9th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
COMPOSTELA GROUP OF UNIVERSITIES

WELCOME TO FRIBOURG, SWITZERLAND

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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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IXth GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMPOSTELA GROUP OF UNIVERSITIES

2003 is the year of the IXth General Assembly of the Compostela Group. The Fribourg University will be the host of this new opportunity to meet our university colleagues from the member universities and to start new projects and activities.

The topic that the Executive Committee decided for discussion this year at the General Assembly is *European Universities – Leaders or followers? Challenges for Internationalisation*. It will be divided into five key issues regarding mobility, languages, e-learning, re-structuring of curricula and commercialisation of higher education.

The General Assembly will enable us to discuss, develop and share the chosen topics. 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 VIIth Compostela Prize, awarded this year to Prof. Manuel Díaz y Díaz will also be part of the General Assembly. Manuel Díaz y Díaz was elected by a jury composed of nine personalities from the Regional Government of Galicia and the Compostela Group of Universities – Prof. Senén Barro, from Santiago de Compostela University; Prof. Barata-Moura, from Lisbon University and Prof. Toth, from Pécs University – for his complete work and his research about the Route of Santiago de Compostela and for his wide scientific production around Latin Philology and medieval studies.

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, September 3rd

Arrival **Registration at the hotels**

17:00 **Executive Committee Meeting** (only for Executive Committee members)
***Venue**: Salle du Sénat, Main Building (cf map, venue 1, 2nd floor)*

Thursday, September 4th

08:30–09:00 **Late Registration**
Venue: Hall d'honneur, Main building (cf map, venue 1, ground floor)

09:15–09:30 **Opening session:**
PROF. Dr. GUIDO VERGAUWEN, Vice-Rector of the University of Fribourg
***Venue**: Aula Magna, Main building (cf. map, venue 1, 1st floor)*

09:30–10:30 *Chairman*: **Prof. Dr. MICHAEL COOPER**, Karlstad University
1st Speaker: **PROF. Dr. OSTROWSKI**, Pultusk School of Humanities, Poland
The Challenge of Internationalisation for European Universities

10:30–11:00 **Coffee break**
***Venue**: Hall d'honneur, Main building (cf map, venue 1, groundfloor)*

11:00–12:00 *2nd Speaker*: **MR. JARY RUSANEN** , Swedish Erasmus National Agency
The Challenge of Mobility for European Universities – the Case of Sweden

12:15–14:00 **Lunch**
***Venue**: Mensa (cf map)*

14:00–15:00 *3rd Speaker*: **PROF. DR. FRITZ OSER**, Université de Fribourg
The Harmonising of Curricula, Taking as an Example the Training of Secondary School Teachers

15:00–15:30 *4th Speaker*: **PROF. STAFFAN ZETTERHOLM**, Aalborg University
The Compostela Thematic Group on European Studies

15:30-15:45 **Presentation of the Programme Alban**

15:45–16:30 **Coffee break**
***Venue**: Hall d'honneur, Main building (cf map, venue 1, groundfloor)*

16:30–18:00 **Meeting of the Working groups**

- **EUROPEAN UNIT. AND EUROPEAN STUDIES**
  Co-ordinator: Mr Staffan Zetterholm
  ***Venue**: Salle du Sénat, Main Building (cf map, venue 1, 2nd floor)*
- **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF EXCHANGE AND MOBILITY**
  Co-ordinator: Ms Eva Garea
  ***Venue**: Salle Jäggi, Building Nr. 4 (cf map, venue 4, 2nd floor)*
- **WOMEN STUDIES**
  Co-ordinator: Ms.Juliette D'or
  ***Venue**: KIN 1.101 (Kinderstube, cf map)*
- **PUBLICATIONS**
  Co-ordinator: Mr. Don Sparling
  ***Venue**: KIN 1.102 (Kinderstube, cf map)*
- **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**
  Co-ordinator: Mr Michael Cooper
  ***Venue**: KIN 1.103 (Kinderstube, cf map)*
- **KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER**
  Co-ordinator: Mr Gustavo Marcos
  ***Venue**: Auditorium A, Building 3 (cf map, venue 3, lower groundfloor)*

