DAY 1 (TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2008)
Chair, Ms. Anita Lehikoinen, Finnish Ministry of Education
General rapporteur, Dr. Robert Wagenaar, University of Groningen

8:00–9:30 Registration and coffee
9:30–9:45 Opening of the seminar, Ms. Anita Lehikoinen, Finnish Ministry of Education.
10:30–11:00 Topic to be confirmed. Dr. Massimo Serpieri, DG Research, European Commission.
11:00–11:30 Coffee
11:30–12:00 Science as a solution to global problems. Finland Distinguished Professor Douglas Worsnop, Helsinki University.
12:00–12:30 Doctoral Schools & Transferable Skills. Professor Mary Ritter, Imperial College London.
12:30–13:30 Lunch
13:30–14:00 International PhD training: Joint PhD degree of EMBL and University of Helsinki. Dr. Mikko Taipale, Whitehead Institute, MIT.
14:00–14:30 Bologna 3rd Cycle in the European Higher Education Area: From a Student's Perspective. Speaker to be confirmed. European Student Union (ESU).
14:45–16:45 WORKING GROUPS
1. Competences
The eternal tension in PhD labour market preparation. Broad training & high specialization. Chair Dr. Hans Sonneveld, Universiteit Utrecht. Rapporteur Professor Riitta Pyynkö, University of Turku.
2. Internationalisation
Policy measures supporting the internationalisation of the 3rd cycle degrees. Mr. Ilkka Turunen, Finnish Ministry of Education. Dr. Rosa Gunnarsdottir, Iceland University of Education.
3. Researcher career and best practices
Skill development as a part of the career development for doctoral candidates and younger researchers in Europe. Chair Ms. Karoline Holländer, The European Council for Doctoral Candidates and Junior Researchers (EURODOC), Rapporteur Dr. Mikko Taipale, Whitehead Institute, MIT.
17:00 Cocktails and buffet at the lounge of Marina Congress Center. Welcoming words by the Academy of Finland.

DAY II (WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2008)
Chair, Dr. Leena Vestala, Finnish Ministry of Education
General rapporteur, Dr. Robert Wagenaar, University of Groningen

9:00–9:30 Coffee will be served
09:30–10:00 Ms. Sari Sarkomaa, Minister of Education
10:00–10:20 The possibilities of internationalisation in PhD training. Dr. Riitta Mustonen, Academy of Finland.
10:20–10:50 Recent developments in PhD training and research career in Finland. Professor Eero Vuorio, University of Turku.
10:50–11:20 Dissemination of the working group results by the working group rapporteurs.
11:20–11:50 Outcomes of the seminar and future steps perceived. Dr. Robert Wagenaar, University of Groningen.
11:50–12:00 Conclusions of the seminar, Dr. Leena Vestala, Finnish Ministry of Education.
12:00–13:30 Lunch