

EAN 21st Annual Conference
University of Zagreb, Croatia
27th – 29th June 2012

Access to Higher Education: is it a right, a privilege or a necessity?
(Affordability, Quality, Equity & Diversity)

PROGRAMME

EAN delegates are invited to the Second SiS Catalyst Project Policy-Practice-Interface conference: ***“Putting global thinking into action”*** on **Tuesday 26 June**, at the Faculty of Civil Engineering, University of Zagreb.

Wednesday 27 June (Faculty of Civil Engineering)

09:00 – 09:30 EAN Pre-conference registration

09:30 – 12:30 **International Student Forum**

09:30 – 12:30 **Parallel Training Sessions:**

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Creating an accessible academic environment and support services for students with disabilities (University of Zagreb)

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Developing inclusive teaching and learning methods for diverse student groups in higher education (University of Roehampton)

12:30 **Registration with light lunch**

12:50 – 13:20 Newcomers Reception

13:25 – 14:25 **17th Annual General Meeting of the EAN**

14:30 – 15:30 **Opening Plenary**

Chair: **Mary Tupan-Wenno**, President, EAN & Director, ECHO, the Netherlands

Welcome: **Prof Aleksa Bjeliš**, PhD, Rector, University of Zagreb, Croatia

Dr Željko Jovanović, Minister of Science, Education and Sports, Croatia (tbc)

15:30 – 15:50 **Break**

15:55 – 16:55 **Parallel Paper Sessions 1**

Paper 1.1 ***Maximizing students' chances for a job by training networking skills***

Mrs Joke Vrijders & Mrs Eva Booms, Artevelde University College, Belgium

Paper 1.2 ***Promoting equal participation through identification and removal of ICT barriers in a Learning Management System***

Ms Siri Kessel & Ms Weiqin Chen, Oslo & Akershus University College of Applied Sciences, Norway

- Paper 1.3 ***Growing financial barriers to higher education in the United States, 1980 to present***
Mr Tom Mortenson, Pell Institute for the Study of Opportunity in HE, USA
- Paper 1.4 ***Selective factors preventing access to higher education as a basic human right***
Prof Lullu Tshiwula & Mr Khaya Magopeni, University of Western Cape, South Africa
- Paper 1.5 ***Who are the world class access universities and what does this mean?***
Dr Graeme Atherton, National Education Opportunities Network (NEON), UK

17:00 – 17:45 **11th Maggie Woodrow Memorial Lecture**
Dr Maurits van Rooijen, Rector Magnificus, Nyenrode Universiteit, the Netherlands

18:00 – 19:30 **Welcome Reception** hosted by the University of Zagreb at the Botanical Gardens

Thursday 28 June (Borongay Campus)

09:00 – 10:35 **Plenary 1: Access to Higher Education: Barriers and Opportunities**

Chair: **Diana Wickham**, Partner, Groupe Civilis, Canada

Speaker: **Anna Kelly**, Director of Access & Lifelong Learning, University College Dublin, Ireland

Panel discussion:

The fulfilment of the right to education: policy, practice and reality

Facilitator: **Dr Kerry Ferguson**, Pro Vice-Chancellor, La Trobe University, Australia

Panellists:

Anna Kelly, Keynote Speaker

Prof Michael Osborne, Professor of Adult & LLL, Glasgow University, Scotland, UK

James Anyan, Network for Higher Education and Innovation Research, University of Helsinki, Finland

A student representative

10:35 – 10:55 **Break**

11:00 – 12:30 **Parallel Paper Sessions 2**

Paper 2.1 ***Learning about post-secondary education is fun! Discussion and presentation of a didactic tool***

Violeta Vidaček-Hainš & Blaženka Divjak, University of Zagreb, Croatia

Adela Colhon & Dan Wise, YMCA of Greater Toronto, Canada

Paper 2.2 ***Not where or what but who you know? The role of personal networks in supporting engagement in HE***

Dr Lindsay Hewitt & John Rose-Adams, The Open University, UK

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Life, liberty and the pursuit of a quality education: class disparity in the United States!

