



The 20th anniversary conference of the European Access Network (EAN)
VU University Amsterdam, The Netherlands
20th – 22nd June 2011

*“Student Diversity in Higher Education: Conflicting Realities”
(Tensions affecting policy and action to widen access and participation)*

Programme

Monday 20th June 2011

10:30-12:30 **Pre-conference International Student Forum**
[By invitation only]

Dr Maureen Hoyler, Executive Vice-President, Council for Opportunity in Education, Washington DC, USA, will lead a global student dialogue to discuss future student cooperation to widen access and participation in higher education for disadvantaged and under-represented groups worldwide.

12:00 Newcomers Registration and Welcome

12:30 General Registration Starts (A light sandwich lunch will be provided)

13:15-14:15 Annual General Meeting of the EAN

14:15-14:30 **Short break**

14:30-16:30 **Opening: Widening Access Past, Present and Future**

Welcome:

Mary Tupan-Wenno, President of EAN & Director, ECHO, The Netherlands

Marijk van der Wende, Dean of Amsterdam University College, presenting on behalf of VU University, The Netherlands

Speakers:

“Widening Access: More than a National Agenda”

Andy Masheter, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Roehampton University, UK

“Widening Access: Instruments and Values”

Sjur Bergan, Head of Dept of Higher Education, the Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France

16:30-16:45 **Short break**

16:55-17:55 **Parallel Paper Sessions 1**

18:05-18:55 **The 10th Maggie Woodrow Memorial Lecture:**

“Eyes on the Prize: Efforts to Achieve Greater Diversity, Equity and Excellence in U.S. Higher Education”

Dr Brenda Dann-Messier, Assistant Secretary, Vocational and Further Education, US Department of Education, Washington DC, USA

19:00-20:30 **Evening Reception hosted by VU University Amsterdam**

Welcome: **Andrée van Es**, Alderman of the City of Amsterdam

Tuesday 21st June 2011

- 09:00-10:35 **Plenary 1: Systems and Approaches to Diversity**
Chair: **Dr Maurits van Rooijen**, Rector, Nyenrode Business Universiteit, The Netherlands
- “Diversity is the New Mainstream. Pathways to Success for Children of Immigrants in Europe”*
Dr Maurice Cruil, AISSR, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- “When the Same Treatment is Not Enough – Equal Access for Women and People with Disabilities”*
Dr Christine Littleton, University of California Los Angeles, USA
- 10:35-10:50 **Short break**
- 10:50-11:40 **Plenary 2: Diversity, Social and Economic Progress**
Chair: **Dr Blazenka Divjak**, Vice-Rector, University of Zagreb, Croatia
- “The Race for Untapped Talent: the Benefits of Diversity”*
Dr Dirk van Damme, Head of Centre for Educational Research & Innovation, OECD, Paris, France
- 11:50-12:50 **Parallel Paper Sessions 2**
- 13:00-14:20 **Lunch**
- 14:30-15:50 **Parallel Paper Sessions 3**
- 15:55-16:10 **Short break**
- 16:15-17:15 **Parallel Paper Sessions 4**
- 20:00 **Anniversary Conference Dinner**
“Now More than Ever: Higher Education Access in the Global Age”
Dinner Speaker: **Jamie Merisotis**, President and CEO, Lumina Foundation for Education, USA

Wednesday 22nd June 2011

- 09:10-10:10 **Plenary 3: Challenging the Myths**
Chair: **Dr José Manuel Martínez Sierra**, Director General, Fundación Universidad, Spain
- “Striving for Excellence in Diversity”*
Dr Kerry Ferguson, Pro Vice-Chancellor, La Trobe University, Australia
- 10:15-10:30 **Short break**
- 10:30-11:50 **Parallel Paper Sessions 5**
- 11:55-13:15 **Parallel Paper Sessions 6**
- 13:15-14:30 **Lunch**

- 14:30-15:20 **Plenary 4: Social Cohesion & Inclusion**
Chair: **Dr Michael Cooper**, Executive Director, EAN
- “A Framework for a Roma Integration”***
Dr László I. Komlósi, Senior Vice-Rector, and **Dr Ákos G. Komlósi**, Roma Expert, University of Pécs, Hungary
- 15:20-15:30 **Short break**
- 15:30-16:30 **Final Plenary: Looking to the Future: Sharing the Vision**
Moderator: **Dr Andrée Sursock**, Senior Advisor, European University Association, Belgium
- Panel Speakers:*
Dr Michael Nettles, Senior Vice-President, Educational Testing Service, USA
A student speaker to be confirmed
- Respondents:*
Dr László Komlósi, Senior Vice-Rector, University of Pécs, Hungary
Sonja Barendregt-Roojers, Audit Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers, The Netherlands
- 16:30-16:45 **Closing and Summing Up**
Dr Michael Cooper, Executive Director, EAN