**XV CGU General Council**
**EMUNI University**
2nd Conference on Higher Education and Research

Joint event:
*Internationalisation and the role of University networks*
Portoroz (Slovenia)
24-26 September 2009

**Programme**

**Wednesday, 23rd September**
Arrival of participants

**Thursday, 24th September**

**9.00-13.30**  
Executive Committee meeting  
(only for CGU Executive Committee)  
*Room PHAROS*

**14.00-14.30**  
Registration for General Council & Conference  
(only for CGU representatives)  

**14.30-16.00**  
Opening and Annual Business Meeting (part I)  
*Room MEDITERRANEA I*
- Welcome speech and presentation of the general programme
- Ratification and welcome to new Full Members:
  - Eastern Mediterranean University (Cyprus)
  - International School of Management (Germany)
  - International Telematic University, UNINETTUNO (Italy)
  - Università degli Studi di Foggia (Italy)
  - Universidad Mayor (Chile)
  - Universidad de Monterrey (Mexico)

**16.00-16.30**  
Coffee break

**16.30-17.45**  
- Presentation of criteria for Associate Membership
- Ratification and welcome to new Associate Members:
  - CHE Consult (Germany)
  - Global Campus (UK)
  - Apelcom (Spain)

**19.30**  
Presentation Ceremony  
*Host: University of Primorska*
_Compostela Group Golden Pin to Prof. March Richelle_

**Friday, 25th September**

**9.00-11.00**  
Annual Business Meeting (part II)  
*Room MEDITERRANEA I*
- Reports on activities: President, Executive Committee, Secretariat, Working Groups
- Tools for improvement:
  - 'Managing HEI networks in the face of internationalization and globalization: a research project', by Uwe Brandenburg (CHE Consult & University of Bristol)

**11.00-11.30**  
Coffee break

**11.30-13.30**  
Annual Business Meeting (part III)  
- Items for approval: reports 2008 (minutes CG 08, accounts 08); new website; budget 2009

**Closure of the XV General Council meeting**

**13.30-14.30**  
Lunch

**14.30**  
Opening of the Network Fair
## Opening of the Conference

### Welcome addresses
- Prof. Dr. Joseph Mifsud, EMUNI University
- Prof. Dr. Maurits van Rooijen, Compostela Group of Universities
- Mag. Peter Volasko, Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology
- Dine Attallah, Union of Maghreb Countries
- Ettore Deodato, European Commission

### Keynote Speaker: Prof. Dr. Charris Xirouchakis, Head of Unit in the EESC
**Intercultural dialogue, learning environment and the media**

### Keynote Speaker: Stefan Delplace, EURASHE
**The Bologna reform, a response to challenges, seen in a regional and global context**

### Coffee break

### Sessions 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d

### Sessions 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d

### Evening programme Hotel St. Bernard

**Presentation Ceremony:** *XIII International Prize Compostela-Xunta de Galicia to Mr. Amin Maalouf*

**Gala Dinner & Dance**

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### Saturday, 26th September

### Keynote speaker: Prof. Dr. Pavel Zgaga, Ljubljana University
**Education for a “better world”: international co-operation between nationalism and globalism**

### Coffee break

### Panel Session: Networking in a global environment
Chair: Ms. Laura Howard, VicePresident of CGU. University of Cádiz (Spain)

**Speakers:**
- Ms. Beatriz Iglesias Seoane, Executive Secretary of the CGU
  **Tempus Projects: networking synergies in the MEDA area**
- Ms. Riitta Kataja, member of STELLA steering committee. U. of Oulu, Finland
  **STELLA programme: a successful initiative in mobilities**

### Panel Session: Three Cases of Strategic Networking Opportunities
Chair: Prof. Dr. Maurits van Rooijen

**Speakers:**
- Mr. Placido Plaza, CIHEAM
  **Mediterranean Institutional Network in Higher Education in the field of Food and Agriculture**
- Prof. Dr. Francesco Paolo Rizzi, UNIMED
  **The role of UNIMED for the internationalisation of Universities of the Euro-Mediterranean region**
- Mr. Ettore Deodato, European Commission
  **Thematic Networks in ERASMUS. From the Atolls to the Archipelagos**

### Closure

### Excursion with lunch (Sečovlje Saltpans)