8th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
COMPOSTELA GROUP OF UNIVERSITIES

WELCOME TO LISBON, PORTUGAL

SEPTEMBER 8-10 2002

The international and interdisciplinary scope of this assembly provides a unique and excellent forum for exchange of knowledge, experiences and ideas.

It is also an opportunity for intensive networking between academics and executives from both public and private European universities.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th

Arrival

17:00 *Executive Committee Meeting* (only for Executive Committee members). Rectorate Building, Sala do Senado
17:00-21:00 *Registration at the hotels.*

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8th

08:30-09:00 (08:30 for those staying at the Fénix Hotel; 09:00 for those staying at the Radisson) *Excursion,* by bus, to Constância (1 hour 20 minutes trip). *Constância is a small village in the confluence of two of the main Portuguese rivers, the Tagus and the Zêzere. It has been the favourite living place of different poets throughout the years.*
11:00 Arrival at the Turisme Office of Constância. Guided visit to the village, the Museum of the Rivers and Maritime Arts and the Memory-House of Luís de Camões.
13:00 Departure for Cais de Tancos.
13:30 Lunch at the Restaurant Almourol.
15:00 Cais de Tancos. Boat trip on the Tagus River to the Almourol Castle, the first mediaeval Templier castle in Portugal and one of the best kept, situated on a small island.
17:00 Departure for Lisbon
19:00-19:15 (19:00 for those staying at the Radisson; 19:15 for those staying at the Fénix) Arrival in Lisbon

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 9th

09:00-09.30 *Late registration*
09:30. *Opening session*. Noble Hall, Rectorate Building. *Quality Assessment in European Universities*
10:00-10:45. First Speaker. Prof. José Barata Moura, Rector, Lisbon University. *The Forbidden Question and the Indeclinable Task – an Excursion on Quality.*
10:45-11:30. Second speaker. Prof. Marc Richelle. Liége University. First President of the Compostela Group of Universities. *Quality Assessment of European Universities: Defining Quality and giving sense to Assessment. A Reflection by a former Student, Researcher and Teacher.*
11:30-11:45 *Discussion*
11:45: 12:00 *Coffee break.*
12:00-12:45. Third speaker. Dr. Stephen Adams, Westminster University. *The current UK Perspective on Quality Assurance.*

13:00 *Lunch*. 2nd floor.

15:00 *Meeting of the working groups.* Salão Nobre, Salão do Senado, Sala de Doutoramentos, Sala de Conferências.
-*European Unit & European Studies.* Coordinators, Dr. Joseph Mifsud and Prof. Jesús Arteaga. Salão Nobre.
-*Administrative Staff Exchange and Mobility*. Coordinator, Eva Garea. Salão do Senado.
-*Women Studies.* Coordinator, Prof. Juliette Dor. Sala de Doutoramentos.
-*Publications.* Coordinator, Prof. Inmaculada Fortanet. Sala de Conferências.

16:00 *Coffee break*
16:15-17:15 *Working groups' continuation of the meetings.*

20:00 *Presentation of the VI Compostela-Xunta de Galicia Prize* to Alvaro Siza Vieira, Architect, Professor at Porto University. Location: Noble Hall, Rectorate, Lisbon University.
Beginning of the ceremony:
Performance of the University Choir.
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Welcome by the Rector of Lisbon University, Prof. José Barata Moura.
Words by the authorities present. President of the Compostela Group, Dr. Michael Cooper, Karlstad University. Honourable Celso Currás, Minister of Education of the Regional Government of Galicia. Representative from the Portuguese Government.
Presentation of the gold medal and cheque.
Words by Prof. Alvaro Siza, awarded.
Performance of the University Choir.

