

The European Archipelago of Humanistic Thematic Networks
Fourth Plenary Conference

"In Praise of Diversity: Structuring Intercultural Dialogue"
Brussels, 4-5 July 2008

PRE-FINAL PROGRAMME (20 June 2008)

3 July 2008

Arrival

4 July 2008

**Venue: Flemish Academy of Sciences, Palais des Académies, rue Ducale
Brussels**

9:00: Registration

9:30: Opening Session

Welcome by the Flemish Academy

Greetings of the European Commission

Peter van der Hijden, DG Education and Culture

Pascal Dissard, DG Research

Ettore Deodato, Jean Monnet

Greetings from EURASHE

Stefan Delplace, Secretary General

Announcements by the organisers

Plenary Session: "Preparing for Intercultural Dialogue in Higher Education"

10:00 "A competence-based approach to Intercultural Dialogue"

Robert Wagenaar, University of Groningen, Joint Coordinator of the "Tuning Project"

10:40 Coffee Break

11:00 "Culture-Related Psychological Aspects of Intercultural Dialogue in Higher Education"

Dr. Christel Kumbruck, Institut für Arbeitswissenschaft, University of Kassel

11:30 "Beyond Dialogue: Disability, Dignity, Diversity"

Prof. Dr. Philomena Essed, Antioch University

12:00 "Human geographic competences for intercultural dialogue in Europe".

Prof. Dr Hartwig Haubrich, University of Freiburg

12:30 Panel Discussion: moderator, Maria Sticchi Damiani, BFUG member, National Bologna Promoter, Italy

13:00 Lunch

14:15 Meeting resumes: "I see you: The Language of the Arts and Intercultural Dialogue", film produced by students (project by Inter}artes-ELIA [European League of Institutes of the Arts], NEF [Network of European Foundations], Berlin University of the Arts). Introduction and projection.

14:55 "Organisation and objectives of the Archipelago Conference and Working Groups"
Ann Katherine Isaacs (CLIOHnet2, Archipelago Coordinator) and the Archipelago "Small Group" (Victoria Thoresen [CCN]; Anne Marie van den Dries, Alistair Ross [CiCe2], Constantin Spiridonidis [ENHSA], Hanneke van Bruggen [ENOTHE]; Fernando Galindo [LEFIS])

15:15 Break-up into Work groups

Work Group 1: The responsibilities of the Humanistic Archipelago in creating and promoting intercultural dialogue for a "Thinking Europe"

Work Group 2: Strategies for ensuring more equal access to higher education in a Europe of diversities

Work Group 3: Competences for communication and collaboration in a Europe of diversities -- of language, religion, ethnic background, gender, physical and mental abilities.

Work Group 4: Bridging the gap: the essential humanistic competences for citizens trained in science and technology

Work Group 5: Bridging the gap: the essential scientific and technological competences for citizens trained in humanistic, social and creative disciplines.

16:30-17:00 Coffee Break

17:00-18:00 Working Groups resume

20:00 Dinner (restaurant to be communicated: Working Groups will dine together)

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9:30: Meeting resumes: Work Groups continue

11:00: Coffee Break

11:30: Groups prepare reports; comments on Archipelago business

13:00: Lunch

14:30 Plenary Session:

Work Group Reports

Group 1

Group 2

Group 3

Group 4

Group 5

Concluding Round Table:

- Speakers: Robert Wagenaar, Christel Kumbruck, Philomena Essed, Hartwig Haubrich;
- Representatives of the European Commission: Ettore Deodato (DG Education and Culture); Pascal Dissard (DG Research);
- Prof. Dr. Richard Whewell, Department of Chemistry, University of Strathclyde, Representative of TECHNO TN

15:45 Coffee break

16:15 Organisational and Business matters: the future of the Archipelago, new proposals, timeframe for Conference follow-up

17:00: Meeting closes