



**17th EURASHE General Assembly and Annual Conference,
Copenhagen, 25 - 27 April 2007
On**

**“Research and Innovation & The Social Dimension of HE”
Towards a broader interpretation**

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Thursday, 26 April 2007

- 14.00 – 17.00 EURASHE ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Venue: **Copenhagen University**
- 14.00 – 14.45 Welcome address by the host, Mr. Michael Cholewa-Madsen, President of DAN-EURASHE (DK)
Opening of the Conference by Mr. Lars Lynge Nielsen, President of EURASHE
Honorary speech by Mr. Bertel Haarder, Danish Minister of Education (DK)
- 14.45 - 15.45 ***Conference Theme 1: Innovation and Research : Research in varying degrees or different sorts of research?***

Chair: Andreas Orphanides, Vice-President EURASHE

Keynote speaker: Mr Robert Kregel, European Commission Directorate General of Research, Head of Unit “Universities and Researchers” (BE)

Keynote speaker: Mr Hans Siggaard Jensen, Professor, Head of the Laboratory - Learning Lab Denmark, The Danish University of Education (DK)
- 15.45 – 16.15 *Coffee/tea break*
- 16.15 – 17.30 Parallel Workshops
1. Fundamental and Applied Research – Dr. John Smith, Research & Innovation, EUA (BE) - Chair: Mr. Ray Farrugia (MT)
 2. Expectations on the EIT; research in specific subjects – Prof. Ronald Guillen, ADIUT (FR) – Chair: Prof. Luciano Rodrigues Almeida (PT) (tbc)
 3. New European Union & Accession Countries, Dr. Laszlo Erdey, Debrecen University (HU) – Chair: Prof. Zarko Nozica, Council of Croatian Institutions of Higher Vocational Education (CR)
- 18.00 Welcome reception at the host institution, “Suhr’s”, Copenhagen

Friday, 27 April 2007

- 09.30 – 10.40 **Conference Theme 2: Social Dimension of Higher Education
Life Long Learning or Higher Education 'made to measure'?**
- Chair : EURASHE Executive Council Member
Keynote speaker: Mr. Sjur Bergan, Head of Higher Education and Research,
Council of Europe
- Keynote speaker: Ms. Margrethe Vestager, former Minister of Education,
Member of the Education Committee of Folketinget (Danish Parliament)
- 10.40 – 11.00 *Coffee break*
11.00 – 12.30 3 parallel Workshops (chaired by EURASHE member and with an input)
1. Lifelong Learning – European Qualifications Framework – Prof. Dianne Willcocks, Vice-Chancellor of York St John University (UK) – Chair: Mr. David Taylor (UK) (tbc)
 2. Widening participation - Prof. Roger Ellul-Micallef, President of EAN (MT), Chair: Mr. Bruno Carapinha, ESIB
 3. **Conference Theme 1:** Regional Cooperation between Regional Centres of Knowledge, local authorities and enterprises – Dr. Richard Thorn, Chairperson of the Irish Council of Directors, Director of Sligo College (IE) – Chair: Mr. Dirk Coenjaerts (BE)
- 12.30 – 13.45 *Lunch for all conference attendants*
13.45 – 15.00 Panel discussion with stakeholders in the Bologna Process
Chair: Mr. Bernd Wächter, Director Academic Cooperation Association (ACA)
- Panellists:
Andreas Orphanides, EURASHE
John Smith, EUA
Sjur Bergan, Council of Europe
Jens Vraa-Jensen, Chair European Committee on Higher Education and Research, Education International
Stinna Gammelgaard, ESIB
- 15.00 – 15.30 *Coffee break*
15.30 – 16.30 Closing event:
- Focuses from EURASHE for the London Ministerial Conference – Mr. Stefan Delplace, Secretary General EURASHE
- Invitation to the 2008 EURASHE conference in Malta by a representative of the Ministry of Education of Malta (tbc)
- Closing of the Conference by Mr. Lars Lynge Nielsen, President of EURASHE
- 19.30 Conference Dinner

CULTURAL PROGRAMME (pre-conference and following the conference)

Thursday 26 April

09.00 – 13.00 Danish Design City Tour (For accompanying persons)

Saturday 28 April

09.00 – 17.00 Danish Culture Tour: including Frederiksborg, Kronborg (castle of Hamlet), Louisiana Museum of Modern Art