

EHEF Hanoi 2007 Asia-Link Symposium

Friday 7th December 2007



Tentative Programme

Thursday 6th December 2007

Horison Hotel, Van Mieu meeting room

18:30 – 20:30 **Briefing for speakers and chairs**

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National Convention Center, Hanoi, Vietnam

7:45 – 8:30 **Participant registration**

8:30 – 9:30	Opening Ceremony Conference Hall 313
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Official opening: **H.E. Mr. Vassilev Georgi**, Bulgarian Ambassador to Vietnam,
Representative for the Portuguese Presidency of the European Union

Welcome address: **Dr. Tran Van Nhung**, Deputy Minister in charge of International and
Scientific Cooperation, Ministry of Education and Training, Vietnam

Address: **Mr. Koos Richelle**, Director-General, EuropeAid Co-operation Office,
European Commission

Introductory address: **Prof. André Siganos**, Director General, CampusFrance
The EHEF initiative: objectives, implementation and achievements

9:30 – 11:00

Session 1: Panel session

Conference Hall 313

**National, regional and international higher education agendas:
towards mutually beneficial synergies**

As a result of the general tendency towards – and the push for - internationalisation, the higher education sector today faces a de facto situation of multi-level governance, where national agendas, regional processes and international frameworks are increasingly interrelated. In the light of Vietnam's current higher education reform agenda and new status on the global stage, the panel will discuss the impacts and interactions between these different levels and processes, and how they can be efficiently combined to foster the development of quality education, fulfilling its role for today's societies.

Each panellist will be invited to deliver a presentation on different aspects of the topic. A short floor discussion between the room and all the panellists will follow.

Chairs:

Hon. Ms. Ton Nu Thi Ninh, Former Ambassador, Head of Mission to the European Union and Former Vice-Chair, Foreign Affairs Committee, National Assembly. Currently President, Founding Committee, TRI VIET Private University Project, Vietnam

H. E. Mr. Sean Doyle, Ambassador-Head of EC Delegation to Vietnam, Delegation of the European Commission to Vietnam, Vietnam

Members of the panel:

Prof. Dr. Le Quang Minh, Special Assistant to the President, Vietnam National University - Ho Chi Minh City, former Rector, Can Tho University, Vietnam

Prof. Dr. Patricia Pol, Bologna Experts Coordinator and Vice-Chancellor for International Development, University Paris-Est, France and Representative of the European University Association (EUA)

Mr. Bernd Wächter, Director, Academic Co-operation Association (ACA), Belgium

9:30 – 9:45

Prof. Dr. Le Quang Minh

A Vietnamese university's perspective: today's challenges and the outlook for the future

9:50 – 10:05

Prof. Dr. Patricia Pol

The internal and external dimensions of the Bologna Process: what it means for higher education institutions in Europe and beyond

10:10 – 10:25

Mr. Bernd Wächter

National structures and regional co-operation in the internationalisation of higher education

10:30 – 11:00

Debate with the audience

11:00 – 11:30

Photo session – followed by coffee break

11:30 – 12:30

Session 2: Plenary session

Conference Hall 313

European Commission higher education co-operation initiatives

This session will present the main EC initiatives fostering co-operation between EU and Vietnamese higher education institutions. Presentations by EC representatives will include general presentations of the programmes, achievements and prospects, as well as a focus on stock-taking/identification of best practices. Each presentation will last around 10-15 minutes, followed by a discussion.

11:30 - 11:45

Mr. Vincent Piket, Head of Unit, Centralised Operations for Asia, EuropeAid Co-operation Office, European Commission

Higher education cooperation in the framework of EU cooperation policy towards Asia - lessons learned and perspectives

11:45 - 12:00

Mr. Joachim Fronia, Head of Unit, Erasmus Mundus and External Cooperation, Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency, European Commission

European educational instruments relevant for and in Asia

12:00 - 12:15

Mr. Ignacio Asenjo, Science and Technology Officer, Delegation of the European Commission to China, European Commission, China

The 7th Framework Programme for Research

12:15 - 12:30

Questions from the audience

12:30 – 13:30

Lunch

13:30 – 15:00

Session 3: Parallel seminars 3A or 3B

Session 3 parallel seminars will be introduced by the panel moderator, followed by short speeches (10 minutes) delivered by each panellist, on the topics considered. Exchange among the panellist and with the audience will be fostered through 5-minutes Q&A time after each presentation. Besides, sufficient time (at least 30 minutes) will be allocated for a general discussion at the end of each session.

