Twenty-second LERU Rectors’ Assembly, hosted by the Universitat de Barcelona at the invitation of the Rector, Professor Didac Ramírez i Sarrió

Friday May 11th, 2012

Location

Reception May 10th: Paranimf Corridor - Universitat de Barcelona
Dinner May 10th: Restaurant Circulo del Liceo - Barcelona
Meeting May 11th: Sala de Juntes - Universitat de Barcelona

Participants

Amsterdam, Dymph van den Boom
Barcelona, Didac Ramírez i Sarrió
Barcelona, Jordi Alberch
Cambridge, Leszek Borysiewicz
Edinburgh, Timothy O’Shea
Edinburgh, Andrew Scott
Freiburg, Hans-Jochen Schiewer
Genève, Yves Flückiger
Heidelberg, Thomas Pfeiffer
Helsinki, Thomas Wilhelmsson
Leiden, Paul van der Heijden
Leuven, Mark Waer
Leuven, Peter Marynen
Leuven, Bart De Moor
ICL, Simon Buckle
UCL, Malcolm Grant
Lund, Sven Strömqvist
Milan, Marino Regini
LMU, Bernd Huber, Chair
LMU, Raffaella Delli-Santi
Oxford, Ewan McKendrick
UPMC, Jean Chambaz
Paris-Sud, Jacques Bittoun
Strasbourg, Alain Beretz
Utrecht, Bert van der Zwaan
Zürich, Andreas Fischer
LERU, Kurt Deketelaere
LERU, Katrien Maes
LERU, Laura Keustermans

Draft agenda

Time   Item   Subject

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9.00 am 1 Welcome by Prof. Didac Ramírez i Sarrió, Rector of the Universitat de Barcelona

9.10   2 Approval of the agenda

9.15   3 Session I - The EU agenda and LERU’s positioning, in particular the ERA MoU

- Presentation by Kurt Deketelaere
- Roundtable discussion and if needed decision
10.30 Coffee/Tea Break

11.00 4 Session II - Secretary-General’s report
   • Presentation by Prof. Kurt Deketelaere. The Rectors are invited to comment on the activities.

11.30 5 Session III - LERU papers
   • Draft paper for discussion: The Humanities in Horizon 2020 - prepared by Wim van den Doel (Leiden) on behalf of the Deans of Humanities. A first version was discussed by the Deans of Humanities at their meeting on 29 March. A revised version was sent for comment to the Deans of Humanities, the Social and Behavioural Sciences Community and the RPC on 22 April.
   • Draft paper for discussion: Artistic culture at RIUs - prepared by Martinus Buekers (KU Leuven). A first version was discussed by the RPC at their meeting of 22 March. Some RPC members felt that the topic, while very interesting and relevant to universities, may not be close enough to LERU’s core mission. The RPC wishes to get a broader perspective from the Rectors about whether LERU wishes to publish this paper on this topic.
   • Proposal for a new paper: Research ethics - LERU has not published anything on this topic except for a two-page section in the advice paper on ERA of last December in response to the European Commission’s ERA consultation. Given the sometimes intense media coverage of research ethics-related issues and the emerging attention at the EU level, it could be timely and relevant for LERU to analyse RIU’s main views, principles and practice dealing with issues of research ethics. The Rectors are asked for guidance on whether LERU should publish such a paper.

1.00 pm Lunch

2.00 6 Session IV - Invited speaker: Prof. Michael Crow, President of Arizona State University
   • Presentation: Massive Change: Designing new public universities for the United States and elsewhere
   • Roundtable discussion

3.30 Coffee/Tea Break
Session V - Business meeting

1. Items for decision

1.1. Annual report 2011: The Rectors are asked to approve or amend the document.

1.2. Annual accounts 2011: The Rectors are asked to approve or amend the document.

2. Items for Information

2.1. Report of the RA at UVA, November 2011

2.2. The 23rd meeting of the Rectors will take place on Friday 16 and Saturday 17 November 2012 at the Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg.

End of meeting

Saturday 12 May 2012

10.00 am Social visit - Sagrada Familia

Guided visit accompanied by Dr. Jordi Bonet i Armengol. Dr. Bonet was director of the works of the Sagrada Familia from 1985 until his recent retirement.

12.00 am End of the visit.

RA Contact

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