

“Current developments in the European Research and Higher Education Area”

**Information day for the heads of German universities in Brussels
12 – 13 January 2006**

Programme

Thursday, 12 January 2006 (venue: KOWI, rue du Trone 98)

- 14:45 Opening
- 15:00 **Ján Figel'**, Member of the European Commission in charge of Education, Training, Culture and Multilingualism; Presentation “Challenges facing EU Higher Education” and discussion
- 16:30 Panel discussion with **Dr. Jorgo Chatzimarkakis**, member of the European Parliament, and **Dr. Horst Soboll**, Deputy head of EURAB, on university-industry relations
- 17:45 **Michel-Eric Dufeil**, Director “Germany”, Directorate General for Regional Policy “New possibilities for Universities, Research and Innovation in the framework of the regional policy of the EU”
- 19:30 Dinner of the participants with **Prof. Pierre de Maret**, Member of the board of EUA and **Lesley Wilson**, General Secretary of EUA, at Hotel “Stanhope”

Friday, 13 January 2006 (venue: KOWI, rue du Trone 98)

- 09:00 – 09:50 **Raffaele Liberali**, director, Directorate “The Human Factor, Mobility and Marie Curie Activities”: “The 7th Framework Programme for Research and Marie-Curie-Activities”
Directorate-General for Research
- 09:50 – 10:30 **Sieglinde Gruber and Massimo Serpieri**, Directorate “The Human Factor, Mobility and Marie Curie Activities”: “The European Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct

for the Recruitment of Researchers” and “New EU Visa Regulations for Third Country Researchers”

- 10:50 - 11:50 **Dr. Dietrich Nelle**, Head of the Unit Education and Research, Permanent Representation of the FRG at the European Union “The EU Mobility programmes and the 7th Framework Programme for Research from the Point of View of the German Government”
- 12:00 – 12:30 **Dr. Annette Doll-Sellen**, Head of KOWI “KOWI-Activities and Chances for German Universities in the 7th Framework Programme”
- 12:30 – 13:00 **Dr. John Smith**, Vice general secretary of the secretariat of the European University Association (EUA) “The activities of the EUA as representation of European Universities in particular in regard to the 7th Framework Programme”
- 13:00 – 13:15 Walk to the new venue: European University Association, rue d’Egmont 13
- 13:15 – 14:00 Buffet Lunch at EUA
- 14:00 – 15:00 **Dr. Robert Jan Smits**, director, Directorate “Structuring ERA”, Directorate-General for Research “Towards the European Research Council (ERC)”
- 15:15 – 16:15 **Prof. Dr. Don Dingwell**, head of the department of geology at the University of Munich “My experience as evaluator for project applications for the EU-Commission”