13:30 – 15:00

Seminar 3A: Panel session

Seminar Room 309

Higher education institutions and local development

The session will discuss how higher education institutions, through their own traditional activities but also in relation to other actors of Vietnamese society, might contribute to the objective of supporting and sustaining the country's rapid growth. Discussion will be introduced and documented by the presentation of the findings of the recently published (Dec 2006) European University Association (EUA) study on the "The rise of knowledge regions: emerging opportunities and challenges for universities", as well as a statement from the Vietnamese private sector. Techcombank actively cooperates with higher education institutions, notably European ones.

Chair:

Ms. Vibeka Jensen, Representative and Head of Office, UNESCO Hanoi, Vietnam

Members of the panel:

Prof. Dr. Patricia Pol, Bologna Experts Coordinator and Vice-Chancellor for International Development, University Paris-Est, France and Representative of the European University Association (EUA)

European universities in regional innovation

Mr. Nguyen Duc Vinh, Chief Executive Officer of TECHCOMBANK, Vietnam

Fostering successful cooperation between the Vietnamese private sector and higher education institutions

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bui Anh Tuan, Head of the Training and Education Management Department, National Economics University, Hanoi, Vietnam and Project manager.

Curriculum development and human resource development for training key public servants at municipal level on economic management under the market-oriented economy of Vietnam

13:30 – 15:00

Seminar 3B: Panel session

Seminar Room 343

Transnational education: opportunities and challenges

The seminar is expected to discuss the impacts, consequences and ways to respond positively to the changes brought about by transnational education and the stakes for higher education institutions. More precisely, the session is expected to focus on the current phenomenon of international higher education institutions, private or public, starting to offer curricula / degrees in Vietnam. A case study will document the discussion.

Chair:

Dr. Eric Castelli, Assistant Director, MICA International Research Center, Project leader: CONE, Hanoi University of Technology (HUT), Hanoi, Vietnam

Members of the panel:

Mr. Bernd Wächter, Director, Academic Co-operation Association (ACA), Belgium

The phenomenon of transnational higher education and the response to it, in Europe and beyond

Mr. Tran Ba Viet Dzung, Director General, International Co-operation Department, Ministry of Education and Training, Vietnam

Mr. Daniel Michel Judkiewicz, Managing Director, Solvay Business School, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium

An EU-Vietnamese case study: a 12-year experience, laying the foundation for further improved cooperation

15:00 – 15:30

Coffee Break

15:30 – 17:00

Session 4: Parallel seminars 4A or 4B

Session 4 parallel seminar will be introduced by short case-study presentations delivered by the members of the panels (10 minutes). Exchange among the panellist and with the audience will be fostered through 5-minutes Q&A time after each presentation. Besides, sufficient time (at least 30 minutes) will be allocated for a general discussion at the end of the each session.

15:30 – 17:00

Seminar 4A: Asia-Link Case Studies

Seminar Room 309

International co-operation and human resource development

One of the most crucial issues for the future development of the Vietnamese higher education sector is the development of university staff capacities. This is widely recognised and is notably reflected in the list of Asia-Link supported projects, which includes a clear majority of projects in the field of “human resource development”. During this session, two particularly successful and innovative Asia-Link human resource development projects, involving Vietnamese higher education institutions, will be presented as case studies. Based on these presentations, participants are expected to discuss best practices and lessons learned, in order to come up with recommendations and suggestions for future co-operation actions.

Chair:

Mr. Vincent Piket, Head of Unit, Centralised Operations for Asia, EuropeAid Co-operation Office, European Commission

Project CONE: Collaborative Open Network for Education

Abstract from the project description: This project aims to set up an academic collaborative network using multimedia information and systems. The network will link in a first step five European and Asian regions. Beyond this, the CONE project aims at the study, set up and start of an academic collaborative multimedia network, specialised in the exchange, sharing, and management of multimedia and multilingual data for education, helping Vietnamese, Cambodian and Lao teachers/researchers to find enough academic data and “good” scientific documents, to share and to exchange them even if these documents are written in a language other than their own. Overall, the CONE project will improve information exchange and IT technologies in emergent countries, as well as help “emergent” universities to improve their level in the field of IT.

