Programme

CONTEMPORARY THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES
Academic Freedom and Institutional Autonomy within the Context of Accreditation, Quality Assurance and Rankings

Thursday 15th September 2011
Aula di Santa Lucia, Via Castiglione 36

09.00 – 09.40
Welcome remarks
Ivano Dionigi, Rector of the University of Bologna, Italy

Highlights of the Observatory Activities
Üstün Ergüder, President of the Magna Charta Observatory Council
Öktem Vardar, Secretary General of the Magna Charta Observatory

Keynote Speech
Hans Van Ginkel, Honorary Professor, Utrecht University, Netherlands

09.40 – 10.45
1st Session: Introduction
Robert Berdahl, Professor Emeritus, University of Maryland, USA

Interventions from the Audience
Moderated by: Andrei Marga, Magna Charta Observatory Council

10.45 – 11.15 Coffee break

11.15 – 12.45
2nd Session: Quality Assurance and Rankings
Quality Assurance – Friend or Foe?
Peter Williams, former President, ENQA and former Chief Executive, QAA, UK
Panel: Ranking and classification of universities: possible implications for institutional autonomy

Ellen Hazelkorn, Vice-President, Dublin Institute of Technology, Ireland
Gero Federkeil, Vice-President IREG – Observatory on Academic Rankings and Excellence - Centre for Higher Education Development, Germany
Fiorella Kostoris, Governing Council, Italian Quality Assurance Agency – ANVUR
Allan Päll, Chairperson, European Students’ Union, Brussels
Moderated by: André Oosterlinck, Magna Charta Observatory Council

12.45 – 13.00
Interventions from the Audience

13.00 – 14.30  Lunch

14.30 – 15.30
3rd Session: Quality Assurance versus Academic Freedom
Introduction: Does Quality Assurance violate Academic Freedom? A Case Study

Jens Jungblut, Magna Charta Observatory Council

Panel: Does Quality Assurance Threaten Institutional Autonomy and Academic Freedom?

Colin Tück, Director, European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education – EQAR, Brussels, Belgium
Lewis Purser, Director of Academic Affairs, Irish Universities Association, Dublin, Ireland
Judith Eaton, President, Council for Higher Education Accreditation, USA
Lee Harvey, Professor Emeritus Copenhagen Business School, Denmark
Moderated by: Jens Jungblut, Magna Charta Observatory Council

15.30 – 16.00
Interventions from the Audience

16.00 – 16.30  Coffee break
16.30 – 17.45

4th Session: New Circumstances Under Which Higher Education Institutions Operate
Martina Vukasovic, Magna Charta Observatory Council
Amr Ezzat Salama, Former Minister on Scientific Research, Science and Technology

Interventions from the Audience
Moderated by: Aleksa Bjeliš, Vice-President of the Magna Charta Observatory

20.00 Gala dinner (at Palazzo Fava)

Friday 16th September 2011
Aula Magna Santa Lucia, Via Castiglione 36

10.30 Ceremony of the Signature of the Magna Charta Universitatum

10.30 – 10.45 Welcome address
Ivano Dionigi, Rector of the University of Bologna

10.45 – 11.15
Romano Prodi, Economist; formerly president of the European Commission and Italian President of the Council of Ministers

11.15 – 12.00 Signature of the Magna Charta Universitatum

12.00 – 12.15 Concluding remarks
Üstün Ergüder, President of the Magna Charta Observatory Council

12.15 – 14.00 Closing buffet lunch

15.00 – 17.00 Cultural Event – Genus Bononiae museums tour

The Conference will be held in English

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