

Preliminary Programme

**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**
Michael Thielen, State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Education and Research
Dr Josef Lange, State Secretary,
Ministry of Science and Culture, Lower Saxony
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, HETAC, Ireland
- 15.15 h **Quality assurance at the national level – the
situation in Sweden, the United Kingdom,
Hungary and Germany**
Kathia Serrano-Velarde, PhD student at
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 Birger Hendriks**, Ministry of Science,
Economics and Transport of the State of
Schleswig-Holstein, Germany
Dr Clas-Uno Frykholm, Swedish National
Agency for Higher Education, Sweden
Lee Harvey, Director Centre for Research and
Evaluation, Sheffield Hallam University, United
Kingdom
Dr Tibor Szanto, Secretary General Hungarian
Accreditation Committee (HAC), Hungary
Prof Dr Ilse Helbrecht, Vice Rector University of
Bremen, Germany
Andrée Sursock, EUA Deputy Secretary General
Dr Christoph Anz, BMW Group
- Discussion**

19.00 h Reception / Conference Dinner
Welcome address: **Dr Josef Lange**, State Secretary in the Ministry of Science and Culture, Lower Saxony

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**, EUA Deputy Secretary General

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, ENQA Board Member, Speaker: **Dr Uwe Schmidt**, Head of 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**, Chairman Accreditation Council, Germany; Speaker: **Bruno Curvale**, ENQA Vice-President

- 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, President 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