UNIVERSITIES, STUDENTS AND SOCIETIES
Connecting Academic Freedom and Creative Cities

Programme

Thursday 19 September 2013
Aula Absidale Santa Lucia, Via de’ Chiari 25a
15.00 – 18.00

Welcome remarks
Ivano Dionigi, Rector, Alma Mater Studiorum - Università di Bologna, Italy
Marco Mancini, Chief of University and Research Department – Italian Ministry of
Education, Universities and Research and Past President of the Conference of Italian
University Rectors

Opening Remarks
Üstün Ergüder, President, Magna Charta Observatory Council
Greeting of the New Elected President
Elected President, Magna Charta Observatory Council

Highlights of the Observatory Activities
Allan Päll, Acting Secretary General, Magna Charta Observatory

1st Session
Keynote Speeches
Maria-Helena Nazaré, President, European University Association, Portugal
Mohamed Fathy Saoud, President, Qatar Foundation, Qatar
Chair: Stefano Paleari, Board Member, European University Association, Italy

2nd Session
Plenary Discussion: creativity, learning and academic freedom
Hossam Badrawi, Chairman, Nile Badrawi Foundation for Development & Education,
Egypt
Fernando Galan, Vice-Chairperson, European Students’ Union, Belgium
Emilie Wilberg, Norwegian Students’ and Academics’ International Assistance Fund
Moderated by: Eva Egron-Polak, Magna Charta Observatory Council Member and
Secretary General of International Association of Universities – AIU, France
**Friday 20 September 2013**  
*Aula Absidale Santa Lucia, Via de’ Chiari 25a*  
09.00 – 12.30

**3rd Session**  
*Challenges to the modern higher education: marketisation and creative new skills*

- Amin Mahmoud, Minister of Higher Education, Jordan  
- Agneta Bladh, Magna Charta Observatory Council Member and EU high level group on Modernisation of Higher Education, Sweden  
- Sultan Abu Orabi, Secretary General, Association of Arab Universities, Jordan  
- Jaume Pages, CEO, Universia, Spain  
- Moderated by: Mohamed Loutfi, Magna Charta Observatory Council Member and Pro Vice-Chancellor, Cardiff Metropolitan University, UK

**4th Session**  
*Plenary Discussion*  
*Universities and cities: fostering creative learning environments*

- Dorothy Kelly, Vice-Rector of University of Granada, Spain; President of Coimbra Group  
- Antoinette Charon Wauters, Director of International Relations, University of Lausanne, Switzerland  
- Masayuki Sasaki, Director Urban Research Plaza, Professor Osaka City University and, UNESCO Creative Cities representative, Japan  
- Moderated by: Luciano Saso, Steering Committee Member of the Network of the Universities from the Capitals of Europe, UNICA, Rome, Italy

**Interventions from the Audience and Closure**

*12.30 – 14.00    Lunch*

The Conference will be held in English
Friday 20 September 2013
Aula Magna Santa Lucia, Via Castiglione 36
18.30 – 20.00

Ceremony of the Signature of the Magna Charta Universitatum

Welcome address
Ivano Dionigi, Rector of the University of Bologna

Why the Universities?
Umberto Eco

Signature of the Magna Charta Universitatum

Presidency Handing Over
Üstün Ergüder, President of the Magna Charta Observatory Council
President Elected of the Magna Charta Observatory Council

Words of thanks by a signatory

Award of the prize to the winner student (lodging for its stay in Bologna at the Collegio Superiore for the best audio-visual product about the principles of the Magna Charta Universitatum) and show of his/her video
Prize Awarder: Luca Ciotti, Director of the Collegio Superiore

Closing Remarks
Fabio Roversi-Monaco, Honorary President Magna Charta Observatory

Palazzo Pepoli, Via Castiglione 8
20.00
Gala Dinner

Additional events

Friday 20 September 2013
22.30  Cineteca di Bologna, Via Riva di Reno 72
Cineteca di Bologna Film Archive

Saturday 21 September 2013
10.00 – 12.00  Palazzo Pepoli, Via Castiglione 8
Cultural Event – Genus Bononiae museums tour