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SISSA – International School for Advanced Studies – Trieste
Friday 8th to 9th October 2010

Relations Between the State and Institution

Agenda

Most of the Universities in Europe are State Universities and/ or depend heavily on state finance. The State is asking an increasing role in the various aspects of University life. The European Higher Education Area requires a balance between the over controlling state and the university autonomy to meet stakeholders expectations.

The seminar will examine this ever changing relationship between the state and the university and more specifically the drivers of this change, the new trends on the legal status of the Universities and the various European models.

We will examine the state and EUA perspective, the academic freedom versus state control and the administrative and finance freedom without abandoning of the university. Low financing together with strict financial control and over regulation and minute administrative control imposed by government will be examined and we will exchange views in issues like freedom of universities to share their strategies in order to choose their priorities in teaching and research, to set criteria and select students and professors, to establish private companies, to allocate their resources.

The seminar will include group discussions in which participants will share the new trends in their country, on state-university relation, regarding the legal aspect, the finance, the freedom to select students and professors, the freedom to generate income, to research etc.

Friday 8th October, 2010

Chairman – Andreas Christofides

12:30 - 14:00 *Registration and lunch will take place at **SISSA**, via Bonomea, 265 34136 Trieste.*

Accompanying people are invited to join the group for lunch. The afternoon 'City of Coffee' tour will depart from SISSA after lunch.

14:00 - 14.15 **Opening of the Seminar and welcome by Prof. Stefano Fantoni, Director of SISSA**

Session 1

14:15 - 15:00 **Ministries and Autonomous Universities: A new definition of the roles and the relations**
Elisabeth Freismuth, Director General, Federal Ministry of Science and Research (AT)

15:00 - 15:30 Discussion on Session 1

15:30 – 16:00 *Coffee Break*

Session 2

16:00 – 16:30 **Liberté, responsabilité, efficacité - A new French revolution for higher education?**
Marylene Meston de Ren, Administrator, Collège de France (FR)

16:30 – 16:45 Discussion on Session 2

Session 3

16:45 – 17:30 **State-Financed Universities Struggling for Autonomy in Finland**
Esa Hämäläinen, Director of Administration, Theatre Academy (FI)

17:30 – 17:45 Discussion on Session 3

17:45 – 18:00 Summary of the first day

20.00 **Dinner**

The Humane Dinner will take place at Star Hotel Savoya, Riva del Mandracchio, 4.

Saturday 9th October, 2010

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Session 4 – Administrative Autonomy Without Abandoning the University

09:00 – 09:45 **Relations Between the State and Institution: The case of Cyprus**
Andreas Mallouppas, Director of Administration and Finance, Cyprus University of Technology (CY)

09:45 – 10:15 Discussion on Session 4

10:15 – 10:45 *Coffee Break*

Session 5 – Academic Autonomy and the State

10:45 – 11:15 **Relations between the State and universities in Belgium (Flanders)**
Jim Van Leemput, General Director of Administration, Vrije Universiteit Brussel-VUB (BE)

11:15 – 12:00 **When the Pyramids Crumble**
John Fürstenbach, Head of Administration, Royal University College of Music in Stockholm (SE)

12:00 – 12:15 Discussion on Session 5

12:15 – 13:00 Break into two groups to discuss issues raised during the Seminar

13:00 – 13:30 Plenary Session and closure of the Seminar.

13:30 **Lunch**
Accompanying people are invited to join the group for lunch.

17:00 **Social Programme and Dinner**

After the lunch you will be free until about 5 pm, when we will meet in Piazza Unità for a guided tour through Trieste, visiting the historical city center and ending at San Giusto Castel, where the dinner will take place.
(http://www.turismofvg.it/en-US/art_culture/castles/san_giusto_castle.html)
Please wear comfortable shoes – no high heels!