



Official Bologna seminar co-organized by Latvia and the Council of Europe:

# NEW CHALLENGES IN RECOGNITION: recognition of prior learning and recognition between Europe and other parts of the world

Riga, Latvia

Venue – Banku Augstskola, K.Valdemāra iela 1b, Riga

## PROGRAMME

*General Rapporteur – Prof. Pavel Zgaga, Slovenia.*

January 25, 2007

- 8.30-9.30 Registration, coffee
- 9.30- 10.00 Welcoming addresses by  
*Baiba Rivža, Latvian minister of Education and Science,  
Sjur Bergan, Head of Department of Higher Education and Research, Council of Europe,  
Tatjana Volkova, President, Latvian Rectors'Conference*
- Morning session I, Chair – Andrejs Rauhvargers, Latvia
- 10.00 -10.30 Presentation of background document on APEL  
Stephen Adam, United Kingdom
- 10.30-11.00 Recognition of lifelong learning – examples of practice  
- Belgium Flemish community – Stephan Neetens  
- France – Michel Feutrie
- 11.00– 11.30 *Coffee break*
- Morning session II Chair – Jean-Marie Castellain, European Commission
- 11.30 -12.00 Recognition of lifelong learning – examples of practice (continued)  
- Estonia - Aune Valk  
- Examples and experiences of APEL outside Europe- Yves Beaudin, Canada
- 12.00 – 12.30 Bologna and the World or Bologna vs. the World:  
- Europe- North America - *Stephen Hunt, USA*  
- Europe – other parts of the world – *Nina Gustafsson Åberg, ESIB*
- 12.30-12.50 The Diploma Supplement – a Useful Tool for Changing Higher Education in Change?  
Andrejs Rauhvargers, Latvia
- 13.00 – 14.30 *Break for lunch*



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14.30-16.00

### Discussions in working groups

*WG1: Recognition Europe-North America,*

*Chair: Carita Blomqvist, Finland, Resource person Stephen Hunt, USA  
Rapporteur Christoph Demand, Austria.*

*WG2: Recognition Europe – other parts of the World*

*Chair Nina Kowalewska, Resource person Cloud Bai-yun, UK,  
Rapporteur Bastian Baumann, Germany*

*WG 3: Recognition of prior learning: defining and recognizing learning outcomes*

*Chair Stephen Adam, UK Rapportuer Gunnar Vaht, Estonia*

*WG 4. Recognition of prior learning: recognition for access*

*Chair: Rolf Lofstad, Norway, Resource person Aune Valk,  
Rapporteur Stephan Neetens*

16.15-16.30

*Coffee break*

16.30 -17.15

WG discussions

### January 26, 2007

Morning session I Chair – Baiba Ramaņa, Latvia

9.00 – 10.15

Reports from the working groups

10.15 – 11.15

Panel discussion on recognition of “Bologna degrees” outside of Europe

*Chair: Sjur, Bergan, Council of Europe*

discussion with

- Yves Beaudin, Canada
- Birger Hendriks, Presidency of Bologna Follow-up group, Germany
- Frances Kelly, New Zealand
- Liliana Simionescu, UNESCO.
- Berndt Wächter, Academic Cooperation Association

11.15 – 11.45

Coffee break

Morning session II Chair: Sjur Bergan, Council of Europe

11.45 – 12.45

First findings from the national plans for improving recognition

Andrejs Rauhvargers, Latvia

12.45 – 13.15

Preliminary report by the General rapporteur Pavel Zgaga, Slovenia

13.15 – 13.30

Concluding remarks, closing the seminar



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