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**UNESCO Forum on Higher Education
in the Europe Region:
*Access, Values, Quality and Competitiveness***

[a regional meeting convened in the context of the 2009 World Conference on Higher Education]

organized by

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Represented by **the Ministry of Education, Research and Innovation**
and

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in collaboration with

the Council of Europe, the European Commission, OECD,
the European University Association (EUA), the European Students' Union (ESU), and
Education International (EI)

**Palace of the Parliament, Bucharest, Romania
21 – 24 May 2009**

PROGRAMME

Thursday, 21 May 2009

- *Arrival of participants*

Friday, 22 May 2009

07:45-08:15 transfers by bus from Hotel Marriott to the Palace of Parliament

08:00-09:00 **Registration**

09:00-10:30 **Inaugural Session**
Place: Grand Hall "C.A. Rossetti"

Moderator: **Ecaterina Andronescu**, Minister of Education, Research and Innovation, Romania

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Speakers:

- **H.E. Emil Boc**, Prime Minister of the Romanian Government [tbc]
- **Cristian Diaconescu**, Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Romania
- Message from **Ján Figel'**, Commissioner for Education, Training, Culture and Youth, European Commission [video]
- **Qian Tang**, Deputy Assistant Director-General for Education/Representative of the Director-General of UNESCO
- **Georges Haddad**, Director, Division of Higher Education, UNESCO
- **Marlies Leegwater**, Representative of the Bologna Follow-Up Group

➤ **Inaugural Keynote Address:**
Higher Education for a Democratic Society in the XXI Century

Speaker: **Emil Constantinescu**, President of Romania (1996-2000), Rector of the University of Bucharest (1992-1996)

10:30-11:00 *Coffee Break*

11:00-13:00 **First Plenary Debate: Ten Years Back and Ten Years Forward**
Place: Grand Hall "C.A. Rossetti"

Moderator: **Vladimir M. Filippov**, Chairperson of 2009 UNESCO World Conference Committee; Rector, the Peoples' Friendship University of Russia, Russian Federation

Speaker: **Alex Usher**, Vice-President, Educational Policy Institute, Canada:
Forum's Report - Ten Years Back and Ten Years Forward: Developments and Trends in Higher Education in Europe and North America

Invited Respondents:

- **Molly Corbett Broad**, President, American Council on Education (ACE), USA
- **Ligia Deca**, Chairperson, the European Students' Union (ESU)
- **Monique Foulhoux**, Deputy General Secretary, Education International (EI)
- **Lesley Wilson**, Secretary General, European University Association (EUA)
- **Remus Pricopie**, Adviser to the Minister, Ministry of Education, Research and Innovation; Former State Secretary for Higher Education; Co-Chair of the Programme Committee of the UNESCO Forum, Romania

13:00-14:30 *Lunch – Reception Hall*

14:30-16:00 **Parallel Thematic and Transversal Sessions**

1. Access [Facilitator - OECD]

Place: Grand Hall "C.A. Rossetti"

Chair: **Paulo Santiago**, Directorate for Education, OECD

Speaker: **Peter Scott**, Vice-Chancellor, Kingston University, United Kingdom

Invited Respondents:

- **Norman Riddell**, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Scholarship Foundation, Canada
- **Alma Jonsen**, Member of the Executive Committee, the European Students' Union (ESU)
- **Marijke Seresia**, President, the Flemish Higher Education Council (VLHORA), Belgium, and **Norberto Tonini**, President, the European Council for Student Affairs (ECStA)

2. Values [Facilitator – Magna Charta Universitatum Observatory]

Place: Sala Nicolae Iorga [Room "Nicolae Iorga"]

Chair: **Michael Daxner**, President, Magna Charta Universitatum Observatory, Italy

Speaker: **Andrei Marga**, Rector, Babeş-Bolyai University, and Member of the Collegium of Magna Charta Universitatum Observatory, Romania

Invited Respondents:

- **C. Peter Magrath**, Interim President, West Virginia University, USA
- **Dominique Lassarre**, Vice-president for Research, University of Nîmes, France, and Vice-Chair of the Education International Europe Standing Committee on Higher Education and Research
- **Judith Marie Povilus**, Vice President of "Sophia University Institute" at Loppiano/Florence, Italy

3. Quality [Facilitator - Council of Europe]

Place: Sala "Drepturile Omului" [Room of "the Human Rights"]

Chair: **Sjur Bergan**, Head, Department of Higher Education, Council of Europe

Speaker: **Jürgen Kohler**, Professor, University of Greifswald, Germany

Invited Respondents:

- **Tapio Markkanen**, Chairperson, Finnish National Commission for UNESCO, Finland
- **Tibor Szanto**, Vice-President, European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA)
- **Ivan Rozman**, Rector, and **Marko Marhl**, Vice-Rector for International Affairs, University of Maribor, Slovenia

