

Council for Doctoral Education (EUA-CDE) Conference announcement and invitation: Setting the future course for Doctoral education

The EUA Council for Doctoral Education will hold its Third Annual Meeting at Freie Universität Berlin from 4-5 June 2010. This will be the landmark event for all stakeholders working in doctoral education in Europe. The event aims to set the course for the future of the doctorate (Ph.D) in Europe by preparing a statement with a common vision for European doctoral education, which builds on the experiences of the ongoing reforms within universities.

Doctoral education is not only one of the most dynamic areas of European higher education; it is also a cornerstone in the development of the European knowledge society. Doctorate holders occupy vital research positions in a wide range of sectors, but moreover, they increasingly take on management roles outside of academia.

Europe's universities have taken the lead in structuring and professionalising doctoral education to meet the challenges of the knowledge society. During the last five years, institutional reforms have been the order of the day all over the continent. As the recent EUA Trends 2010 report demonstrates, half of Europe's universities have now established doctoral schools, which are becoming the 'institutional norm' for managing doctoral education.

Since 2005, the reform process has been shaped by the EUA Salzburg Principles, which underlines that the foundation of the doctorate lies in original research as well as the necessity to embed this research training in institutional strategies. At the fifth anniversary of the Salzburg Principles, it is time to gather the experiences and expertise of European universities to set a clear course for the future of the doctorate. The Council for Doctoral Education has been consulting its member universities about their experiences and gathered a number of recommendations on specific issues such as supervision, quality assurance and international collaborations. The Third Annual Meeting will be the place to share these experiences and discuss the recommendations as a whole, setting the course for the future of the doctorate.

More information on the conference is available on this website:

<http://www.eua.be/events/third-eua-cde-annual-meeting/home/>

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Please note that there are a limited number of places to attend the Conference for members of the press. Unfortunately EUA cannot pay accommodation and travel costs.

Notes to editors:

- The mission of the EUA Council for Doctoral Education (EUA-CDE), an integral part of the European University Association, is to contribute to the development, advancement and improvement of doctoral education and research training in Europe. With around 180 members, EUA-CDE fulfils its mission through the organisation of conferences, training seminars and other events on topics of interest to its members, the commissioning of research and analyses, advocacy, the provision of information and the dissemination of good practice. It also provides policy advice to the EUA on new trends and developments in relation to doctoral programmes and research training in Europe.
- Please click here to download the Salzburg Principles:
http://www.eua.be/eua/jsp/en/upload/Salzburg_Conclusions.1108990538850.pdf
- Please note that prior to the EUA-CDE meeting, the Dahlem Research School at Freie Universität Berlin will organise a special Panel Discussion “5 Years of the Salzburg Declaration: Doctoral Candidates As Early Stage Researchers - Vision And Reality” on Thursday, June 3, 2010, 18:30 – 20:00. This will take place at the Freie Universität Berlin, Henry Ford Building, Garystr. 35, Lecture Hall D (U-Bahn Station Thielplatz)