19:00 **Presentation of the 7th Compostela – Xunta de Galicia Prize**

to **MANUEL CECILIO DÍAZ Y DÍAZ**, **Professor Emeritus of Latine Philology at the University of Santiago de Compostela**

***Venue**: Aula Magna, Main building (cf. map, venue 1, 1st floor)*

- Performance : Klar & Nett
- Beginning of the ceremony
- Welcome by the Rector of the University of Fribourg **Prof. Dr. Urs Altermatt**
- Address by the authorities present: **Mrs Isabelle Chassot**, Head of the Departement for Education, Culture and Sports Fribourg **Mr.Celso Curras**, Regional Minister of Education and **Mr Eduardo López Pereira**, General Director for Universities, representatives from the Regional Government of Galicia
- Performance : Klar & Nett
- Address by the President of the Compostela Group, **Prof. Dr. Michael Cooper**; Karlstad University
- Presentation of the gold medal and cheque
- Address by **Prof. Dr. Manuel Cecilio Díaz y Díaz**
- Performance : Klar & Nett

20:00 **Reception offered by the City and the Canton of Fribourg**

20:30 **Shuttle bus** to the dinner venue, in the Old Town (*Departure from the University)*

21:00–23:00 **Dinner offered by the Xunta de Galicia**

***Venue**: Ballroom of the Salons du Cercle de la Grande Société, Grand Rue 68, Fribourg*

23:00 Individual return to the hotels

Friday, September 5th

09:15–10:15 **Second session:**

1st Speaker: **Prof. Dr. LUCIANO GALÁN CASADO , Madrid Autonoma University**

Commercialisation of International Education and the Debate on the General Agreement on Trade Services (GATS)

***Venue**: Aula Magna, Main building (cf. map, venue 1, 1st floor))*

10:15–11:00 **Coffee break**

***Venue**: Hall d'honneur, Main building (cf map, venue 1, groundfloor)*

11:00–12:00 *2nd Speaker*: **Prof. Dr. URS ALTERMATT**, Rector of the University of Fribourg

Universities and Plurilinguism in Europe

12:15–14:00 Lunch

***Venue**: Mensa (cf map)*

14:00–16:00 Annual Business Meeting

- President's Report
- Approval of the minutes of the 8th General Assembly, Lisbon University 8-10 September 2002
- Elections
- Accounts 2002: Approval
- Provisional budget 2003: Approval
- General Assembly 2004: Election of the seat of the new General Assembly
- Election of the 2004 Compostela-Xunta de Galicia Prize Jury members
- Withdrawals
- New members
- Reports from the Executive Committee members and Working Group co-ordinators
  - European Issues
  - European Unit
  - Women Studies
  - Administrative Staff Mobility and Exchange
  - Publications
  - Knowledge Transfer

***Venue**: Aula Magna, Main building (cf. map, venue 1, 1st floor)*

16:00-16:30 Coffee break

***Venue**: Hall d'honneur, Main building (cf map, venue 1, groundfloor)*

16:30-17:00 General Assembly Closing Ceremony

***Venue**: Aula Magna, Main building (cf. map, venue 1, 1st floor)*

Presentation of the 9th General Assembly Commemorative Plaque to the Rector of the University of Fribourg, **Prof. Dr. URS ALTERMATT**

19:30 Cocktail followed by the Closing Dinner

***Venue**: Auberge de Zaehringen, Rue de Zaehringen 13, Fribourg*

Saturday, September 6th

Excursion to GRUYÈRES, by bus

Gruyères stands in the midst of the green Alpine foothills. The castle, one of the most magnificent in Switzerland, towers above the medieval townlet. The tour of the castle offers a walk through eight centuries of

architecture, history and culture.

10:45	**Departure from the Hôtel de la Rose,** for the persons accommodated there and at the Hôtel Duc Berthold
11:00	**Departure from the Hôtel NH,** for the persons accommodated there and in other places
12:30–14:00	**Lunch** at the Hostellerie St-Georges, Gruyères
14:00–16:00	**Château de Gruyère:** Guided tour
16:00	**Departure for Moléson/Plan-Francey** 16:20: funicular to Plan-Francey drinks 17:40: funicular to Moléson-Village
18:00	**Departure for Fribourg**

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Fribourg in Switzerland: a city of incomparable charm, nestling by its meandering river, the Sarine. The ring of defensive works from the 13th-15th cen. is the greatest complex of Swiss medieval military architecture.