4. Competitiveness [Facilitator – European Commission]

Place: Sala "Nicolae Bălcescu" [Room "Nicolae Bălcescu"]

Chair: **Peter van der Hijden**, Principal Administrator, European Commission [DG Research], Brussels

Speaker: **Georg Winckler**, Rector, University of Vienna, Austria

Invited Respondents:

- **Anton Anton**, Former Minister of Education, Research and Youth, Romania
- **Andrzej Koźmiński**, Rector, Koźmiński University, Poland

- **Krista Varantola**, Rector, University of Tampere, and the Chairperson of the Finnish Council of University Rectors, Finland
- **Toula Onoufriou**, School of Engineering and Technology, Cyprus University of Technology, Cyprus
- **Joseph Shevel**, President, Galilee College, Israel

5. Transversal Session on “Challenges for Internationalization of Higher Education in the European Region in a Globalizing World”

[Facilitator – DAAD - The German Academic Exchange Service]

Place: Sala “President” [Room “President”]

Chair: **Christian Bode**, Secretary General, DAAD-The German Academic Exchange Service

Speakers: [presenting regional and national perspectives as well as those of international organization]

- **Zhou Nan-zhao**, President, UNESCO Asia-Pacific Network for International Education and Values Education (APNIEVE), China
- **Sibry JM. Tapsoba**, Director, African Development Institute, African Development Bank/African Development Fund
- **Ana Lúcia Gazzola**, Executive Director, Inhotim Institute, Brazil
- **Abdallah Bibtana**, former Director of UNESCO Office in the Gulf States, Libya
- **Radu Mircea Damian**, President, Steering Committee for Higher Education and Research (CDESR), the Council of Europe

16:00-16:30 *Coffee Break*

16:30-18:00 **Parallel Thematic Sessions** (continuation)

18:00 -18:15 *Opening remarks from:* **Ionel Haiduc**, President, Romanian Academy, and **Ioan Dumitrache**, President, National University Research Council (CNCSIS), Romania
Place: Great Hall “C.A. Rossetti”

18:15- 18:45 Inauguration and visit of the Exhibition “*Potential and Excellence – Leading Universities and Research Institutions in Romania*” organized by the National University Research Council (CNCSIS) and the National Council of Rectors (CNR)

18:45-19:15 *transfers by bus from the Palace of Parliament to Hotel Marriott*

19:30 – 21:30 **Reception offered by the Prime Minister of the Romanian Government**
Place: Hotel Marriott

Saturday, 23 May 2009

09:00-09:30 *transfers by bus from Hotel Marriott to the Palace of Parliament*

10:00-12:00 **Second Plenary Debate: *Main Challenges for Higher Education - Views from Ministers***
Place: Great Hall “C.A. Rossetti”

Moderator: **Johannes Hahn**, Austrian Federal Minister of Science and Research

Members of the Panel:

- **Sreten Škuletić**, Minister of Education and Science, Republic of Montenegro
- **Witold Jurek**, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Science and Higher Education, Poland
- **Andreas Demetriou**, Minister of Education and Culture, Cyprus
- **Vlastimil Ruzicka**, Vice Minister for Research and Higher Education of the Czech Republic/Presidency of the Council of the European Union

12:00-13:30 *Lunch – Reception Hall*

13:30-15:30 **Final Plenary Session - Main findings from the Five Parallel Sessions**

Moderator: **Jan Sadlak**, Director of UNESCO-CEPES

➤ **Closing Keynote Address:**
Higher Education in Europe and North America - A Pace Setter for Others?

Speaker: **HRH Prince El Hassan bin Talal**, Chairman of the Arab Thought Forum,
The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

Introduced by: **Mugur Isărescu**, Governor, National Bank of Romania;
Member of the Romanian Academy of Sciences

Main findings from the Five Parallel Sessions

presented by the Chairs of respective session from: OECD, the Magna Charta Observatory, the Council of Europe, the European Commission, and DAAD-The German Academic Exchange Service

**Bucharest Message to the 2009 World Conference on Higher Education
– Experiences and Recommendations from the Europe Region**

- presentation of the draft version by **Klaus Hübner**, Chairperson of the Advisory Board of UNESCO-CEPES, Co-Chair of the Programme Committee of the UNESCO Forum;
- general discussion and adoption by acclamation by the participants of the Forum

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15:30-16:30 **Guided tour of the Palace of Parliament**

16:45-17:00 transfers by bus from the Palace of Parliament to Hotel Marriott

18:30 transfers by bus from Hotel Marriott to Ateneul Român [Romanian Athenaeum]

19:00 **Gala Concert provided by the National University of Music Bucharest followed by Gala Dinner**
Place: Ateneul Român [Romanian Athenaeum]

22:00 transfers by bus to Hotel Marriott

Sunday, 24 May 2009

- *Sightseeing tour, cultural event* [optional]
- *Departure of participants*