



Balance Seminar

Furthering Cooperation between European and North American Universities: Developing Practical Proposals

York University, Toronto

September 24-25, 2009

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Thursday, September 24

9-11 am

Welcome and Overview

- Short introduction to York and Reports from Coimbra Group with findings from Balance project (30 min)
- Updates on Bologna Process (1 hr)
- Goals of final York seminar – to consider topics listed, and to look beyond Balance (next steps) (30 min)

11-11:15 am

Coffee

11:15 am-1pm

Employability Issues

- Session on the worldwide market for academic labour and research workers, exploring the idea of linking education and workforce planning together
- Speakers from Canada, Europe, US

1-2:30 pm

Lunch

2:30-3:15 pm

Graduate Issues

- General introduction to graduate issues; Session on co-tutelles, quality assurance, joint & dual degrees
- Speakers from Canada, Europe, US

3 :15-3 :30 pm

Coffee

3:30-5 pm Breakout Sessions on Graduate Issues

- Three breakout groups to discuss major issues - co-tutelles, quality assurance, joint & dual degrees, each chaired by one of the presenters at the earlier session, with list of issues to be dealt with prepared ahead of time.

Evening Dinner at Black Creek w/jazz performance by York students

Friday, September 25

9-9:30 am Coffee

9:30-10 am Summary of Day 1 and Introduction to Day 2

- Include 5-minute reports from each breakout session.

10:00 am-12 The Research Landscape: Enhancing Bi/ Tri-lateral Collaboration

- How can we identify areas for joint/ collaborative research?
- How do you do joint/ collaborative research?
- Speakers from Canada, Europe, US

12:00-1:00 pm Lunch

1-4 pm Interactive Roundtable/ Open Forum

- Perspectives on the seminar by three people representing Canada, Europe, US, with roundtable moderator
- Discussion of "Beyond Balance"
- Opening up to general discussion