

Thursday 9 October 2003

9.00

Welcome
Formation of the working groups

9.30

Strategies for an optimized positioning of universities in a Europe of knowledge

Three Parallel Sessions:

Higher Education

Chairman:
Loek Vredevoogd, Netherlands Accreditation Organization (NAO)

Inputs by:
Dirk van Damme, Flemish Interuniversity Council

Germain Dondelinger, Ministry of Culture,
Higher Education and Research of Luxembourg

Jürgen Enders, University of Twente

Dietmar Petzina, Agency for Quality Assurance through the
Accreditation of Study Programs (AQAS)

Research

Chairman:
Clemens Sorg, University of Münster

Inputs by:
Peter Carmeliet, Catholic University of Leuven

Marc Luwel, Representative of the Flemish Government in NAO

Frans van Vught, University of Twente

Innovation/Technology Transfer

Chairman:
Koenraad Debackere, Catholic University of Leuven

Inputs by:
Bert Bohlander, Association of Dutch Universities/VSNU

Hans-Horst Schröder, RWTH Aachen

11.30

Coffee break

Results

11.45

Presentation of results from the parallel sessions and closing remarks

Martin Grabert, KoWi Brussels

12.45

End of the meeting

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The ministries of education, science and research in the Netherlands, Flanders, Luxembourg and Northrhine Westphalia, The Association of Universities in Northrhine Westphalia

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The heavens of Salamanca
A detail of the constellation *lion*.
Salamanca, Old University Library

Image this page:
Krameramtshaus, Münster



The role of universities in a Europe of knowledge

*Perspectives in Education,
Research and Innovation*

Münster Conference

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The Universities are willing to participate the building up of the European Research Area (ERA) largely and self-confident. Influencing the politics is going to be even more efficient, if this process is structured in accordance to joint initiatives.

To continue the dialog between academia and politics which started 2003 with the Maastricht Conference, the *Münster Conference* will emphasize academic European scale perspectives in education, research and innovation.

Wednesday 8 October 2003

Venue: Haus der Niederlande
im Krameramtshaus, Library
Alter Steinweg 6–7, 48143 Münster

12.00 – 14.00

Registration and welcome
Haus der Niederlande

14.00

Official Opening/Plenary Session

Friso Wielenga,
Director of the Center of Dutch Studies and
Coordinator for scientific relations NRW/Benelux

Jürgen Schmidt,
Rector of the University of Münster and Chairman of
the Association of Universities in Northrhine Westphalia

Politics

14.10

Statements:

Hannelore Kraft
Minister of Science and Research, Northrhine Westphalia

Maria van der Hoeven
Minister of Education, Culture and Science, Netherlands

Marleen Vanderpoorten
Minister of Education and Training, Flanders

Erna Hennicot-Schoepges
Minister of Culture, Higher Education and Research, Luxembourg

14.50

The place for fundamental research in the European Union

Achilleas Mitsos,
European Commission, Directorate-General Research

15.30

The role of universities in a knowledge based Europe

Nikolaus van der Pas, European Commission,
Directorate-General Education & Culture

16.10

Coffee break

Academia

16.30

Higher Education: Accreditation, Assessment of Quality, Mobility in Europe

Loek Vredevoogd, Netherlands Accreditation Organization (NAO)

17.10

Research: Concentration of excellence, networks of excellence, top research schools, graduate schools

Clemens Sorg, University of Münster

17.50

Innovation: Academic contributions towards a knowledge based economy

Koenraad Debackere, Catholic University of Leuven

Moderation *Friso Wielenga*

Director of the Center of Dutch Studies and
Coordinator for scientific relations NRW/Benelux

19.00

Buffet

Venue: „Pfefferkorn“, Prinzipalmarkt