Realising the European Higher Education Area
Conference of European Ministers Responsible for Higher Education
Berlin, 18 - 19 September 2003

Thursday, 18 September

11:00 am – 01:00 pm  Plenary session
11:00 am – 11:45 am  Opening addresses (Minister Bulmahn, State Minister Wolff, Minister Moratti)
11:45 am  Decision on the accession of new countries
11:50 am – 01:00 pm  Presentation of the report of the General Rapporteur, presentation of the Trends III report, messages of EUA, EURASHE, Council of Europe and ESIB

02:30 pm – 05:30 pm  Ministers’ Meeting
02:30 pm – 03:30 pm  Discussion of the reports and messages starting with the message of the European Commission
03:30 pm – 05:30 pm  Discussion of Draft Communiqué “Realising the European Higher Education Area”

02:30 pm – 05:30 pm  Discussion groups parallel to the Ministers’ meeting
  - Quality Assurance and Accreditation (Chair: Prof. Erichsen, Council for Accreditation, Germany)
  - Doctoral Studies and Mobility (Chair: Prof. Jacques Pertek, University of Lyon, France)
  - Bachelors and the European Labour Market (Chair: Heikki Soumalainen, UNICE)
  - Joint Degrees: A Hallmark of the European Higher Education Area (Chair: Prof. Roderick Floud, London Metropolitan University, EUA)

Friday, 19 September

09:30 am – 12:00 am  Plenary session
09:30 am – 10:00 am  Welcome by the Minister of State Kerstin Müller, reports from the discussion groups
10:00 am – 12:00 noon  Finalisation and Adoption of the Berlin Communiqué
Closing statements (Minister Bulmahn, State Minister Wolff, Minister Moratti)

Declaration by the next host country

12:00 noon – 12:30 pm  Photo call for the Ministers

12:30 pm – 01:30 pm  Press Conference
Minister Bulmahn, State Minister Wolff, Minister Moratti, next host country, European Commission, Council of Europe, EUA, ESIB