Fribourg lies in the Central Plateau and is surrounded by flat moraines formed in the last Ice Age. It has a balanced climate. The old city is built in a bend of the River Sarine, which digs deeply into Tertiary sandstone at that point. The riverbed lies at 540 meters, the highest spot in the medieval city at 630 m above sea level.

Fribourg was founded in 1157 by Duke Bertold IV of Zaehringen as part of the consolidation of his family 's power around the Aare and the Sarines Rivers by means of a ring of new cities (Berne, Burgdorf, Thoune, Morat). The Zaehringens were succeded first by their heirs the Kyburg, through purchase by the Austrian Habsburgs in 1277 and finally in 1452 by Savoy. The Burgundian wars left Fribourg self – ruling; in 1478 it was made a free Imperial city and in 1481 a member of the Swiss Confederation. A policy of advantageous alliances, purchases and conquests from the 14th to 16th cen. allowed it to grow into a city state.

The Old Town has kept its medieval quarter structure and firewall system. Many houses have preserved their gothic façades and it is just a delight to walk around the St Nicolas Cathedral (its remarquable Art-Nouveau windows designed by Joseph Mehoffer of Cracow), the churches, the cloisters and the fountains of Fribourg.
Eight centuries of artistic creation have shaped its prestige, perpetuated by many contemporary artists such as Jean Tinguely, whose works have gained international acclaim. Fribourg has achieved a perfect alliance of tradition and modernity.

Fribourg cultivates the fine art of welcome and enjoyment of life. This lively and convivial centre has intense cultural activities including many festivals (film, folklore, music as an avant-garde art), concerts and shows. Hiking paths, 18 holes golf-courses, moutain bike trails, ski slopes within easy reach round off a rich choice of activities for every taste.

FRIBOURG UNIVERSITY

Situated in the center of Switzerland and Europe, the University of Fribourg is unique in its bilingualism, its international character and its numerous specialities in teaching and research. Its motto "Science and Wisdom" underlines a concern for ethical responsibility in scientific activity and a positive attitude to interdisciplinary studies.
Founded in 1889, the university plays a vital role in the life of the city which offers an ideal environment for study and research.
The cultural, social and economic impact of the University within the bilingual canton of Fribourg is considerable. As an institution of higher and continuing education, and scientific research, the University encourages innovation and economic development, benefiting both public and private sectors in the canton.
The University bring together professors, teaching and research assistants, students and the administrative and technical staff, representing a community of some ten thousand people.
The University of Fribourg has five faculties: Catholic Theology, Economics and Social Sciences, Arts and Science (natural sciences and medicine). The faculties are composed of departments and institutes. The University also has a number of interfaculty research and teaching units.

The University of Fribourg has grown considerably in recent years, with the number of student doubling in the last fifteen years. By Swiss standards the University is of average size, with close nine thousand six hundred students. It awards more than a thousand diplomas each year. There are two hundred research teams carrying out some 650 research projects at the University, of which about fifty are financed by the Swiss National Research Fund and by European programs. Its program of Continuing Education attracts three thousand professionals for more than twelve thousand days of courses each year.

HOW TO TRAVEL TO FRIBOURG

The easiest way is to fly to Geneva or to Zürich, then catch a train to Fribourg. There are train stations at both airports. There is also a small airport in Bern – Belp, incl. a service of shuttle bus to the city centre (train station)or taxi.
The train station in Fribourg is located in the city Centre .
Train schedules can be found through the web site of the swiss train company :
www.cff.ch in french or in german www.sbb.ch
Fribourg is located at about 700 above sea level, in September the temperature could vary from ten to twenty degrees! The best is to consult the weather forecast web sites :
http://www.meteoswiss.ch/en/Forecasts/Predictions/IndexPredictions.shtml
http://www.eef.ch/fr/vers4/meteo.asp