

**EAN 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference, University of Zagreb, Croatia**  
**27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> June 2012**  
***Access to Higher Education: is it a right, a privilege or a necessity?***  
***(Affordability, Quality, Equity & Diversity)***

**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME**

(Subject to change)

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 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 **3 pre-conference parallel training sessions on:**

1. Creating an accessible academic environment and support services for students with disabilities (University of Zagreb)
2. Developing flexible and effective teaching and learning methods for diverse student groups (University of Roehampton)
3. Changing attitudes and behaviours of educators and institutions by working with and listening to children (age 7-14) (SiS Catalyst: Children as Change Agents)

12:30 **Registration with light lunch**

12:50 – 13:20 Newcomers reception

13:25 – 14:25 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

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

15:30 – 15:40 Short break

15:45 – 16:55 **Parallel paper sessions 1**

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

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

**Thursday 28 June (Borongay Campus)**

09:00 – 11:00 **Plenary 1: Access to higher education: barriers and opportunities**

Chair: **Diana Wickham**, EAN World Congress Programme Director, Canada

Speakers: **Jamil Salmi**, Global Tertiary Education expert, former World Bank Tertiary Education Expert

**Betty Mould-Iddrisu**, Minister for Education, Republic of Ghana (tbc)

Panel discussion:

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

Chair: Name to be confirmed

2 panellists + the speakers

- 11:00 – 11:20 Break
- 11:25 – 12:30 **Parallel paper sessions 2**
- 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  
**Student** (name to be confirmed)
- 10:30 – 11:15 Break
- 11:20 – 12:30 **Parallel paper sessions 3**
- 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: **Prof Wolf Rauch**, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences and Economy, former Rector of Karl Franzens University of Graz, Austria
- Panel discussion:  
**Top ranking, affordability, quality, equity and diversity: can we have it all?**
- Chair: **Julie Hall**, University of Roehampton, UK  
 Joseph Budu, Registrar, University of Ghana, Africa  
 Luka Juroš, member of the Bologna Follow-up Group, Croatia  
 A Canadian panellist  
 A Student representative
- 15:30 – 15:45 Break
- 15:45 – 16:45 **International Students 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**, EAN, Sweden

## Saturday 30 June – Trip to the Croatian coast (optional)