

**16th EURASHE General Assembly and Annual Conference,
27-28 April 2006**

“The Dynamics of University Colleges in the EHEA”

- **‘New Masters’ in Higher Education**
- **Opening up HE through links with LLL and Vocational Education & Training (VET)**

**Conference Centre of the University of Dubrovnik
Dubrovnik
Croatia**

Meetings and Events, time schedule

Wednesday, 26th April 2006

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| 17.00-19.00 hrs | Executive Council Meeting
Venue: Meeting Room of the Centre of Advanced Academic Studies
of University of Zagreb in Dubrovnik |
| 19.30 | Dinner Executive Council |

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Thursday, 27th April 2006

- 09.30-10.00** **First Registration (Conference Centre of Dubrovnik University)**
- 10.00-12.30** **Plenary Council Meeting**
Including a Presentation by Dr. Cesar De Prado Yepes (College of Europe) on Sustainable Development in a global perspective (to be confirmed)
- Venue: Conference Hall of the University of Dubrovnik
- 12.30 - 13.30** **Lunch for attendants of the Plenary Council meeting**
- 13.00-14.00** **Second Registration (Conference Centre of Dubrovnik University)**
- 14.00 - 17.30** **EURASHE ANNUAL CONFERENCE**
- 13.45 – 14.30** Welcome by Prof. Dr. Mateo Malevic', Rector of the University of Dubrovnik
- Opening of the Conference by Mr. Roland Vermeesch, President of EURASHE
- Introductory Speech by Prof. Dr. Mladen Havelka, President of the Council of Croatian Polytechnics
- Address by the Minister of HE & Research of Croatia
Address by Mr. Jan Figel, E.U. Commissioner for Education & Culture (to be confirmed)
- 14.30 – 15.10** **Conference Theme 1**
“Opening up higher education through links with LLL and Vocational Education & Training (VET)”
- Chair** **Mr. Lars Lynge Nielsen, Vice- President of EURASHE**
- Keynote Speakers:** Mr. David Coyne, Director of DG EAC of the European Commission: **Links between the Bologna process and the Lisbon strategy** (to be confirmed):
Dr. Guy Haug, CRE-Paris/Geneva: **Quality assurance in the LLL process**
- 15.10 – 15.30 hrs** **Coffee Break**

- 15.30 – 17.00 hrs** **WORKSHOPS** (introductions & examples of best practice, discussions)
1. Recognising prior learning and work experience - Higher Education Short Cycle
 2. Adult education, VET & Higher Education
 3. Role of Quality Assurance in open higher education
 4. Widening access to HE for specific target groups on the basis of competencies
- 17.00 – 17.30 hrs** **Reports from Workshops**
- 19.30-22.30 hrs** **Welcome reception & buffet** (in the traditional Croatian countryside restaurant Konavoski Dvori)

Friday, 28th April 2006

- 9.30 – 10.10** **Conference theme 2**
“Master’s Programmes at University Colleges”
- Chair** **Prof. Andreas Orphanides, Vice-President of EURASHE**
- Keynote Speakers:** Mr Guy Aelterman, Dutch Flemish Accreditation Organisation (NVAO), **Mutual Recognition and QA N, Trends in the Bologna Countries**
- 10.10 – 10.30** **Coffee break**
- 10.30 – 11.30** **WORKSHOPS with Case studies from EU and enlargement countries** (introductions & examples of best practice, discussions)
Themes and topics:
- Innovation and research;
- Quality Assurance;
- Position of “New Masters” in professional & academic sectors
- 11.30 – 12.10** **Reports from Workshops**
- 12.10 – 13.10** **Lunch for all conference attendants**
- 14.00 – 14.30** **Reports from Workshops**
- 14.30 – 15.00** **Coffee break**
- 15.00 – 16.15** **Panel discussion**
“The new dynamics in European HE”
Comments from other stakeholders in H.E., with ensuing panel discussion and feedback from the audience.

- Chair:** **Mr. Roland Vermeesch, President of EURASHE**
- Contributors:** Comments from the representatives from ESIB, the EUA and the employers (UNICE).
Panel discussion (idem, EURASHE members)
- 15.30 – 16.20** **Closing event:**
- A message from EURASHE to the Region
by the Secretary General of EURASHE
Reply address by a Representative of Croatian H.E.
Closing of the Conference by the President of EURASHE
- 19.30** **Gala dinner**

CULTURAL PROGRAMME

Thursday, 27th of April 2006

9.00-12.00 Guided Tour to Historical Dubrovnik for conference attendants and accompanying persons

Half day excursion with entrances, including coach and tour guide.
You will be shown the most interesting sites of Dubrovnik, whose centre belongs to the World Heritage sites of the UNESCO. Dubrovnik, certainly one of the most beautiful cities of Europe, surrounded by city walls and fortifications lies on the foot of a mountain that slopes to the sea. An essentially medieval city reshaped by Baroque town planners after a disastrous earthquake of 1667, Dubrovnik's historic core seems to have been suspended in time ever since. Set-piece churches and public buildings blend seamlessly with the green-shuttered stone houses to form a perfect ensemble untouched by the 20th century. You will be impressed by the Rector's Palace (Knezev dvor) and the Europe's oldest apothecary in the Franciscan Monastery.

Saturday, 29th of April 2006

Bus travel and visit to the bays of Kotor, in neighbouring Montenegro.

All day excursion with lunch and entrances, including coach and tour guide.
Journey to Montenegro with stop at the estuary of Kotor. During your trip you will pass the villages Risan and Perast, until you reach the historic city of Kotor

After lunch drive on via a winding route to Cetinje, the former capital of Montenegro, where you visit the local museum. Afterwards visit to Budva, here you have time to explore the city yourself. Travel back with coach and ferry.