

Program NIHA Conference 13 – 16 January 2008

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at the Patalya thermal resort in the forests 100 km. northwest of Ankara, Turkey

“COMMON FUTURE”

‘Towards a more intensive cooperation between Turkey and the Netherlands
in the field of Higher Education and Scientific Research
and the Internationalisation of Vocational Education’

Chairman: Erik-Jan Zürcher

Sunday 13 January 2008: Arrival day

Welcome at the airport

Transportation from Esenboğa Ankara Airport to the Patalya Thermal Resort in Kızılcahamam

Welcome in the hotel

(Distribution of NIHA information with conference-material including a detailed program, information about the accommodation and the information desk, name tags, etc.)

Dinner and informal evening meeting

Monday 14 January 2008: Plenary day

Breakfast from 07.00 onwards

11.00 Welcome and information

11.15 – 12.45 hrs. **Overall Plenary opening meeting**

- Opening speech by **Marja van Bijsterveldt**, State Secretary of Vocational and Adult Education at the Netherlands Ministry of Education, Culture and Science
- Introductory speeches on trends and perspectives in the globalisation in the fields of Higher education (by **Aybar Ertepinar** [*to be confirmed*], vice-president of the Turkish Higher Education Board YÖK) and Scientific Research (by **Tarık Çelik**, vice-president of the Turkish Academy of Sciences (TÜBA))

13.00 – 14.30 hrs Lunch (with table seating)

14.30 – 18.30 hrs 3 parallel sessions with two coffee/teabreaks:

- on Higher Education and Scientific Research;
- on the Internationalisation of Vocational Education;
- on cooperation in the field of watermanagement (closed expert meeting).

1. Plenary session on Higher Education and Scientific Research

Chairman: Erik-Jan Zürcher

14.30 – 15.30 hours (including questions and answers)

- Opening lecture (by **Ali Dođramacı**, Rector of Bilkent University);
- Study abroad: obstacles and incentives (by **Jo Ritzen**, President of Maastricht University, former Netherlands Minister of Education);
- Globalisation of Education: current state and prospects (by **Sander van den Eijnden**, Director of the Netherlands Organization for International Cooperation in Higher Education (NUFFIC)).

15.30 – 16.00 coffee/tea-break

16.00 – 17.00 hours (including questions and answers)

- Graduate Education and Research in Turkey (by **Attila Aşkar**, Rector of Koç University, İstanbul);
- Braindrain or braingain (by **Douwe Breimer**, former Rector of Leiden University and former member of the Dutch Innovation Platform);
- European Union funding possibilities (by **Mustafa Balcı** from the EU-delegation in Turkey).

17.00 – 17.30 coffee/tea-break

17.30 – 18.50 hours (including questions and answers)

- Academic Cooperation: Equivalency, recognition and dual or double degrees (by **Frank van der Duyn Schouten**, Rector of Tilburg University);
- Subject to be determined (by **Sijbolt Noorda**, President of the Netherlands Association of Universities - VSNU)
- Teacher Training in the Netherlands and Possibilities for Internationalisation (by **Geri Bonhof**, President of the Executive Board of Utrecht University of Professional Education);
- Science for Society (by **Ural Akbulut**, Rector of Middle East Technical University).

2. Plenary session on Internationalisation of Vocational Education

Chairman: Yakup Aykut Pekcan

- The aims of the Turkish Ministry of National Education on Vocational Education and Training (by **Abdussamet Arslan**, Deputy Undersecretary of the Ministry of National Education);
- On the importance of Internationalisation of Vocational Education and Vocational Training (by **Doekle Terpstra**, President of the Netherlands Organization of Universities of Professional Education-HBO-raad);
- On International Cooperation in the Field of Social Works Education (by **Sevil Atauz**, Dean of the Social Works Department of Hacettepe University).

15.30 – 16.00 coffee/tea-break

16.00 – 17.00 hours (including questions and answers)

- New perspectives in Vocational Education and Training: the example of Cappadocia University of Professional Education (by **Alev Alatli**, President of the Board);
- The Entrepreneurial University: The case of Bilkent (by **Cem Ađın**, Human Resource Coordinator, Bilkent Holding);
- Action Learning in international perspective (by **Pierre Strydom**, Director International Division of the Business School Netherlands).

