

Seminar on

Governing bodies of higher education institutions: Roles and responsibilities

ANNOUNCEMENT AND PROGRAMME

24 and 25 August 2006
at the OECD Headquarters in Paris

Aim and focus: Governing boards and institutional leaders

The roles of higher education institutions are changing and in many countries their relation to central government is also evolving. Institutions are becoming more responsible for the development of their own strategies and for the management of their operations. Accountability, evaluation and corporate responsibility are now part of a process, which – to some extent at least – draws on models found in the private sector. One area where corporate world elements are getting a strong foothold is in the senior management and governance of institutions.

These changing patterns of governance form the framework for this seminar. The focus will be on top level institutional governance, where much has changed in the last decade. Key common elements have been a transfer of power to the Rector, Vice-chancellor and other leading administrative figures, and a loss of authority and decision-making power on the part of traditional participatory and collegial bodies. Increasingly, higher education and university boards and senior leaders are being appointed rather than elected.

Within this framework, the roles and responsibilities of the Governing boards are becoming more complex. Nowadays, in many HEI systems they have a majority of external representatives – from business, industry and regional authorities. Often the chair of the Governing board is no longer the Vice-chancellor but an external personality appointed by the Government.

At this seminar a number of vital questions will be raised:

- What are the consequences of strengthened executive authorities?
- Which contributions – or constraints – can new governance systems bring with them?
- Which problems can arise in terms of division of tasks and responsibilities?
- What are the optimal relations between governing boards and institutional leaders?
- Do recent developments (and indeed failures) in corporate Governance in the private sector have any lessons for HEIs?

Audience: Governing board and ministry representatives, institutional leaders and students

This seminar is organised primarily for four kinds of audiences. Firstly, chairs and members of higher education governing boards in higher education institutions. Secondly, institutional leaders: presidents/vice chancellor/rectors and university directors (e.g. registrars, secretaries, *Kanzlers*, bursars, etc.). Thirdly policy makers and representatives of national authorities, funding agencies or regional bodies concerned with institutional financing and management. Fourthly, student representatives and researchers in the field are of course also welcome to attend.

The number of places is fixed at one hundred. Therefore priority is given to participants from IMHE member institutions (please see Registration and seminar fee, below).

Outcomes: key issues and continued networking

This seminar aims to identify key issues and, where appropriate, make recommendations for action by institutions, authorities and organisations. It is also meant to provide opportunities for benchmark-like comparisons and for exchange of best practices. Furthermore, for those who wish to explore selected topics further and continue their co-operation, this conference may serve as the basis for the creation of informal networks.

Proceedings, including presentations made during the seminar, will be published afterwards and a report from it will be given to the IMHE General Conference in September.

Working methods and languages

The seminar will consist of presentations, panel discussions and workshops. Input to the seminar is welcome. The working languages will be English and French, with simultaneous interpretation between these languages in all plenary sessions.

Venue

The seminar takes place in the Château de la Muette, OECD, located at:
19 rue Franqueville
Paris 16ème. The nearest Metro station is La Muette (Line 9).

Registration and seminar fee

Participants from IMHE member institutions (maximum two persons from each) have priority. Members pay 300 Euros. The fee for participants from non-member institutions is 400 Euros. The fee includes conference material, lunches and coffees, but not accommodation. There is no online-registration; please use the attached form.

Accommodation

Participants are recommended to make their hotel reservations as soon as possible. A list of hotels near OECD is found at the end of this material.

Dinner

The Thursday evening dinner, which will be held at *Chez Clément*, 9 Place St André des Arts – Paris 6ème, in the Quartier Latin, is optional. The cost will be 50 Euros per person in addition to the conference fee. Accompanying persons are welcome.

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We look forward to wide-ranging discussions with the active involvement of each delegate, be they board members, institutional leaders, students or researchers.