Ms Tracy Lyons, University of Alabama at Birmingham, USA

- Paper 2.3 ***Bridging the gap with Awêness: first generation students' perception and expectations of support***
Dr Celeste Nel, Stellenbosch University, South Africa
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Lessons from the Widening Access, Student Retention and Success UK national programmes archive
Dr Joan O'Mahony, Higher Education Academy, UK
- Paper 2.4 ***Social background as a determinant for student transition to tertiary education in Germany***
Dr Astrid Krenz, University of Goettingen, Germany
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Dealing with higher education exclusion in Ghana: why the secondary school factor matters!
Mr James Anyan, University of Helsinki, Finland
- Paper 2.5 ***Whose university is it anyway? Lifelong learning in an economic recession***
Dr Liz Marr & Ms Morag Harvey, The Open University, UKA
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The European 2020 Strategy and the Bologna Process: education, training and the labour market
Assist. Prof. Dr. Fatma Serbest, Haliç University, Turkey

12:30 – 14:00 **Lunch**

14:00 – 15:30 **Parallel Working Groups** on education reform: financing; enabling access and participation; gender equality; disability; and the educational continuum

15:30 – 16:00 **Break**

16:00 – 17:00 **Working Groups** reporting back

20:00 **Conference Dinner** (optional)

Friday 29 June (Borongay Campus)

09:00 – 10:30 **Plenary 2: Affordable Quality Higher Education – At What Price?**

Chair: **Andrée Sursock**, European University Association, Belgium

Speaker: **Prof Malcolm Gillies**, Vice-Chancellor, London Metropolitan University, UK

Respondents: **Tom Mortenson**, Higher Education Policy Analyst, The Pell Institute, USA
2 students

10:30 – 10:55 **Break**

11:00 – 12:30 **Parallel Paper Sessions 3**

Paper 3.1 ***The International Baccalaureate and post-secondary access in Chicago***

Dr Brian Spittle, DePaul University, USA

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Sowing the seeds: the long term impact of early interventions

Mrs Margaret Evans, University of Liverpool, UK

- Paper 3.2 ***“Yet another unfair advantage”: how to monitor social selectivity of student exchange mobility***
 Hannah Leichsenring & Anne-Kathrin Kreft, CHE Consult, Germany
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Distance education: opportunity for meeting skills needs for national development
 Ms Lydia Anowa Nyako, University of Ghana, Ghana
- Paper 3.3 ***Higher Education for social transformation: building the Access Partnership***
 Mr Steve Kendall, University of Bedfordshire, UK
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Council of Educators of Toronto (CET): collaboration for access and outreach in higher education
 Ms Helen Tewolde, Council of Educators of Toronto, & Sabra Desai, Humber College, Canada
- Paper 3.4 ***Addressing the educational rights of the underrepresented or disconnected youth population***
 Dr Sue Brown, New Mexico State University; Dr Deema de Silva & Ms Deltha Colvin, Wichita State University; Ms Paula Martin, Harlem Center for Education, USA
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Widening participation challenges and approaches in turbulent times
 Mrs Carole Nairn, University of Chichester, UK
- Paper 3.5 ***Aboriginal student access to post-secondary education***
 Ms Adrienne Vedan & Mr Lyle Mueller, University of British Columbia Okanagan Campus, Canada
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How ‘whiteness’ causes barriers for all: issues of gender, class, ethnicity and educational disadvantage
 Dr Kate Hatton, University of the Arts London, UK
- 12:30 – 14:00 **Lunch**
- 14:00 – 15:30 **Plenary 3: University Rankings v Quality, Equity and Diversity**
 Chair: **Prof Blaženka Divjak**, Vice Rector for Students and Study Programmes, University of Zagreb, Croatia
- Speaker: ***“University Ranking is more”***
Prof Wolf Rauch, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences and Economy, former Rector, Karl Franzens University, Graz, Austria
- Moderator: Panel discussion:
Top ranking, affordability, quality, equity and diversity: can we have it all?
Julie Hall, Director, Learning & Teaching Enhancement, University of Roehampton, UK
 Panellists:
Prof Wolf Rauch, Keynote Speaker
Joseph Budu, Registrar, University of Ghana, Africa
Luka Juroš, member of the Bologna Follow-up Group, Croatia
Denise Bett, Treasurer, Equity Practitioners in Higher Education Australasia, Australia
A student
- 15:30 – 15:45 **Break**

15:45 – 16:45 **International Student Forum and EAN World Congress on Access to Education**
Dr Maureen Hoyler, Council for Opportunity in Education, USA
Prof Stuart Billingham, EAN World Congress Co-Director, UK

16:45 – 17:00 **Conference Conclusion & Summary**
Dr Michael Cooper, Special Advisor, EAN, Sweden

Saturday 30 June

08:00 **A day out to the Plitvice Lakes National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site**
For a description of the Lakes and to reserve a place: [Booking Form](#)