Speakers:

Dr. Eric Castelli, Assistant Director, MICA International Research Center, Project leader: CONE, Hanoi University of Technology (HUT), Hanoi, Vietnam

Project CONE Collaborative Open Network for Education

Project RECREATE: Restructuring Higher Education in Resource and Environmental Economics in East-Asian Transition Economies

Abstract from the project description: The aims of the project are (1) to adapt higher education in resource and environmental economics to the requirements of the emerging market economy in China and Vietnam, and (2) to enhance the international orientation of education and research in this field and raise it to international standards. The target groups are young and promising staff members at two leading higher education institutes in this field in South China and Vietnam. Main activities comprise intensive training courses in China and Vietnam, curriculum development and revision, staff training abroad, PhD supervision, short-term research projects and strengthening international contacts.

Speakers:

Dr. Justus Wesseler, Associate Professor, Environmental Economics and Natural Resources Group, Project leader: *RECREATE*, Wageningen University, Wageningen, The Netherlands

ASIA-Link RECREATE

Assoc. Prof. Nguyen Huu Dung, Lecturer, Faculty of Development Economics, Project coordinator: *RECREATE*, University of Economics, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Results and lessons learned for UEH from the Asia-Link Funded Project "RECREATE: Restructuring Higher Education in Resource and Environmental Economics in East-Asia Transition"

15:30 – 17:00

Seminar 4B
Seminar Room 343
Enhancing mobility / Erasmus Mundus Action 3

Erasmus Mundus (action 3) co-operation projects will be presented during this session. Since extremely few Erasmus Mundus action 3 consortia include a Vietnamese partner so far, it is intended to present projects involving higher education institutions from Europe and other South-East Asian countries. Therefore the session, in addition to identifying best practices from the experiences presented, will focus on ways to involve Vietnamese higher education institutions in Erasmus Mundus action 3.

Chair:

Mr. William Aitchison, Programme Manager Erasmus Mundus, Directorate General Education and Culture, European Commission

Agris Mundus Alliance

Abstract from the project description: European supply in education and training for sustainable agricultural development relies on knowledge and professional experiences that are, for a large part of them, built and exerted in the third countries, especially in the tropical and subtropical areas. Therefore, on the basis of the long standing cooperation experience of its members with recognised Southern Universities in this topic, this partnership aims at developing a worldwide network of training institutions which exchange knowledge, methodologies and skills in order to achieve higher levels of quality in training for sustainable development and associated research.

Speakers:

Mr. Didier Pillot, Deputy Director, Project leader: *Agris Mundus Alliance*, Centre National d'Etudes Agronomiques des Régions Chaudes (CNEARC), Montpellier, France

Prof. Jamalam Lumbanraja, Professor, Department of Soil Science, Project coordinator *Agris Mundus Alliance*, University of Lampung, Indonesia

Agris Mundus Alliance: a Worldwide Network of Master Training Courses in Agriculture

TropEd - International Health Global Partnership

Abstract from the project description: The project provides postgraduates with opportunities for education contributing to improving the management of health services in disadvantaged populations. Partnership activities include the joint provision of taught modules and/or supervision of thesis research at partner institutions. Other activities include teacher exchange, joint curriculum development, development and dissemination of e-learning methodologies and the further intensification of cooperation schemes through shared educational events such as summer schools and conferences.

Speakers:

Dr. Carsten Mantel, Director, Masters Programme in International Health, Project leader: *TropEd*, Institute of Tropical Medicine, Berlin, Germany

TropEd - International Health Global Partnership: Cooperation between European and SE Asian universities - Challenges, opportunities and best practices

Dr. Wongsu Laohasiriwong, Assistant Professor, Department of Public Health, Project coordinator: *TropEd*, Khon Kaen University, Khon Kaen, Thailand

Best Practices and Lesson Learned from Implementation of Erasmus Mundus Action 3, Khon Kaen University Experiences

Dr. Bui Thi Thu Ha, Deputy Dean and Head, Department of Reproductive Health, Project coordinator: *TropEd*, Hanoi School of Public Health, Hanoi, Vietnam

Hanoi School of Public Health in the process of joining TropEd network

17:00 **Departure for cocktail**
Front lobby of National Convention Center

18:00 – 21:00	Cocktail Reception Museum of Ethnology (upon invitation only – pre-registration essential)
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18:00	Arrival of guests – start of the cocktail
18:15 - 18:30	Closing addresses of the Asia-Link Symposium
18:45 - 19:30	Traditional Vietnamese dance show
19:30 - 21:00	Cocktail continues

Programme subject to modifications
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