21:00 *Buffet.* Rectorate Building. Átrio Central

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH

9:30 *Second session.*
Chair: Dr. Maurits van Rooijen, Vice-President, Westminster University.
Presentation and round table: *University Quality Assessment. Should the Compostela Group as an institution be involved?*
Presentation: Dr. Joost van Asten, Director of International Relations, Leiden University.
10:00 Round table. Participants: Prof. Barata Moura, Prof. Jarlath Ronayne, Prof. Roger Ellul-Micallef, Prof. Senén Barro, Prof. Marc Richelle, Dr. Joost van Asten, Dr. Stephen Adams. Moderator: Dr. Maurits van Rooijen.
11:00-11:15 *Coffee break.*
11:15 Second session, *Erasmus 1 Million Students Celebration.*
Intervention by the responsible of the Portuguese Socrates National Agency, Dr. Marcia Mendes.
·Intervention by Prof. Jesús Arteaga Ortiz, former Director for International Relations, Las Palmas de Gran Canaria University.
·Intervention by Dr. Clementina Carvalho, Director for International Relations, Lisbon University.
·Intervention by Prof. Laurinda Abreu, coordinator of PHOENIX, the European Thematic Network on Health and Social Welfare Policies.
·Intervention by Yolanda Vilarchao, student from Santiago de Compostela University and former Erasmus student at the University of Thessaloniki, Greece.
·Intervention by Catarina Domingos, student from Lisbon University and former Erasmus student.
·Closing of the session by the President of the Compostela Group .

13:00 *Lunch.* 2nd floor.

15:00 *Annual Business Meeting.*
President's Report.
Executive Secretary's Report.
Approval of the minutes of the 7th General Assembly, Karlstad University , 6-8 September 2001.
Accounts 2001. Approval.
Provisional budget 2002. Approval.
General Assembly 2003. Election of the seat of the new General Assembly.
Election of the 2003 Compostela-Xunta de Galicia Prize Jury members.
Withdrawals.
New members. *Erasmus Hogeschoool Brussel.* Intervention by the Head of the International Office, Prof. Jean-Pierre Roose.
Reports from the Executive Committee members and Working Group coordinators:

Compostela Media. Ana María Fuertes.
European Issues. Jesús Arteaga.
European Unit. Joseph Mifsud.
Women Studies. Juliette Dor.
Administrative Staff Mobility and Exchange: Eva Garea.
Publications. Inmaculada Fortanet.

16:30 *Conference Final Rapport*. Dr. Joseph Mifsud, Malta University.
16:45 *General Assembly Closing Ceremony.*

20:15-20:30 (20:15 for those staying at the Radisson; 20:30 for those staying at the Fénix) *Transfer* from the hotels to the General Assembly Closing Dinner.
21:00 *Closing Dinner*: Páteo Alfacinha. A typical Portuguese dinner, with music, dance and fados.
00:00 (approximately). Departure for the hotels.
00:15-00:30 (approximately). *Arrival* (00:15 for those staying at the Fénix Hotel; 00:30 for those staying at the Radisson).

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH

09:30-10:00 (09:30 for those staying at the Fénix Hotel: 10:00 for those staying at the Radisson) *Departure for Porto*, for those attending the EAIE Conference at Porto University.
13:00 (approximately) *Arrival in Porto*. Due to the fact that participants at the EAIE Conference are spread among many different hotels in Porto, the bus will take all participants to the bus station located in the centre of Porto.

VIII GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMPOSTELA GROUP OF UNIVERSITIES

2002 is the year of the VIII General Assembly of the Compostela Group. Lisbon University will be the host of this new occasion for meeting face to face with our university colleagues from around our member universities and for starting new projects and activities.

The issue that the Executive Committee decided for discussion this year at the General Assembly is *Quality Evaluation and Assessment in European Universities*, which has become a decisive challenge for our institutions. Guaranteeing the quality both of tuition and research in individual institutions and at a national and European level is a priority now for the different governments, which have also elaborated different programmes in order to evaluate, assess and measure the transformation of public resources into results in these fields. A group of outstanding experts will present general overviews of the European situation and different national programmes which have been introduced in the last years all around Europe.

The General Assembly will also enable us to settle strategies for the development of the new thematic groups which were created on the occasion of our meeting in Santiago de Compostela University last February and discuss, develop and share the points discussed and established. And of course there will be time for the meetings of the established working groups, community building and networking, with sessions that allow participants to select a topic of interest to pursue in discussion form.

