



Models for successful collaboration and partnerships of purpose between universities, businesses and NGOs

- in education, research and consultancy

10 to 13 June 2009, to be held at

Leuven Institute for Ireland in Europe, Leuven (BE)

Conference Programme

Wednesday 10 June

9.00	ICA Board Meeting	Meeting room 15 people
15.00 – 19.00	Conference Registration	
15.30	ICA General Assembly	Auditorium
18.30	Conference reception, finger buffet	
20.00	ICA Council	Meeting room 20 people

Thursday 11 June

Auditorium

9.00	Welcome ICA and CEDIA Presidents Dean of the Faculty of Bioscience Engineering, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven	
	Theme 1 Political Context	
9.15	Keynote: University-Business collaboration - the EU perspective. Peter Baur, DG Education and Culture, European Commission, Brussels	
	Theme 2 University Strategic Development – working with businesses	
10.00	Keynote: The Faculty Senate: challenges, opportunities and experiences in engaging with corporate representatives. Pol Coppin and Staf Van Reet, Dean, Faculty of Bioscience Engineering, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven and Managing Director Viziphar Biosciences	

- 10.45 Coffee
- 11.15 **Keynote: University spin-offs a commercial reality - models for successful technology transfer.** Koenraad Debackere, General Manager, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Leuven, Belgium
- 12.00 **Keynote: Industry in collaboration and partnership with the university.** Peter Olesen, ActiFoods ApS, Denmark
- 12.30 Lunch
- Theme 3 Research and Innovation – models for collaboration and partnership**
- 13.30 **Regional Clusters and strategic development of Kiel University.**
Ingmar Schmidt, Director General Research and Planning, Kiel University, Germany
- 14.00 **French competitiveness clusters: example of Picardie-Champagne Ardennes world class cluster on bio-renewable resources.** Speaker to be announced
- 14.30 Discussion
- 15.00 Coffee
- 15.30 **Collaboration and partnerships between universities and companies – a research benefit.** Ole Green, University of Aarhus, Denmark
- 16.00 **The REAL project: the platform for collaboration between companies and university research units in Portugal and Spain.** Eduardo Rosa, Vice-Rector, University of Trás-os-Montes and Alto Douro, Portugal
- 16.30 **Experience with research collaboration between University of Applied Science and the agricultural and forestry sector.** Harald Menzi, Swiss College of Agriculture (SHL), Switzerland
- 17.00 **Networking in a Development Cooperation context, with focus on sustainable resource management in Ethiopia.** Willibald Loiskandl, University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences (BOKU), Austria
- 17.30 Close
- 18.30 Reception at Leuven City Hall
- 19.30 Buffet dinner Salon Georges

Friday 12 June

Auditorium

Theme 4 Education - developing a partnership between universities and business

9.00 **“Grandes Ecoles” and Companies in France : a story of strong ties - the case of the Institute Polytechnique LaSalle Beauvais.** Valerie Leroux and Philippe Choquet, Executive Vice President and Executive President, Institute Polytechnique LaSalle Beauvais, France

9.30 **EuroAqua: university industry collaboration in the design, delivery and evaluation of the Master degree programme.** Philippe Gourbesville, Director, Polytech'Nice-Sophia / Nice-Sophia Antipolis University, France

10.00 **IAAS support of the engagement of students with industry.** Stephanie Klaedtke and Sebastian Oltmanns, International Association of Students in Agricultural and Related Sciences, Belgium.

10.30 Discussion

11.00 Coffee

Developing Life Long Learning programmes

11.30 **The MBA in Agribusiness and Commerce (AGRIMBA) as a tool in life long learning for professionals and academics.** Wim Heijman, Professor of Regional Economics, Wageningen University, The Netherlands and Member Executive Board AGRIMBA

12.00 **Successful cooperation of stakeholders in the lifelong learning model focusing on water disasters.** Pavel Kovar, Vice Rector, Czech University of Life Sciences (CULS), Czech Republic

12.30 Discussion

13.00 Finger Buffet Lunch

14.00 **Professional accreditation of agronomists in Spain.** Charo García Moreno, National Council of Professional Associations of Agricultural Engineers, Spain

14.20 **Accreditation of work-based and lifelong learning for rural professions and professionals: A UK case study.** Andrew Cobb, Harper Adams University College, UK

14.40 **Providing a framework for CPD management for professional agriculturists in Europe.** Maureen Murphy, Aurion Learning, Northern Ireland

15.00 Coffee

Start up proposal: ICA University-Business Forum for the Life Sciences

15.30 **Keynote: Benchmarking of university-enterprise co-operation – possible indicators.** Nadine Burquel, Secretary General of the European Centre for the Strategic Management of Universities (ESMU), Belgium

16.00 **Discussion of the proposal for the ICA University-Business Forum** led by Philippe Choquet, Executive President, Institute Polytechnique LaSalle Beauvais, France

Auditorium + 2 breakout rooms

Final overview – political context

- 17.30 **Keynote: Government in support of university business collaboration and partnerships.** Patrick Cunningham, Chief Scientific Adviser to the Irish Government, Ireland
- 18.00 Close of Conference
- 19.00 Reception and Conference Dinner at the Faculty Club, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

Saturday 13 June

CEDIA General Meeting

Sean Gaule has booked direct