



European University Information Systems

Rectors Seminar

Impact of the Bologna Process on Information Technology in European Universities

Paris, March 23rd-24th 2006

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Following the success of the first EUNIS Rectors Seminar in November 2003, EUNIS is organizing another seminar which will bring together Rectors, Presidents, Vice Chancellors or their representatives, from across Europe to discuss University Information Systems strategy and policy. They will have opportunities for informal discussion amongst themselves and with the representatives of our corporate members who sponsor the event. It must be emphasized that, since the seminar is directed towards universities leaders, the presentations are about strategy and not technical issues.

The Bologna process has a significant impact not only on teaching but also on all aspects of the organization of the university. Information technology will be a key for the success of this change. Universities leaders who are well aware of the latest trends know that IT has to play a major role and they are looking for answers to a number of questions:

- What is the role of IT in bringing about the changes expected as result of the Bologna process?
- Are there any results so far achieved?

The universities face demands for increased flexibility, both in administrative terms and in counseling students which impact on the management of IT.

- How much does Bologna affect IT processes and are Universities taking advantage of the opportunity to reorganize their processes?
- In a time where public funds for universities are decreasing how are the Universities reacting to the necessity to renew their business tools? How can vendors help in this process?

Many other questions may be raised and will be discovered when leaders attending the seminar have the opportunity to discuss their common problems.

Agenda

Thursday March 23rd

Welcome, registration of participants at lunch time
14h – 14h15 Welcome by Ligia Ribeiro, EUNIS President

14h15 – 16h30 **Session 1:** IT as a decision support system

- Jaak Aavisko “*University information systems in the decision making process*”
- Michael Brown “*Using the right tools to run a highly complex business - a university*”
- Mike Zastrocky “*Managing Strategic Issues: Should IT Be Considered?*”

16h30 – 17h **break**

17h – 18h45 **Session 1 cont'd**

- Corporate sponsors SAP, Sun, SunGard SCT and WebCT “*Which relationship between vendors and universities*”
- Conclusion: Les Watson “*Can Information Technology Transform our Institutions?*”

Reception, dinner and evening together in hotel

Friday March 24th

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7h30 – 9h30: **Birds of a Feather breakfast:** participants are organized by table and discuss various topics. At the end a report is presented to the audience.

9h45 – 11h15 **Session 2** Building the European space

- Athanassios Siaperas “*The Europass Initiative: better information for successful communication*”
- Jose M. Santos “*Information Technology, a strategic tool to build the European Higher Education Area*”

11h15 – 11h30 **break**

11h30 – 13h **Session 3** The transformation of the syllabus

- Marek Kreglewski “*The influence of the Bologna ideas on the development of IT in Polish universities*”
- Thierry Dombre “*Sharing tools and practices to face the challenges of the Bologna process: strategic cooperation between Grenoble universities*”

13h -14h30 **lunch**