



**EADTU Conference, 23-24 November 2006**  
**Conference venue: Tallinn University, Tallinn, Estonia**

**Widening Participation and Opportunities by e-Learning in Higher Education:  
'Promoting accessibility and improving the quality of Lifelong Open and Flexible Learning'**

**Hosted by: Estonian Information Technology Foundation**

## **Preliminary Conference Programme**

### **Thursday 23 November 2006**

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**08.30 - 09.30 hrs. Registration**

**09.30 - 11.00 hrs. Official Opening of the Conference**

**David Vincent**, President of EADTU, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Open University, United Kingdom

**Rein Raud**, Rector of Tallinn University

*Welcome and opening remarks*

**Mailis Reps**, Minister of Education and Research, Estonia

**Jaak Aaviksoo**, Board member of EUA, Rector of Tartu University

*Open and flexible learning in mainstream European education : a European perspective of lifelong learning*

**Linnar Viik**, Estonian IT College

*Open and flexible learning in the knowledge society*

**11.00 - 11.30 hrs. Coffee break**

**11.30 - 13.00 hrs. Plenary session**

**David Vincent**, President of EADTU, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Open University, United Kingdom  
*Widening participation: Open Educational Resources, Virtual Mobility, Quality Assurance and Benchmarking as core areas: overview of recent developments.*

**Paul Bacsich**, Managing Director, Matic Media Ltd, and Visiting Professor,  
Middlesex University, United Kingdom

*Benchmarking e-learning in a network of British universities: report on the UK experiment of 12 universities*

**George Ubachs** (EADTU), **Tim Brown** (OU UK), **Jo Boon** (OU NL), **Pekka Kess** (OULU University)

*Consensus building on benchmarking quality in European HE e-learning: results of a cooperation between 12 European stakeholders*

**13.30 - 14.30 hrs. Lunch**

**14.30 - 15.15 hrs. Plenary session**

**David Vincent**, President of EADTU, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Open University, United Kingdom  
**and Fred Mulder**, EADTU Executive Committee member, Rector, Open Universiteit, the Netherlands  
*A European multilingual, multicultural approach to Open Educational Resources in open and flexible learning*

**Kees-Jan van Dorp** (EADTU), **Andy Lane** (OU UK), **Stephen Bradley** (OU UK)

**Helmut Fritsch** (FernUniversität), **Ben Janssen** (OU NL)

*Collaborative action on European Multilingual Open Educational Resources for Independent Learning*

15.15 - 15.30 hrs. Coffee break

15.30 - 16.45 **Parallel sessions**

Open Educational Resources	Academic Cooperation	Quality Assurance and e-learning	New Business Models and New Funding Models	Virtual Mobility
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16.45 - 17.00 hrs. Coffee break

17.00 - 18.30 hrs. **Parallel sessions**

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20.00 hrs. Dinner at the [Karl Friedrich restaurant](#), Town Hall Square, Tallinn

## Friday 24 November 2006

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09.00 - 10.45 hrs. **Parallel sessions**

Open Educational Resources	Academic Cooperation	Quality Assurance and e-learning	New Business Models and New Funding Models	Virtual Mobility
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10.45 - 11.15 hrs. Coffee break

11.15 - 13.00 hrs. **Parallel sessions**

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13.00 - 14.30 hrs. Lunch

14.30 - 15.30 hrs. **Thematic workshops**

E-assessment	How to increase participation	Mass individualisation
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15.30 - 16.00 hrs. Coffee break

16.00 - 18.00 hrs. **Plenary session**

### **EADTU Annual Conference 2006**

#### **Widening Participation in a Global Perspective: intercontinental cooperation**

**Jean-Michel Lacroix**, EADTU Executive Committee member, Rector of CNED, France  
*E-learning and international cooperation: a vision after visits to Canada*

**Frits Pannekoek**, President of Athabasca University, Canada  
*The future of inter-continental cooperation: a comparative view on open and flexible learning*

**Luis Miguel Romero**, Vice-President of AIESAD, Rector of UTPL, Loja, Ecuador \*  
*Latin-American - European cooperation: experiences and prospects*

**Erno Lehtinen**, Vice-rector of Turku University, Finland  
*A comparative view on open and flexible learning.*

**Vladimir Tikhomirov**, Rector of MESI, Moscow, Russia  
*Trans-national networking for open and flexible higher education as a tool for widening participation*

**David Vincent**, President of EADTU, Pro-Vice Chancellor Open University, United Kingdom  
**Declaration of Tallinn**

\*) To be confirmed

## Parallel sessions

### Open Educational Resources

An OER triptych: three leading-edge European Open Educational Resource initiatives. Actions are presented which are special in nature and which differ from offers of traditional universities in the sense that they: consist of pedagogically-rich learning materials, specifically designed and developed for distance learning and intended for independent self-study; are compiled in the national languages, with the EADTU initiative being multilingual, reflecting the European dimension; and support and are supported by the policies of the national governments and the European Commission.

### Academic Cooperation

Advanced Models for Academic Cooperation

This workshop will reflect the position, progress and achievements of consortia united in the Task Force on Academic Cooperation (TFAC). Three major subject areas of best-practice are addressed: financial models, formal collaboration, and non-formal collaboration. Clear showcases of collaboration are presented and results are highlighted. Subjects include collaborative actions on joint course branding and the development of double diplomas.

### Quality Assurance and e-learning

Showcases from practitioners in Benchmarking Quality in eLearning

e-benchmarking UK: UK-wide higher education e-learning benchmarking exercise developed in response to feedback from institutions about the need to understand more about their own, and the sector's, progress in e-learning. Report on phase 1 with involvement of 12 universities.

E-xcellence: in three pilots at University of Oulu (Fin), EITSA (Ee) and Uninettuno (It) the benchmarking quality criteria for e-learning and validation methods have been tested. Report and discussion on the implementation and results of e-learning assessment on-site.

### New Business Models and New Funding Models

Workshop business models on sustainable funding and strategies

Exploring universities' possibilities for optimal funding mechanisms. Interchanging information on funding schemes currently operational and future perspectives in the light of the Lisbon objectives.

### Virtual Mobility

Offering Students International Course Enrolment

Workshop on International Course Exchange on the Bachelor and Master level. Examples from practice on bringing together offerings and demands in Humanities programmes between various Universities in distance HE. Special emphasis is given to European Studies and Philosophy. The overall objective is to organise a pool of international courses to enable students to choose courses from different foreign institutions. This, as to further individualise and specialise the students' education.

## Registration

The online registration for EADTU's annual conference has been opened and can be accessed at

[www.eadtu.nl/conference-2006/registrations.asp](http://www.eadtu.nl/conference-2006/registrations.asp).

More information can be found at the conference's website, where you may also find the latest updates of the [programme](#),

practical information, such as [suggestions for hotels](#) and other relevant information.

## Call for papers

The call for papers has been extended to 15 September 2006 and the abstracts can be sent to [paperstallinn2006@eadtu.nl](mailto:paperstallinn2006@eadtu.nl).

Please take a look at the [format specifications](#) before submitting your contributions.

We look forward to meeting you at the conference.

David Vincent, President EADTU  
Piet Henderikx, Secretary-General EADTU