The presentation of the VI Compostela Prize, awarded this year to the famous architect Alvaro Siza Vieira, will also form part of the General Assembly. Alvaro Siza was elected by a jury composed of nine personalities from the Regional Government of Galicia and the Compostela Group of Universities –Prof. Lauri Lajunen, from Oulu University; Prof. Gérard Hirogoyen, from Montesquieu Bordeaux IV University and Prof. José Angelo Mota Novais Barbosa, from Porto University- for his coherent and complete work, well spread along Europe, for his respect to traditions and his solidary concept of architecture as response to the problems of present society.

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LISBON

The city of Lisbon traces its origin to a hill where now stands the Castle of St. George. The settlement of Lisbon goes back to the Paleolithic. Many people have settled in the territory: Romans, Germans, Moorish... In 1147, King Afonso Henriques, conquered Lisbon (Aschbouna in Moorish) to the Moorish, integrating the city in the Portuguese Kingdom. Later in the 15th and 16th centuries, Lisbon was the main Portuguese harbour which performed an outstanding role in the trips that both Portuguese and Spanish sailors made in search of new trade routes. In the 1st November 1755, Lisbon suffered an earthquake, followed by a very big fire, that destroyed a big part of the city. It was rebuilt after that, by Pombal Marquis, the minister of King Joseph the First, that gave Lisbon a new look and functionality.

In 1986, when Portugal joined the European Community the Portuguese economy widely grew and the city started a new phase of development with the establishment of many European companies. After the fire which swept through the Chiado district in 1988, it started to be rebuilt by the most prestigious Portuguese architect, Álvaro Siza Vieira. Lisbon was elected European City of Culture in 1994 and in 1998 the city hosted a World Exposition on the theme of the Oceans, in celebration of its maritime history. Both events largely influenced the creation of new structures and buildings in the city. Today, Lisbon is a cosmopolitan city where the influence of its previous African and South American colonies is still widely evident, conforming what probably is one of the most beautiful cities in Europe: the Jeronimos Monastery, built in the 16th century to commemorate the return of the explorer Vasco de Gama; the Tower of Belém, built to defend Lisbon's harbour; the medieval cathedral, seat of the Lisbon diocese, in the Alfama, the oldest district of Lisbon which retains its intrincate Arab-influenced layout as it survived the earthquake; the Baixa, Lisbon's city center,

tenaciously protected from changes; the Castle of Saint George, fortress conquered to the Moorish by King Afonso Henriques; the Botanical Gardens or the Rossio Square are just few exemples of what should be seen in Lisbon, without mentioning the magnificent surroundings.

LISBON UNIVERSITY

With eight faculties and many research centres and specialised institutes, the University of Lisbon is one of the largest and most renowned Portuguese universities, whose origins go back to the second half of the XIII century. In fact, Lisbon University shares with Coimbra the privilege of being the first university in Portugal, first founded in Lisbon, then transferred to Coimbra and finally settled in Lisbon as the capital of the nation. The University of Lisbon offers a great variety of programmes, which cover all scientific areas of its faculties: Arts, Sciences, Law, Medicine, Pharmacy, Psychology and Education, Dental Medicine and Fine Arts. The University of Lisbon has more than 20000 students and a teaching staff of approximately 1600.

The University Campus is located in the northern part of the city, at Campo Grande, nearby the hotels for accommodation of the participants. Downtown is not distant (about 5 Km) and there are several bus stops and underground stations (*Cidade Universitária*) within easy walking distance.

Map of the underground.



During the conference a Metro pass will be offered. The underground stops we will use are: *Campo Grande* for those staying at the Hotel Radisson; *Marquês de Pombal* (for those staying at the Fenix) and *Cidade Universitária* (for the General Assembly venue, the Rectorate of Lisbon University), all situated in the yellow line, no transfers needed.

