Conference on Professionally-oriented Higher Education – European Examples and Options for Poland

12 June 2013, Copernicus Science Center, Warsaw, Poland

PROGRAM

9.00 Registration

10.00 Opening speeches

Prof. Barbara Kudrycka, Minister of Science and Higher Education
Xavier Devictor, Country Manager for Poland and the Baltics, The World Bank

10.30 Key note

Dr. Guy Haug – European Higher Education Advisor:
Quo vadis professional higher education?

11.00 Session 1: What kind of skills do employers seek in graduates? / How to respond to labor market needs?

Moderator: Dr. Nina Arnhold, Human Development Sector Coordinator for Central Europe and the Baltics, The World Bank

Key questions:
- What does it mean to “respond to labor market needs” or “teach professional skills”?
- What are the real labor market needs in 2013? Which part of these needs can vocational HEIs and professionally-oriented study programs in academic HEIs respond to?
- How can higher education institutions find out what kind of graduates employers need?

Prof. Daria Lipińska-Nałęcz – Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of Science and Higher Education

How can the tools recently introduced to Polish higher education be used to adjust programs to labor market needs?

Prof. Jarosław Górnia – Jagiellonian University, Head of the Human Capital Stocktaking research project, Head of the Center for Evaluation and Analysis of Public Policies

Piotr Voelkel – Founder of VOX Furniture company and School of Form

Cooperation between business sector and higher education sector – how can it work in practice

Joining the discussion: Dr. Guy Haug, European Higher Education Advisor

Discussion – panel / audience

12.30 Lunch break
Session 2: What are the characteristics of high-quality practical higher education?

**Moderator:** Prof. Zbigniew Marciniak, University of Warsaw

**Key questions:**
- How can „practicality” be enacted in professionally-oriented HEIs? And how in academic HEIs?
- What are the kinds of approaches in the area of curriculum and teaching methods which distinguish excellent programs?

**Dr. Julie Bernard,** Manager for Access and Civic Engagement Service, Dublin Institute of Technology

*What distinguishes excellent practical education in a technical higher education institution? Reflections and examples*

**Prof. Richard Korff,** Vice-President for Teaching, Research and Continuing Education, FH Muenster

*What distinguishes excellent practical education in a professionally-oriented higher education institution? Reflections and examples*

**Marc Vandewalle,** Secretary-General of VLHORA and EURASHE Board Member

*Professional higher education: European challenges*

**Discussion – panel/audience**

15.00 Coffee break

15.30 Session 3 (parallel sessions)

**I. LLL and practical training – links, good practices**

**Moderator:** Prof. Zbigniew Marciniak, University of Warsaw

**Presentations:**
- **Dr. Reijo Tolppi**  Rector, Kemi-Tornio University of Applied Science
- **Prof. Marek Gruszczyński**  Vice-Rector for Research and International Relations, Warsaw School of Economics

**Discussion**

**II. Cooperation with employers – practitioners teaching courses – internships, practical training, dual training**

**Moderator:** Hanne Shapiro, Danish Institute of Technology

**Prof. Ulf-Daniel Ehlers,** Vice-President for Quality and Academic Affairs, Baden-Wuerttemberg State University

**Prof. Czesław Królikowski,** Rector (2008-2012), State Higher Vocational School, Leszno

**Discussion**

16.45 Summary of the conference

**Dr. Alberto Rodriguez,** Education Sector Manager, Europe and Central Asia, The World Bank

17.00 Closing of the conference

**Prof. Daria Lipińska-Nałęcz,** Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Science and Higher Education

**Xavier Devictor,** Country Manager for Poland and the Baltics, The World Bank