

“The Role of Universities in Promoting Lifelong Learning”

Public Seminar in the framework of the 60th Anniversary of the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning

**Hamburg, Germany
25 May 2012**

Theme

Albert Einstein was quoted as saying “Learning is not a product of schooling but the lifelong attempt to acquire it”. The idea of lifelong learning, not only as an organising principle for education reform, but also as a catalyst for social transformation and sustainable development is more topical than ever before. But what is and what can be the role of higher education in the context of lifelong learning, in particular? How can universities promote lifelong learning, through teaching, research and extension services? How is this embedded in universities’ missions and realised in practice?

This UIL Seminar will explore these questions and more in the company of prominent participants from academia and beyond.

Provisional programme

Friday, 25 May 2012

Venue: Guesthouse, University of Hamburg

9 hrs. **Welcome and introduction**
Rosemarie Mielke, Vice-President of the University of Hamburg

9.15 **Session 1: Lifelong learning in teaching and research**

Objectives:

- Exchange of experiences and needs assessment for teaching,
- Potential for research cooperation to inform national and regional policy and practice
- Further potential for growth and partnerships

Chair:

Ekkehard Nuisl von Rein (Germany), Professor of Adult Education at the University Duisburg-Essen

Speakers:

Bjarne Wahlgren (Denmark), Professor, Director of the Danish National Centre of Competence Development

“The parallel Adult Educational System – A Danish contribution to lifelong learning at university level”

Larissa Jõgi (Estonia), Head of Department of Adult Education, Institute of Educational Science, Tallinn University, Estonia

“Experiencing learning at university: making the best of lifelong learning?”

Minxuan Zhang (China), President of Shanghai Normal University, China
(title of presentation tbc)

Pierre Gedeon (Lebanon), President of AUCE University, Lebanon
“Open and distance learning: helping LLL and adult learning integration strategies”

Public discussion on:

1. Transformation of teaching and learning strategies in higher education from the perspective of lifelong learning;
2. Facilitation of evidence-based research in lifelong learning.

10.45 **Coffee Break**

11.15 **Session 2: Higher education and lifelong learning outside the box: Services and synergies with other sectors**

Objectives:

- Information and ideas on the provision of capacity developing programmes to policy-makers and practitioners for promoting lifelong learning
- Further potential for growth and partnerships

Chair:
(tbc)

Speakers:

Tatjana Koke (Latvia), Professor of Adult Education at the University of Latvia and former Minister of Education of Latvia
“Lifelong Learning: a Space for Being Different”

Amri Baharuddin Shamsul (Malaysia), Professor and Director of the Institute of Ethnic Studies (KITA), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM)
“Social cohesion and lifelong learning”

Michael Osborne (United Kingdom), Director of CRADALL and Co-director of PASCAL, School of Education, University of Glasgow
“Openness and flexibility for adults to and through higher education”

Karsten Krueger (Spain), THEMP Project Manager
“Tertiary Lifelong Learning and the inclusion of mid-life learners”.

Public discussion on:

1. Transformation of capacity-building and other services within universities
2. Cooperation of HE with other sectors of lifelong learning

12.45 **Wrap –up and good-bye**

Carolyn Medel-Anonuevo, Deputy Director of the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning

13.00 Lunch (to be confirmed)

Follow-up

Conference proceedings and articles will be published and disseminated via the UIL networks.