



GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2018 & RECTORS SEMINAR

"Universities
in Europe:
From a hundred
years back
to a hundred years
forward"

in the framework of centennial founding
anniversary of Comenius University in
Bratislava

15-16 November 2018



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Programme










PROGRAMME

Day 0 | Wednesday, 14 November 2018

14:00-17:30		UNICA Steering Committee meeting (UNICA SC members only) <i>Venue: Comenius University Main Building, Safarikovo namestie 6, Bratislava</i>
19:00-21:00		Get together meeting & welcome drink <i>Venue: Primates' Palace, Primaciálne nám. 494/2, 811 01 Bratislava-Staré Mesto</i>

Day 1 | Thursday, 15 November 2018

Venue: Comenius University Main Building, Safarikovo namestie 6, Bratislava





08:00-09:00		Registration of participants	
09:00-11:00		UNICA General Assembly part I <i>A separate agenda will be provided two weeks before the General Assembly</i>	
11:00-11:30		Coffee break	
11:30-13:00		UNICA General Assembly part II <i>A separate agenda will be provided two weeks before the General Assembly</i>	
12:50-13:00		Time for a group picture	
13:00-14:30		Lunch	
14:30-16:00		Parallel meetings	
		Rectors meeting	Contact Persons/IROs meeting
16:00-19:00		Optional social programme: Bratislava guided tour	Free time
19:00-21:00		Dinner <i>Venue: Moyzes Concert Hall, Vajanského nábrežie 12 (side entrance to the building of the Faculty of Arts)</i>	

RECTORS SEMINAR

Universities in Europe: From a hundred years back to a hundred years forward


Venue: Comenius University Main Building, Safarikovo namestie 6, Bratislava

08:00-08:30		Registration (for participants attending the Seminar only)
08:30-09:00		Welcome & introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome remarks by Prof. Karol MIČIETA, Rector of Comenius University in Bratislava• Welcome remarks by Prof. Luciano SASO, UNICA President• 100 years of Comenius University in Bratislava: Presentation of the 100th founding anniversary commemorative medal
09:00-09:30		Opening keynote speech <p><i>Global knowledge ecosystem and changing role of education</i>, by Vladimír ŠUCHA, Director-General of the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission</p>
09:30-10:45		Session I: Golden oldies? How the oldest historic Universities in Europe meet the needs of modern Higher Education <p>Session Chair: Prof. Jean-Robert TYRAN, Vice-Rector, University of Vienna</p> <p><i>The role of universities now and 100 years ago</i> ● <i>Will universities "survive" the next 100 years? Lessons from Europe's Higher Education "old stars"</i> ● <i>From world universities in the past through national universities and into international universities of the future: how the concept of university internationalisation has evolved over the years</i> ● <i>Old, but young at heart: How do ancient Universities ensure a contemporary outlook, while preserving their academic legacy and values?</i> ● <i>Ancient Universities and the changing landscape of Higher Education: Are oldest Higher Education Institutions the "old guard"?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Expanding University</i>, by Prof. László BORHY, Rector, Eötvös Loránd University Budapest ('20)• <i>Challenges for the future of Universities</i>, by Prof. Tomáš ZIMA, Rector of Charles University ('20)• <i>The University of Edinburgh: An 'Ancient' University in a Modern World</i>, by Prof. Drew SCOTT, Dean International (Europe), University of Edinburgh ('20)• Questions & Answers, discussion with the participation of the audience ('15)

10:45-11:15		Coffee break
11:15-12:30		<p>SESSION 2: Youngest Universities in Europe: Does European Higher Education need "new blood"?</p> <p>Session Chair: Prof. Daniela OSTATNIKOVA, Vice-Rector, Comenius University in Bratislava</p> <p><i>What are the advantages and challenges of youngest universities? ● It's a matter of prestige: How do young universities build their status, foster academic values and compensate for the lack of historic reputation and legacy? ● Can the "young achievers" become the Higher Education elite of tomorrow?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Freie Universitaet Berlin - The future from the very beginning</i>, by Prof. Verena BLECHINGER-TALCOTT, Vice President for International Affairs, Freie Universität Berlin ('20) • <i>Merging tradition and innovation: the HSE University case</i>, by Prof. Ivan PROSTAKOV, Vice-Rector for International Relations, Higher School of Economics Moscow ('20) • <i>Young Universities: Looking at the past, building the future</i>, by Prof. Giuseppe NOVELLI, Rector, University of Rome Tor Vergata ('20) • Questions & Answers, discussion with the participation of the audience ('15)
12:30-13:00		<p>SESSION 3: Scenarios for the future. Teaching, Learning & Research. University 4.0. - Part I</p> <p>Session Chair: Antonio RENDAS, former Rector, Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Member of the UNICA Steering Committee</p> <p><i>What will be the impact of digital revolution and technological advancements on campus life and university curricula? ● Are universities ready for the new forms of teaching, doing research and knowledge evaluation? ● Are we on the right track educating students outside the lecture rooms or will we turn back to traditional campuses? ● Will we have anyone to teach in 50 years?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Changes, constants and challenges in the evolving university</i>, by Prof. Andrew DEEKS, President, University College Dublin
		Lunch (including the time to change venue)

14:15-15:30		SESSION 3: Scenarios for the future. Teaching, Learning & Research. University 4.0. - Part II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Keeping calm in turbulent times: Challenges, opportunities and uncertainties of student education at Polish universities</i>, by Prof. Jolanta CHOIŃSKA-MIKA, Vice-Rector, University of Warsaw, Member of UNICA Steering Committee ('20) • <i>UniHow – Raising awareness of what quality is in learning and teaching</i>, by Prof. Hanna SNELLMAN, Vice-Rector, University of Helsinki ('20) • <i>What are the most relevant features of young universities for the 21st century?</i>, by Prof. João SÀÁGUA, Rector, Universidade Nova de Lisboa ('20) • Panel discussion with the participation of the audience ('15) 	
15:30-16:00		Closing and conclusions of the Seminar	
16:15-18:00		Meeting of the UNICA Steering Committee (<i>UNICA SC members only</i>)	Free time for Participants

Day 3 | Saturday, 17 November 2018

Exact time TBC		Optional social programme: Full-day trip to Red Rock Castle (Hrad Červený Kameň)
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