

**The Quality Assurance system for Higher Education
at European and national level**

Bologna Seminar

Berlin, 15 and 16 February 2007

Thursday, 15 February 2007

- 13.00 h Registration
- 14.00 h **Welcome addresses**
Christoph Ehrenberg, MinDirig,
Federal Ministry of Education and Research
Dr Josef Lange, State Secretary, Ministry of Science and
Culture, Lower Saxony
Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and
Cultural Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany
Professor Dr Margret Wintermantel,
President of the German Rectors' Conference
- Plenary sessions**
- 14.30 h **The Cornerstones of Quality Assurance at the
European level**
Ian McKenna, The Higher Education and Training
Awards Council, Ireland
- 15.15 h **Quality assurance at the national level – the
situation in Sweden, the United Kingdom, Hungary
and Germany**
Kathia Serrano-Velarde, Humboldt University, Berlin
and **Dr Achim Hopbach**, German Accreditation Council
- 16.00 h Coffee break
- 16.30 h **The stakeholders' perspective**
– 19.00 h Reports and comments
Chair: **Dr Josef Lange**, State Secretary, Ministry of
Science and Culture, Lower Saxony, Germany
Dr Clas-Uno Frykholm, Swedish National Agency for
Higher Education, Sweden
Lee Harvey, Centre for Research and Evaluation,
Sheffield Hallam University, United Kingdom
Dr Tibor Szanto, Hungarian Accreditation Committee,
Hungary
Prof Dr Ilse Helbrecht, University of Bremen, Germany
Andrée Sursock, European University Association
Dr Christoph Anz, BMW Group
Discussion
- 19.00 h Reception / Conference Dinner

Friday, 16 February 2007

9.30 h

3 Parallel Workshops

Team 1:

The role of the national levels referring to the standards and guidelines for Quality Assurance

The significance of the "European Standards and Guidelines" at national level. The implications of the "European Standards and Guidelines" for ministries and institutions in the context of the Bologna Process. Dr Andrée Sursock, EUA deputy secretary general, who designed and coordinated the Quality Culture Project, will give a short presentation on the topic.

Chair: **Mogens Berg**, Danish Ministry of Technology and Science; Speaker: **Andrée Sursock**, European University Association

Team 2:

The role of the national levels referring to Quality Assurance institutions

The differences between national aims and procedures of the Quality Assurance Agencies and the requirements set out in the "European Standards and Guidelines". How can accreditation help to further the recognition of competences acquired in the study programmes?

Chair: **Guy Aelterman**, Netherlands-Flemish Accreditation Organisation, Speaker: **Dr Uwe Schmidt**, Centre for Quality Assurance and Development Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Germany

Team 3:

Synergy and subsidiarity – national and European levels of Quality Assurance

The European Register for quality assurance agencies and its implications on the national level to be an instrument for transparency, independent information and mobility. Bruno Curvale, Board Member of ENQA, will provide information on the latest developments.

Chair: **Professor Dr Jürgen Kohler**, German Accreditation Council, Germany; Speaker: **Bruno Curvale**, ENQA

11.00 h

Coffee break

- 11.30 h **Presentation of the workshop results**
- 12.00 h **Recommendations for the London
Communiqué**
Discussion Panel:
Koen Geven, Chairperson of ESIB
Peter Williams, President of ENQA
Professor Sir Roderick Floud, Vice-President of
EUA
Dr Birger Hendriks, Chair of the Bologna Follow
Up Group
Chair: **Dr Christiane Gaehtgens**, Secretary
General German Rectors' Conference
Plenary discussion
- 13.30 h Conference lunch
- 14.30 h Conference end and depart