HOW TO TRAVEL TO LISBON

International and domestic flights land at Lisbon's modern Portela Airport, 10 kms. north of the city. The airport is only about 20 minutes from the city center by car or taxi and very close to the university area. There is no underground going from the airport and the city centre but an Aero-Bus leaves every 20 minutes from the airport to downtown, between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. and stops at different places.



International trains from France and Spain arrive at and depart from the **Santa Apolónia station** (Av. Infante D. Henrique, tel. 01/888-4142), on the riverfront to the east of Lisbon's center. Public transportation within the city is excellent: metro, but also old trams, funicular railways and elevators help with the hilly profile of the city.

WEATHER

Lisbon has an Atlantic climate, with many Mediterranean influences. Due to these characteristics, the thermal amplitude is rarely high, with lots of sunny days even during the winter. September's average temperature in Lisbon is 21ºC, although it may change. Light summer clothes are the best option, although do not forget to bring something warmer.

Month	Air temperature in ºC			Precipitation above 0.1 mm
	Mean Monthly Temperature	Maximum Mean Temperature	Minimum Mean Temperature	Number of days
Sept	21,7	26,4	17	6

THE EAIE CONFERENCE IN PORTO

The 14th Annual Conference of the European Association of International Education (EAIE) will take place in Porto, Portugal, from 11 to 14 September 2002, immediately after the General Assembly of the Compostela Group. As many delegates of the Compostela Group usually attend EAIE conferences, and some actively participate in different sessions, we have thought of facilitating the transport from Lisbon to Porto in the morning of September 11. The A1 motorway connects both cities, with a distance of 315 kilometers between them. We need to know, then, how many of you will be attending this year's EAIE conference and would be glad to use the transport offered by the General Assembly's organization. Please tick in the right box at the registration form to let us know.

REGISTRATION FORM

Compostela Group of Universities VIII General Assembly
Lisbon, September 8-10, 2002

First name: _____ Phone: _____

Family name: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Organisation: _____

Address: _____

Country: _____

Hotel Reservations

The official conference hotels are:

HOTEL FÉNIX LISBOA (****). Praça Marques de Pombal, 8. 1269-133 Lisboa. Tel: (+351) 213 862 121. Fax: (+351) 213 860 131; (+351) 213 862 127. Website: http://www.hotelfenix.pt/weare.html. Strategically located in the centre of the city`s business and banking district, the Fénix hotel is situated among the most interesting things to see in Lisbon, making it ideal for tourists and travellers alike. All rooms are equipped with double glassed windows, individually- controlled air - conditioning, direct-dial phones, radio and satellite TV, minibar, hair dryer, safebox and internet connection in every room.

HOTEL RADISSON SAS (****).Avenida Marechal Craveiro Lopes 390. 1749-009 Lisbon. Tel: (+351) 217 599 639. Fax: (+351) 217 586 949. Website: http://www.maisturismo.pt/radisson.html. The hotel is very conveniently situated at Campo Grande, close to the University Campus and the Rectorate Building where the General Assembly will be held. The Radisson SAS offers 221 spacious, soundproofed rooms, all fully equipped with satellite TV, video channels, minibar, trouser press and electronic safe.

They offer the following university reduced rates. The rates include buffet breakfast and VAT:

Fénix Lisboa:

θ Double room 87,50 Euro/night and room (price for individual guests is the same)

Radisson SAS:

θ Double room 120 Euro/night and room (price for individual guests is the same)

Accounts are to be settled directly with the hotel, which honours all major credit cards.

Hotel Choice:

Type of room:

Double room together with (in case of double room choice):

Date of arrival: Date of departure: Special requests:

Type of credit card: θVisa. θMastercard. θAmerican Express. θOthers:

Credit card number:

Date of expiration:

θ Yes, thank you, I would like to participate in the excursion on Sunday 8 September.

θ Yes, thank you, I would like to participate in the closing dinner on Tuesday 10 September.

θ Yes, thank you, I will need transport to Porto on Wednesday 11 September morning

Special dietary requirements: _____

Other special requests:_____

Please send this form, by fax, before JULY 15, to the following address:

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