Planning Committee

Mr. Steve Cannon, Secretary, University of Aberdeen, United Kingdom
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PROGRAMME

Thursday 24 August

8h30	Registration
9h30 - 11h00 (Room C)	Plenary Session 1 Opening Chair: <i>Richard Yelland</i> , Head of Division, OECD/IMHE Welcome: <i>Barbara Ischinger</i> , Director, OECD Directorate for Education Keynote address: <i>Allan Larsson</i> , Former minister; Chair, Lund University, Sweden Response: <i>Miriam Hederman-O'Brien</i> , Former chair, University of Limerick, Ireland Questions and discussion
11h00 - 11h30	Coffee
11h30 - 13h00 (Room C)	Plenary Session 2 Panel discussion Chair: <i>Suzy Halimi</i> , Professor, Université Paris 3, Theme: Different models – same problems? - <i>Colin Walters</i> , Head of the DEST Higher Education Division, Canberra, Australia/ <i>Carol Nicholl</i> , DEST Counsellor, Brussels, - <i>Paul C. Sabapathy</i> , Pro-Chancellor and Chairman, University of Central England in Birmingham, United Kingdom - <i>Paul E. Lingenfelter</i> , President, SHEEO, Boulder, Colorado, USA
13h00 - 14h30 (Salle Marshall)	Lunch
14h30 - 16h00 (Rooms C, E, G)	Workshop Session I (Three groups) Theme : Context and structures Workshop leaders: <i>William Thorn</i> , Counsellor, Australian Delegation to OECD, <i>Marijk van der Wende</i> , Professor, CHEPS, Twente, Netherlands, <i>Manica Ulcnik-Krump</i> , Secretary General, Univ. of Maribor, Slovenia (invited)
16h00 - 16h30	Coffee
16h30 - 18h00 (Room C)	Plenary Session 3: Lessons from the corporate world? Chair: <i>Niamh Brennan</i> , Professor, University College Dublin, Ireland <i>Peter Allan</i> , Consultant, Ward Hadaway Solicitors; Board member of Northumbria University, United Kingdom/ <i>Gavin Black</i> , Chair, Board of Governors, Northumbria University,
20h00	Dinner: Chez Clément, 9 Place St André des Arts, 75006 Paris

Friday 25 August

9h00 – 10h30

(Rooms C, E, G)

Workshop Session II - Three groups

Theme : The conduct of Governing bodies

Workshop leaders :

Steve Cannon, Registrar, University of Aberdeen,
Jeroen Huisman, Director ICHM, Bath, United Kingdom,
Richard Yelland, Head of Division, IMHE/OECD

10h30 – 11h00

Coffee

11h00 – 12h30

(Rooms C, E, G)

Workshop Session III - Three groups

Theme: The effectiveness of Governing bodies

Workshop leaders:

Michael Kelleher, former Secretary/Bursar, University College Cork, Ireland,
Gerrit de Jager, Director, HBO-Raad, Netherlands/
Steve Egan/ Chief Executive, HEFCE, United Kindom
Suzy Halimi, Professor, Université Paris 3

12h30 – 13h30

(Salle Marshall)

Lunch

13h30 – 15h00

Plenary Session 4: Future perspectives

Moderator: Professor Marijk van der Wende, IMHE Chair,
Senior Researcher, CHEPS, Universiteit Twente, Netherlands

(Room C)

Feed back from workshops

Discussion with:

Steve Egan, Chief Executive, HEFCE, United Kingdom,
Kari Raivio, Professor, Chancellor, University of Helsinki, Finland,

Evaluation

End of conference

HOTELS

Below please find a list of hotels in the vicinity of the OECD that have been used by conference participants in the past. It is advisable to make a reservation as soon as possible. It is also a good idea to confirm the reservation by fax. Prices are indicative and may vary slightly according to room size. You may find rooms in Paris somewhat smaller than in other cities.

Please provide the following information:

- Type of accommodation: single or double room
- Dates of arrival and departure
- Credit card (company, card number and date of expiration)

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Price: 70 €- 125 €+ 8,50 €Breakfast

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Price: 92 €- 125 €Breakfast included

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Tel: 33.1.45.24.43.03 - Fax: 33.1.45.24.41.39 - www.trocadero-la-tour.com
Price: 125 €- 145 €Breakfast included

Hôtel Nicolo, 3 rue Nicolo, 75116 Paris - accepts all credit cards
Tel: 33.1.42.88.83.40 - Fax: 33.1.42.24.45.41
Price: 94,30 €- 113,30 €Breakfast included

Hôtel Passy Eiffel, 10 rue de Passy, 75016 Paris - accepts all credit cards
Tel: 33.1.45.25.55.66 - Fax: 33.1.42.88.89.88 - www.passyeiffel.com
Price: 135 €- 145 €+ 11 €Breakfast

Hôtel Regina de Passy, 6 rue de la Tour, 75116 Paris - accepts all credit cards
Tel: 33.1.55.74.75.75 - Fax: 33.1.45.25.23.78
Price: 136 €+ 14,20 €Breakfast

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