17.00 – 17.30 coffee/tea-break

17.30 – 18.50 hours (including questions and answers)

- The possibilities of international organisations in the internship market (by **Metin orabatır**, UNHCR);
- Perspectives for the future Cooperation between Turkey and the Netherlands in the Field of Vocational Education and Training (by **Hans Huibers**, President of the Netherlands Organization of Vocational Colleges - MBO-raad)
- Requirements for an Effective Organisation of International Internships (by **Wim Boomkamp**, President of the Board of Saxion University of Professional Education)
- Subject to be determined (by **Henri Geursen**, Dutch Trade Board)

3. Plenary session on Watermanagement

Chairman: Üstün B. Reinart

- Presentation by members of the Turkey Netherlands Water Partnership followed by a discussion session

15.30 – 16.00 coffee/tea-break

16.00 – 17.00 hours

- Presentations (including a film) and discussion on the Ankara drinking water supply and the waste water problems in Cappadocia, part of the Kızılırmak River Basin from where Ankara's drinking water will be provided

17.00 – 17.30 coffee/tea-break

17.30 – 18.50 hours

- Discussion session on academic cooperation (student exchange programs, dual degrees, academic staff exchange programs, knowledge exchange, internships, etc.) in the field of watermanagement

19.00 – 21.00 hrs. Dinner (with table seating)

Tuesday 15 January 2008: Workshop-day

Breakfast from 07.00 hrs. onwards

A whole day (from 10.00 – 17.00 hrs) with more than 40 workshops on several subjects, as shown in the attached Excell-sheet on workshops.

Some of the workshops will be repeated during the conference in order to enable participants to join several workshops of their choice.

'Workshop-hopping' will be possible.

Attendants are kindly invited to use the workshop environment to exchange views and discuss possibilities for further cooperation, agreements or memoranda of understanding, some of them to be signed on the closing session on 16 January.

There will be several Coffee/teabreaks

Lunch (without table seating) will be served from 13.00 – 14.30 hrs.

18.00 – 19.00 hrs. Overall Plenary Session to discuss the results

20.00 – 22.00 hrs. Dinner (without table-seating)

Wednesday 16 January 2008: Evaluation and departure day

Breakfast from 07.00 hrs. onwards

10.00 – 11.00 hrs. Evaluation and signing meeting

Free use of the accommodation until 13.00 hrs.

Transfer to the airport

The possibility to visit the NIHA-building in Ankara

Chairman of the conference and chairman of the Plenary Session on Higher Education and Scientific Research will be **Erik-Jan Zurcher**, Professor of Turkish studies at Leiden University and chairman of the Scientific Advisory Board of NIHA and the Turkey Institute in The Hague.

Chairman of the second Plenary Session on the Internationalisation of Vocational Education will be **Yakup Aykut Pekcan**, Assistant Professor, Deputy Director of Bilkent University School of Applied Technology and Management and Vocational School of Tourism and Hotel Services.

The conference will take place at the Patalya Thermal Resort, which is owned by Başkent University. The hotel is situated in the woods of Soğuksu National Park in Kızılcahamam, some 100 km northwest of Ankara. (www.patalyahotel.com.tr).

The Location and Accommodation are very suitable for talking or catching up with a colleague, to go for a walk in the surrounding woods or just relax in the hot water.

During the Conference your institution will also be offered the opportunity to present promotion material in the hotel lobby or in one of the designated rooms.

Costs:

For participants from the Netherlands: **€ 665,- p.p.**

For participants from Turkey: **YTL 750,- p.p.**

The registration fee includes:

- transfer Ankara airport – Hotel Patalya Kızılcahamam – Ankara airport;
- welcome reception in the evening of 13th Jan. 2008;
- 3 nights with breakfast, lunches on 14th and 15th, dinners on 13th, 14th and 15th;
- attending the lectures and workshops, non alcoholic beverages;
- free use of swimming pool, thermal pool, sauna, Turkish bath

The information about the conference on our website (www.nihankara.org) will be updated on a regular basis.

Application can be made by sending the fully filled in application form and sending it by post, fax or e-mail to NIHA. The NIHA-website also offers the possibility for online application.

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