



Media Invitation

Looking to the future of the PhD:

EUA Doctoral Week focuses on global trends, funding and quality

The European University Association (EUA) is pleased to announce that it will organise Doctoral Week at the Swedish medical university, Karolinska Institutet, in Stockholm, Sweden, from 23 to 27 September 2012. The week comprises three separate but connected international events that will provide different higher education and research stakeholders with an opportunity to engage with three highly relevant issues for doctoral education: global trends, funding and quality assurance.

The first event will be the Final Conference (23-25 September) of the EUA-led project called CODOC which has been investigating international trends in doctoral education across East Asia, Latin America, Southern Africa and Europe. The findings to be presented will include an overview of these trends, how universities are building collaborations (within and between the different continents) and university expectations for future developments in doctoral education. Speakers and participants from across the world will discuss the project findings. The opening lecture of the event will also be given by the renowned statistician and public speaker Hans Rosling, Professor of Public Health at the Karolinska Institutet.

The EUA Council for Doctoral Education Annual Meeting (25-26 September), the second event of Doctoral Week, will focus on the funding of doctoral education. It will examine different models of investment in doctoral education, the interplay between excellence and capacity building, and explore the costing of doctoral schools and programmes within universities. There will be case studies of managing external funding, national funding systems and co-funding doctoral programmes with partners from the private sector. The meeting will aim to provide a platform for dialogue between universities, funding organisations and other stakeholders.

The final event of Doctoral Week will look at quality management in doctoral education. The Accountable Research Environments for Doctoral Education (ARDE) Workshop (26-27 September) is the concluding event of an EUA-coordinated project on quality management in doctoral education. The workshop will be a platform to share good practice and to formulate clear recommendations on how to ensure transparency and accountability in doctoral schools and programmes.

Find out more about Doctoral Week here: http://www.eua.be/events/upcoming/EUA_Doctoral_week.aspx

Please note that prior registration is necessary for journalists, as the number of places is limited. To register, please send an email to andrew.miller@eua.be

Ends

Please note that unfortunately EUA cannot pay accommodation and travel costs for this event.

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Karolinska Institutet is one of the world's leading medical universities. It accounts for over 40 per cent of the medical academic research conducted in Sweden and offers the country's broadest range of education in medicine and health sciences. Since 1901 the Nobel Assembly at Karolinska Institutet has selected the Nobel laureates in Physiology or Medicine.