

UNICA IRO MEETING 2013

Université libre de Bruxelles/Vrije Universiteit Brussel, 7-8 May 2013

programme

Tuesday, 7 May 2013

Venue: ULB, Campus du Solbosch, Solvay Brussels School of Economics & Management, Avenue F.D. Roosevelt 42 - 1050 Brussels



Overall Chair: Tiina MAE, Tallinn University, Acting UNICA IRO Observer

11:30 - 13:30	Registration <i>Venue: lobby of the Solvay Brussels School of Economics & Management</i>
12:00 - 13:30	Welcome lunch <i>Venue: lobby of the Solvay Brussels School of Economics & Management</i>
13:30 - 13:55	Welcome by Paul DE KNOP, Rector, Vrije Universiteit Brussel and Serge JAUMAIN, Vice-Rector International Relations & Communication Strategies, Université libre de Bruxelles
13:55 - 14:05	Welcome by Stavros A. ZENIOS, UNICA President
14:05 - 14:10	Opening remarks by Tiina MAE, Acting UNICA IRO Observer
14:10 - 15:30	SESSION 1: <i>Updates on Erasmus for All and the EU strategy for the internationalisation of higher education</i> Chair: Jean-Pierre DE GREVE, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Member of the UNICA Steering Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jordi CURELL, Director - Lifelong learning: higher education and international affairs, European Commission • Questions & Answers
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee break
16.00 – 17:30	SESSION 2: <i>Innovative ways of international cooperation</i> Chair: Serge JAUMAIN, Vice-Rector International Relations & Communication Strategies, Université libre de Bruxelles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How to conduct international exchanges and cooperation with Chinese universities</i> by Dr. Shao WEI, Secretary-General of China Education Association for International Exchange (CEAIE) • Sharing UNICA practices (5-6 minute presentations followed by questions): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>UNIL and the Indo-Swiss research programme in Social Sciences</i> by Antoinette CHARON-WAUTERS, Université de Lausanne ○ <i>ULB academic cooperation with the US</i> by Pierre QUERTENMONT,

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- *Athens Humanity Network* by Wilhelm BENNING, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens
- *EM-ACE: Promoting Erasmus Mundus towards European Students: Activate, Communicate, Engage* by Giorgio MARINONI, UNICA Secretariat

17:45 Bus transfer to Brussels Gueuze Museum

18:30 - 19:30 Guided visit to Brussels Gueuze Museum and beer tasting

Address: Rue Gheude/ Gheudestraat 56, 1000 Brussels

You will see one of the last traditional breweries where nearly nothing has changed during the last century and you will learn in great detail how to make Gueuze beer according to traditional methods. The Gueuze beer produced by the Cantillon brewery is the last remnant of a Brussels specialty dating back to the Middle Ages.

19:30 - 20:00 Bus transfer to the restaurant

20:00 Dinner at Bij den boer

Address: Quai aux Briques/ Baksteenkaai 60, 1000 Brussels

Bij den boer (At the Farmer's in Flemish) is a specialised fish restaurant in the heart of Brussels, located close to a market square officially known as Place Sainte-Catherine. Most people simply call the area "fish market". In days gone by, fishermen used to sail and then in later times steam their way into the heart of the city to sell their products at the market. Today, the market is still a vibrant place to visit and one of the favourite spots for locals.

Wednesday, 8 May 2013

Venue: VUB, Campus Etterbeek, Building D - Promotiezaal (room D.2.01) - Pleinlaan 2 - 1050 Brussels



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09:00 – 10:30 SESSION 3: *Internationalisation Strategies*

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- *Cooperation with China at Vrije Universiteit Brussel - a case study* by Jan CORNELIS, Vice-Rector Internationalisation, Vrije Universiteit Brussel
- *EGRACONS – Practical Approach to Improving ECTS Implementation in Europe* by Luciano SASO, Sapienza University of Rome, Member of the UNICA Steering Committee
- *Are IROs an obstacle for universities internationalisation?* by Markus LAITINEN, University of Helsinki
- *Implementation of the internationalisation strategy at the University of Oslo* by Guri VESTAD, University of Oslo

10:30 - 10:45 IRO OBSERVER ELECTIONS

10:45 – 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 - 11:25 Announcement of the results of the IRO Observer elections

11:25 - 11:30 Introduction to Session 4 (working groups)

11:30 – 12:30	<p>SESSION 4: <i>Centralisation vs. decentralisation processes of International Relations Offices in a SWOT analysis</i></p> <p>- 2 parallel sessions ("Centralisation" and "Decentralisation")</p> <p>Chairs: Pierre QUERTENMONT (Université libre de Bruxelles) and Tiina MAE, Tallinn University, Acting UNICA IRO Observer</p> <p><i>Process duration: is it a long way to go? How to pave the way and who is the change agent? How to get everyone on board? Decentralisation vs. centralisation: (university) size matters! How to communicate the change: to staff, members of the academic community, stakeholders? What is the price to pay?</i></p>
12:30 – 13:45	Lunch at the VUB Restaurant
13:45 - 14:20	Reporting on parallel groups
14:20 – 15:20	<p>SESSION 5: <i>News from the EC: Horizon 2020 and ERA, cooperation with EU neighbouring countries</i></p> <p>Chair: Markus LAITINEN, University of Helsinki</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philippe RUFFIO, Head of Sector, Education Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency, Brussels (Tempus Unit) • Peter VAN DER HIJDEN, Policy Officer, DG Research and Innovation • Questions & Answers
15:20 - 15:45	Coffee break
15:45 - 16:30	<p>OPEN SPACE: <i>Your ideas, proposals, initiatives - 5-minute contributions</i></p> <p>Chair: Tiina MAE, Tallinn University, Acting UNICA IRO Observer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How can UNICA universities work together for projects</i> by Jacqueline COUDER, Vrije Universiteit Brussel • <i>UNICA Summer and Winter Schools Portal</i> by Rob VANDEREYCKEN, Vrije Universiteit Brussel • <i>UNICA traineeships and UNICA database</i> by Marta WASOWSKA, UNICA Secretariat
16:30 – 16:45	Wrapping up and closing of the IRO meeting
16:45 - 17:30	Farewell drink & snacks