

## **European Higher Education Study Tour for Australian & New Zealand Senior Executives**

**Sunday, 7 – Saturday, 13 February 2010**

Brussels (Belgium), Valencia (Spain), Glasgow (United Kingdom) & Paris (France)

### **Preliminary Programme**

This one-week programme will have European policies and their implementation at the institutional level at its core. During the week, sessions will focus on:

- Key issues in education (the implications of the Bologna Process, joint degree programmes, quality standards, as well as equity and access),
- Research and innovation (knowledge transfer, responsiveness to industry and society),
- Trends in European higher education, and how they impact on higher education institutions

Particular aspects of university governance and institutional management (strategic profiling, financial sustainability and reaching out to society) will be addressed throughout the programme with a broad range of examples from universities around Europe.

Each theme will be introduced by the speaker (30-40 minutes presentation maximum), followed by a discussion with participants to allow maximum interaction.

### **BRUSSELS**

#### **Sunday, 7 February 2010, Brussels (17:00 – 18:00)**

17:00-17:15 Welcome and Introduction to the Study Tour, Mrs. Lieve Bracke, ESMU Senior Expert

17:15-18:00 **A European university policy?**, Prof. Frans van Vught, ESMU President, advisor to President of the European Commission José Manuel Barroso and former Rector of the University of Twente

18:00 *Welcome reception & dinner*

**Monday, 8 February 2010, Brussels (9:30 – 16:30)**

**Chair:** Prof. Frans van Vught, ESMU President, advisor to President of the European Commission José Manuel Barroso and former Rector of the University of Twente

09:30-10:30 **The European Higher Education Area in a global context**, Sir Peter Scott, Vice-Chancellor, Kingston University London

10:30-11:00 *Coffee break*

11:00-12:00 **The European Higher Education and Research Areas: Vision and perspectives to enhance Europe's competitiveness on the international scene**, Mr. Peter van der Hijden, Unit "Universities and Researchers", DG Research, European Commission

12:00-13:00 **The Lisbon Agenda**, Mr. Robert-Jan Smits, Director, Directorate B "European Research Area", DG Research, European Commission

13:00-14:30 *Lunch*

14:30-15:30 **General impacts of European policies on national systems and institutions**, Prof. Peter Gaehtgens, former President of Free University of Berlin and former president of the German Rectors' Conference

15:30-16:30 **Transparency of diversity: Classification and ranking and the use of performance indicators**, Prof. Frans van Vught

*Guided tour Brussels & dinner*

**Tuesday, 9 February 2010, Brussels (10:00 – 13:00)**

**Chair:** Prof. Frans van Vught, ESMU President, advisor to President of the European Commission José Manuel Barroso and former Rector of the University of Twente

**Institutional examples and responses**

10:00-10:45 **The Norwegian University of Science and Technology Trondheim**, Prof. Torbjørn Digernes, Rector

10:45-11:30 **University of Strathclyde, Glasgow (United Kingdom)**, Dr. Peter West, Secretary to the University, former President OECD-IMHE program (Institutional Management in Higher Education) and Executive Board member, European Consortium of Innovative Universities

11:30-12:00 *Coffee break*

12:00-13:00 **General discussion**

13:00-14:00 *Lunch*

*Transfer to Valencia*

## **VALENCIA**

<b>Wednesday, 10 February 2010, Valencia (9:30 – 16:30)</b>
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**Chair:** Prof. José Gines Mora, Visiting Professor, Institute of Education, University of London and former Director of the Centre for the Study of Higher Education Management, Universidad Politécnica de Valencia

09:30-09:45 **Welcome & Introduction: Strategic developments of the Universidad Politécnica de Valencia in the European context**

09:45-10:45 **The AHELO project, Assessment of Higher Education Learning Outcomes**, Prof. Dirk van Damme, Director, OECD-CERI, Centre for Educational Research and Innovation

10:45-11:15 *Coffee break*

11:15-12:15 **Ensuring quality in the Bologna Process: Principles and tools for quality assurance**, Prof. Dirk van Damme

### **Institutional examples and responses**

12:15-13:15 **University of Aveiro (Portugal)**, Prof. Maria Helena Nazarré, Rector

13:15-14:30 *Lunch*

14:30-15:30 **Central European University, Budapest (Hungary)**, Dr. Liviu Matei, Senior Vice-President

15:30-16:30 **Learning Outcomes - The European Credit Transfer System (ECTS)**, Mr. Robert Wagenaar, Co-ordinator, EU project "Tuning Educational Structures in Europe"

*Guided tour Valencia & dinner*

<b>Thursday, 11 February 2010, Valencia (9:30 – 13:00)</b>
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**Chair:** Prof. José Gines Mora, Visiting Professor, Institute of Education, University of London and former Director of the Centre for the Study of Higher Education Management, Universidad Politécnica de Valencia

09:30-10:30 **Responding to the needs of the labour market – The Lifelong Learning Agenda and the European Qualifications Framework (EQF)**, Prof. José Gines Mora

**Institutional examples and responses**

10:30-11:30 **University of Aveiro (Portugal)**, Prof. Maria Helena Nazarré, Rector

11:30-12:00 *Coffee break*

12:00-13:00 **Central European University, Budapest (Hungary)**, Dr. Liviu Matei,  
Senior Vice-President

13:00-14:00 *Lunch*

*Transfer to Glasgow*

**GLASGOW**

**Friday, 12 February 2010, Glasgow (9:00 – 17:30)**

**Chair:** Dr. Peter West, Secretary to the University of Strathclyde, former President OECD-IMHE programme (Institutional Management in Higher Education) and Executive Board member, European Consortium of Innovative Universities

09:00-09:15 **Welcome & Introduction: Strategic developments of the University of Strathclyde in the European context**, Dr. Peter West

09:15-10:15 **Equity and access: Increasing participation**, Prof. Pamela Gillies,  
Principal and Vice-Chancellor, Glasgow Caledonian University

10:15-10:45 *Coffee break*

10:45-11:45 **The challenges of the European Research Agenda for European universities**, Lord Stewart Sutherland, House of Lords, UK Parliament;  
former Vice-Chancellor, University of Edinburgh; former Vice-Chancellor,  
University of London

11:45-12:45 **Innovation and Knowledge Exchange: Interacting with the region**,  
Prof. John Goddard, Emeritus Professor of Regional Development Studies  
and former Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Newcastle University, former leader  
of OECD-IMHE (Institutional Management in Higher Education) project  
"Supporting the contribution of HEIs to regional development"

12:45-14:00 *Lunch*

14:00-15:00 **Innovation and Knowledge Exchange: Generating external funding**,  
Prof. Mike Shattock, Visiting Professor, Institute of Education, University of  
London, former Registrar of Warwick University

**Institutional examples and responses**

15:00-16:00 **University of Strathclyde, Glasgow (United Kingdom)**

16:00-16:30 *Coffee break*

16:30-17:30 **The Norwegian University of Science and Technology Trondheim,**  
Prof. Kari Melby, Pro-Rector Research

*Guided tour University of Strathclyde*

*Civic reception & closing dinner*

<b>Saturday, 13 February 2010, Glasgow (9:30 – 11:00)</b>
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**Chair:** Prof. Frans van Vught, ESMU President, advisor to President of the European Commission José Manuel Barroso and former Rector of the University of Twente

09:30-11:00 **Closing session:** The attractiveness of European Higher Education & Lessons learnt: Comparing Australian and European experiences, Prof. Frans van Vught

*Guided tour Edinburgh & evening flight to Paris*