



Network of Universities
from the Capitals of Europe

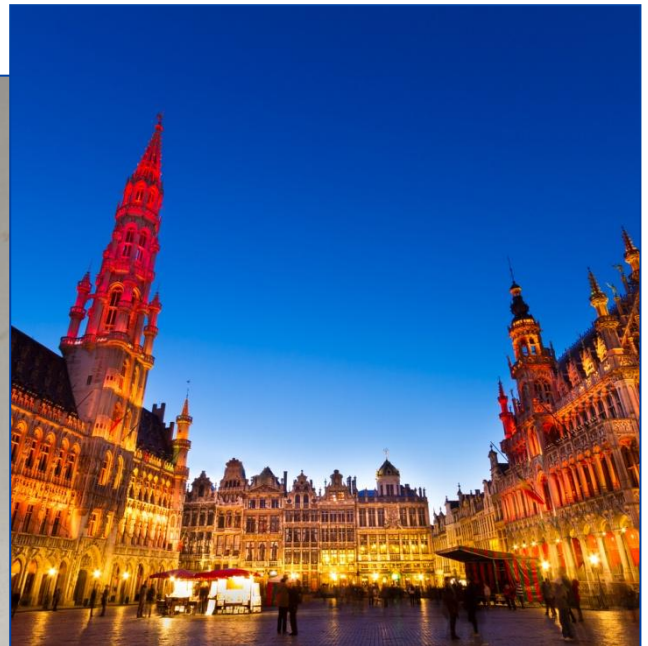
25 YEARS OF ADDING VALUE

UNICA 25TH ANNIVERSARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SEMINAR "THE ROLE & IMPACT OF UNIVERSITY
NETWORKS IN THE 21ST CENTURY"

Université Libre de Bruxelles and Vrije Universiteit Brussel

16 October 2015



Hosting Universities:



Thursday, 15 October 2015

19:00-21:30

INAUGURAL "UNICA 25TH ANNIVERSARY" SESSION AND RECEPTION

Venue: Gothic Room of the Brussels City Hall, Grand Place 1, 1000 Brussels

- Welcome speech by Yvan MAYEUR, Mayor of the City of Brussels
- Welcome speech by Stavros A. ZENIOS, UNICA President
- Screening of the short UNICA anniversary movie

Friday, 16 October 2015

Seminar "The role & impact of university networks in the 21st century"

Venue: Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Campus Etterbeek, Pleinlaan 2 - 1050 Brussels - Building Q, Auditorium QD

08:00-09:00

Registration (for those participants who attend the Seminar only)
Morning coffee & tea in the foyer of the Building Q

09:00-09:20

Welcome by Paul DE KNOP, Rector of Vrije Universiteit Brussel
Video address by Tibor NAVRACSICS, European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport

09:20-10:20

SESSION I: UNIVERSITIES OF THE CAPITALS: ROLE AND MISSION

Chair: Melita KOVAČEVIĆ, former Vice-Rector for Research and Technology, University of Zagreb, Member of the UNICA Steering Committee, Chair of the EUA-CDE Steering Committee

What do universities bring to capitals? • Can there be a capital without a university? • How do universities of the capitals add value to Europe: reflections on the past and look into the future.

Speakers

- Eric CORIJN, Professor in Social and Cultural Geography (Vrije Universiteit Brussel), Vice-Chair of the Brussels Studies Institute
- Stavros A. ZENIOS, President of the UNICA Network

10:20-11:20

SESSION II: PHILOSOPHICAL DIALOGUE ON NETWORKS

Chair: Antonio RENDAS, Rector, Universidade NOVA de Lisboa, Member of the UNICA Steering Committee

Fundamentals of networks • Networks in the pursuit of social change • Why does working in networks become so important in global society?

Speakers

- JOÃO CARAÇA, Director of the Science Department of the Gulbenkian Foundation, Professor in Science and Technology Policy at the Institute of Economics and Management of the ULisboa
- Sijboldt NOORDA, President of the Association for Academic Cooperation (ACA), President of the Magna Charta Observatory

11:20-11:45

Coffee break

11:45-13:00

SESSION III: NETWORK-TO-NETWORK COOPERATION

Chair: Serge JAUMAIN, Vice-Rector for International Relations and Communication Strategies, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Member of the UNICA Steering Committee

What is the interaction between networks? • How can networks cooperate together? • What are the advantages of network-to-network partnerships?

Panel speakers

- Lesley WILSON, Secretary General, European University Association (EUA)
- Sultan T. ABU-ORABI, Secretary General, Association of Arab Universities (AARU)
- Eva EGRON-POLAK, Secretary General, International Association of Universities (IAU)
- Dorothy KELLY, Chair of Board, Coimbra Group, Vice-Rector of University of Granada
- Markus LAITINEN, Vice-President and President-Elect, European Association for International Education (EAIE)
- Rossana DE SOUZA E SILVA, Executive Director, Coimbra Group of Brazilian Universities
- Safi SABUNI, President, Erasmus Student Network

13:00-14:30

Lunch at *U-Residence*

14:30-16:30

SESSION IV: NETWORKS OF UNIVERSITIES TAKING OVER THE ROLE OF INDIVIDUAL UNIVERSITIES

Chair: Jan CORNELIS, Vice-Rector for International Policy, Vrije Universiteit Brussel

Are university networks the instrument through which we prepare for new career paths, taking into account the extended life span, longer careers, faster job changes and the required flexibility, shorter economic cycles, the worldwide war for talent and the much needed global intercultural skills? • What are the characteristics of such privileged partnership networks? • How do universities

shape their strategies towards this kind of networks? • What are the priorities in the elaboration of these networks? • How to choose partners and privileged partners? • Which tools provide leverage for an evolution as sketched above?

Introduction to the session: *Privileged international partnerships and international joint research groups* by Jan CORNELIS, Vice-Rector for International Policy, Vrije Universiteit Brussel

Keynote speaker: Jean CHAMBAZ, President of Université Pierre et Marie Curie, Member of the EUA Board

Panel speakers:

- Jean CHAMBAZ, President of Université Pierre et Marie Curie, Member of the EUA Board
- Christian JOURQUIN, Chief Executive Officer of Solvay 2006-2012, President of Brussels University Alliance
- Brigitta SCHÜTT, Vice-President, Freie Universität Berlin
- Thijs VERBEURGT, Policy Advisor - International Relations, Ghent University
- Safi SABUNI, President of Erasmus Student Network

16:30-17:00

Closing session

- Jean-Pierre DE GREVE, Honorary Vice-Rector for International Policy, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, former Member of the UNICA Steering Committee
- Stavros A. ZENIOS, UNICA President

Saturday, 17 October 2015

10:00-12:00

Optional social programme : parallel activities

Each participant can select one activity in the online registration form

- At elier Chocolat: Guided tour of chocolate at elier, production demonstration and tasting

The tour starts at 10:00

Address: Choco-Story Brussels, Rue de la T ete d'Or 9-11, 1000 Brussels

- Guided tour of Magritte Museum

The tour starts at 11:15

Address: Rue de la R egence 3, 1000 Brussels