SGroup Annual Meeting
Trieste, 15-19 October 2018

Global Challenges in today’s international HE sphere

Preliminary Programme

1st Day - Monday October 15th, 2018 – Think Tank Academy: China and Latin America

Venue: Sala Minore Destra

Moderators: Arnim Heinemann, University of Bayreuth, Philipp Dengel, Baychina, Bárbara Costa, University of Porto, Barbara Clayes, Ghent University

15.00 – 15.30: Report on the programme of activities of the TT4C and current and future issues of the EU Chinese higher education sphere

15.30-16.00: Report on the SGroup Summer School in Shanghai

16.00 – 16.30: Report on the programme of activities of the TT4LA and current and future issues of the EU LA higher education sphere

16.30-17.00: Analysis of the ICON programme 2017-2018

17.00-18.00: Meeting with external speakers: Frederic Francis, University of Liège, Elisabeth Deacon, UCL (UCL), Urban Strandberg, University of Gothenburg, Philippe de Mayer, UGhent Platform for China, Nicollas Mayard, UFRGS, Vitor Amaral, UFF

Dinner (own expenses)

2nd Day - Tuesday October 16th, 2018 – Think Tank Academy: China and Latin America

Venue: Sala Minore Destra

9.00-11.00: Joint teaching programmes with China and Latin America

9.00 – 9.30: Joint-doctoral programme organized by the University of Liège with the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences

Frederic Francis, University of Liège

9.30 – 10.00: Double degrees in China

Urban Strandberg, University of Gothenburg

10.00 – 10.30: Joint teaching programs in Latin America

Nicollas Maillard, UFRGS

10.30 - 11h.00: Discussion

11.00-11.30: Coffee break
11.30 – 13.00: Research collaboration with China and LA

11.30 – 12.15: Joint research labs with China
Phillipe de Mayer, UGhent Platform for China

12.15 – 13.00: Joint research projects with LA
Tomaso Milanni, University of Gothenburg

13.00-14.00: Lunch

14.00-15.00: Business Etiquette in China
Elizabeth Deacon, UCL

15.00 – 16.00: Business Etiquette in Brazil
Vitor Amaral, UFF

16.00 – 18.00: – Brainstorming session on topics and format of the TT Academy

3rd Day - Wednesday, October 17th, 2018 – Liaison Officers’ Meeting

Venue: Aula Magna

8.15 - 8.30: Departure to Gorizia by bus

9.30 – 10.00: Welcome Addresses

Maurizio Fermeglia, Rector of the University of Trieste

Jacek Witkoś, SGroup President

10.00-11.30: 1st session – Internationalisation at home

Chair – Arnim Heinemann

10.00 -10.30: SUCTI project

SUCTI project –Empowering Administrative Staff to support Internationalisation - Rebeca Tomás, Officer at the International Center, Universitat Rovira i Virgili in Tarragona and Joanna Domagała, Deputy Head of International Office, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań.

10.30 -11.00: How to attract European Professors to deliver courses – the UVa Experience by Mar Fernandez, Director of the International Relations Office, University of Valladolid

11.00-11.30: Discussion

11.30 – 12.00: Coffee Break – organized in terms of topics

12.00- 13.30: 2nd session - Challenges of digitalisation

Chair – Valère Meus

12.00 – 13.00: Open Source University Alliance, Erasmus Without Paper and EVOLVE Project – Valère Meus and Malcolm O’Dowd
13.00 – 13.30: Discussion

13.30-14.30: Light Lunch

14.30-16.30: 3rd session – Interactive group session

Chair / Moderator - Alexandra Hughes.

Participants will be divided in different groups. Discussion topics:

- How are individual institutions planning to engage with the Erasmus+ programme?
- How are individual institutions planning to engage with the EUN (European Universities Initiative)?
- How should SGroup plan the future of the new Erasmus+ programme?
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- How can SGroup help HEIs preparing for the new Erasmus+ programme?
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16.45: Departure by bus to visit a typical wine cellar

19.00: Welcome Dinner
Venue: to be confirmed

21.30-22.00: Departure to Trieste by bus

4th Day - Thursday, October, 18th, 2018 – General Assembly Meeting

Venue: Sala Cappella

Coordinators: Michele Pipan and Renato Gennaro, University of Trieste

9.30: Registration and Welcome coffee

9.45-10.00: Welcome addresses: Global Challenges

Renato Gennaro, Vice-Rector and Deputy Rector for Internationalization of the University of Trieste

Jacek Witkoś, SGroup President

10.00-11.00: 1st session – Has Formal Higher Education a Future?

Chair: Renato Gennaro

10.00-10.30: Mario Raich, University of Fribourg

10.30 – 11.00: Discussion

11.00-11.30: Coffee break
Venue: to be confirmed

11.30-12.30: 2nd session – Global Accreditation as a driving force

Coordinator: Arnim Heinemann
11.30 – 12.00: Business Schools as vehicles of internationalisation in the global context Patrik Ström, Head of the Department for Business Administration at School of Business, Economics and Law, University of Gothenburg.

12.00 – 12.30: Discussion

12.30-13.30: Light lunch
Venue: Sala Ristoro

13.30- 15.00: 3rd session – Doctoral Education
Coordinator: Jacek Witkoś

13.30-13.50: Diane Houston, Vice Master at Birbeck

13.50-14.10: Christine Scherer, coordinator of the Graduate School of the University of Bayreuth or Emnet Tadesse Woldegiorgis, University of Bayreuth (to be confirmed)

14.10-14.30: Ryszard Naskrecki, Vice-Rector for Research and International Relations, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan

14.30-15h: Discussion

15.00-15.30: Coffee break
Venue: to be confirmed

15.30-16.30: Final keynote by Cecilia Christersson, Pro Vice Chancellor Global Engagement and Challenge Based Learning, Malmö University

16.30-17.00: Concluding remarks

19.30: Gala Dinner
Venue: to be confirmed

5th Day – Friday, October 19th, 2018 - Internal Business Meeting

Venue: Aula Cammarata - University of Trieste – Rectorate – 1st floor. Piazzale Europa, 1 – 34127 Trieste

Coordination: Jacek Witkoś and Renato Gennaro or Michele Pipan

9.00-10.30 Part I: Report of activities and Discussion

10.30 -11.00 : Coffee break
Venue: Aula Bachelet University of Trieste - 1st floor - left side

11.00-12.30: Part II: Finances and Elections
Venue: Aula Bachelet University of Trieste - 1st floor - left side

12.30: Lunch
Venue: Aula Bachelet University of Trieste - 1st floor - left side

14.00 16.30: Social program: Guided city tour through the main sites of Trieste. Stop in a typical café to taste a typical Triestine coffee.