peter's Church	Town Hall
20.00-22.00	Welcome dinner hosted by the <i>Katholieke Universiteit Leuven</i>	University Hall

* * * CONFERENCE VENUES * * *

University Library (Universiteitsbibliotheek), Mgr.Ladeuzeplein 21, B-3000 Leuven

- 27 April 2009: registration
- 28 April 2009: plenary sessions I-III and parallel sessions

Town Hall (Stadhuis), Grote Markt 9, B-3000 Leuven

- 27 April 2009: reception and guided tour

University Hall (Universiteitshal), Naamsestraat 22, B-3000 Leuven

- 27 April 2009: welcome dinner
- 28 April 2009: registration (for those not registered yet)
- 28 April 2009: lunch

Abbaye de La Ramée, Rue de l'Abbaye 19, B-1370 Jodoigne

- 28 April 2009: official conference dinner

Aula Magna, Place Raymond Lemaire 1, B-1348 Louvain-la-Neuve

- 29 April 2009: plenary session IV and Bologna Policy Forum



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Tuesday 28 April Conference day 1 – Leuven

- From 08.00 Registration (for those not registered yet) >> University Hall
- 09.00-11.00 **Plenary Session I >> University Library (Grote Leeszaal, 1st floor)**
Chair: Minister Frank Vandenbroucke, Belgium/Flemish Community
Co-chair: Minister Ondřej Liška, Czech Republic
- 09.00-09.15 *Opening addresses*
- Marc Vervenne, Rector of the *Katholieke Universiteit Leuven*
 - Minister Frank Vandenbroucke, Belgium/Flemish Community
 - Minister Ondřej Liška, Czech Republic
- 09.15-09.35 *Welcome speeches*
- Ján Figel', European Commission
 - Sjur Bergan, Council of Europe
- 09.35-10.10 *Presentations on progress of implementation*
- 2009 Bologna Process Stocktaking - Andrejs Rauhvargers, Latvia
 - "The Bologna Process in Higher Education in Europe: Key indicators on the social dimension and mobility" – Jean-Louis Mercy, Eurostat
 - "Higher Education in Europe 2009: Developments in the Bologna Process" – David Crosier, Eurydice
- 10.10-10.40
- "Bologna with Students Eyes" – Ligia Deca, European Students' Union
 - Preliminary results from the "Trends 2010" survey – Jean-Marc Rapp, European University Association
 - "Lifelong Learning: Impediments & Examples of good practice" – Lars Lynge Nielsen, EURASHE
- 10.40-11.00 *Reflections by*
- Jan Sadlak, UNESCO-CEPES
 - Bruno Curvale, ENQA
 - Monique Fouilhoux, Education International
 - Irene Seling, BUSINESSEUROPE
- 11.00-11.30 Coffee break

Tuesday 28 April Conference day 1 – Leuven (continued)

- 11.30-13.00** **Plenary session II >> University Library (Grote Leeszaal, 1st floor)**
Chair: Minister Ronald Plasterk, Netherlands
Co-chair: Minister Marie-Dominique Simonet, Belgium/French Community
- Comments by heads of delegations
on the Draft Leuven/Louvain-la-Neuve Communiqué –
identifying the issues to be discussed in the parallel sessions
- 13.00-15.00 Lunch and family picture >> University Hall
- 15.00-16.00** **Parallel sessions >> University Library**
- Discussions by heads of delegations on remaining issues
- Group 1 >> Grote Leeszaal, 1st floor
Chair: Minister Marie-Dominique Simonet, Belgium/French Community
- Group 2 >> Tentoonstellingszaal, ground floor
Chair: Minister Frank Vandenbroucke, Belgium/Flemish Community
- Group 3 >> Oostaziatische Bibliotheek, 2nd floor
Chair: Minister Ondřej Liška, Czech Republic
- Group 4 >> Mercierzaal, 1st floor
Chair: Minister François Biltgen, Luxembourg
- Group 5 >> Kleine Leeszaal, 1st floor
Chair: Minister Ronald Plasterk, Netherlands
- 16.00-16.45 Coffee Break
- 16.45-18.00** **Plenary session III >> University Library (Grote Leeszaal, 1st floor)**
Chair: Minister François Biltgen, Luxembourg
- Feedback from parallel sessions and discussion towards finalising the
Leuven/Louvain-la-Neuve Communiqué
- 18.00 Transportation to the hotels
- 19.00 Transportation from the hotels in Leuven to Abbaye de La Ramée
- 20.00 Reception and official conference dinner hosted by the Benelux Ministers
- From 22.30 Transportation back to the hotels in Leuven

Wednesday 29 April Conference day 2 – Louvain-la-Neuve

07.45 Transportation from the hotels in Leuven to Louvain-la-Neuve

09.00-10.00 Plenary session IV >> Aula Magna

Chair: Minister Ondřej Liška, Czech Republic

Co-chair: Minister Frank Vandenbroucke, Belgium/Flemish Community

Welcome address

- Bernard Coulie, Rector of the *Université catholique de Louvain*

Finalisation and adoption of the Leuven/Louvain-la-Neuve Communiqué

Information on the next ministerial conferences

- Minister Johannes Hahn, Austria
- State Secretary Károly Manherz, Hungary
- Minister Ecaterina Andronescu, Romania

Closing statements

- Ján Figel', European Commission
- Minister Frank Vandenbroucke, Belgium/Flemish Community
- Minister Ondřej Liška, Czech Republic

10.00-10.30 Coffee break and family picture

10.30-13.00 Bologna Policy Forum

Chair: Minister Marie-Dominique Simonet, Belgium/French Community

Co-chair: Minister Ondřej Liška, Czech Republic

Opening addresses

- Minister Marie-Dominique Simonet, Belgium/French Community
- Minister Ondřej Liška, Czech Republic
- Georges Haddad, UNESCO
- Ján Figel', European Commission

Introduction to the discussion

- Minister Marie-Dominique Simonet, Belgium/French Community

10.50 Exchange between the Ministers of the 46 Bologna countries and colleagues from different parts of the world

12.50 *Summary of the debate and closing statement*

- Minister François Biltgen, Luxembourg

13.00 Press conference

Closing lunch hosted by the *Université catholique de Louvain*
>> Cercle du Lac (Ministers) and Foyer du Lac (delegations)

13.00-17.00 Transportation of delegates by bus
to the airport, Bruxelles Midi railway station and Leuven