
THE POWER OF...



JUNE 17-18, 2010 DE MEERVAART – AMSTERDAM – THE NETHERLANDS

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1 Websites

Information on the seminar can be found on these websites:

- www.dashe.nl/events/dashe/seminars.html
- <http://atlantis.utoledo.edu>

2 Hotels

We have spoken several Amsterdam hotel managers about special arrangements. But we have noticed ourselves as seminar/conference participants the last few years in other countries, that the situation has changed. It is possible to make a 'seminar prices deal' but there are also rooms available for even lower prices, using general websites like www.booking.com, www.expedia.nl, www.tripadvisor.com, www.hotels.com, et cetera.

The western part of Amsterdam being the venue we suggest to keep in mind:

- The venue can easily be reached by tram from the centre of Amsterdam (numbers 1 and 17), starting at Amsterdam Central Station. Both trams run through the centre of Amsterdam, so if you are staying in a hotel near the Central Station or in the centre, you can take one of these trams, every 10 minutes. It takes about a 30 minutes from the centre.
- But you can also take the train from Amsterdam Central Station to Station Amsterdam Lelylaan, and from there by tram (1 or 17) to the venue. This will also take about a 30 minutes.
- From hotels near Amsterdam Schiphol Airport, there are busses from the Airport to the venue, with a stop in front of The Meervaart. This will take about 45 minutes. But you can also take a shuttle bus from the hotel to Schiphol, and by train to Station Amsterdam Lelylaan (10 minutes) and by tram to the venue (5 minutes).

We will publish a few maps of Amsterdam on the seminar website, and information on trams, trains and busses (numbers, schedules). And of course you can send us an email if you have questions about possible hotels and 'how to get to the venue'.

3 Venue

De Meervaart
Meer en Vaart 300
1068 LE Amsterdam

Telephone: 0031 20 4107700

Information about this venue can be found on www.meervaart.nl.

4 From Schiphol Airport to...

If you are flying to Amsterdam Schiphol airport, it is easy to travel to...

- Amsterdam centre:
There is a direct train from the airport to Amsterdam Central Station. From there you can take several trams to the center and to your hotel. A taxi is also possible, but this will be more expensive
Traintickets are available using tickets machines, at every station.
You need an electronic ticket ('public transport card') for trams, busses and metro trains., which you can buy at Amsterdam Central Station.
- Venue, De Meervaart:
Every half hour there is a direct train from Schiphol Airport to Station Amsterdam Lelylaan (direction Amsterdam Central Station – takes 10 minutes). From there you have to take the tram to the venue (number 1 or 17). This will take about 20 minutes.
- Hotels near the airport:
Most of the hotels have a shuttle bus.

More detailed information about tickets and 'how to buy them' will be given in the next newsletter.

5 Pre-seminar – Wednesday afternoon

On Wednesday afternoon June 16, there is the possibility for participants in the seminar to visit one of the Universities of Applied Sciences in Amsterdam and a College for VET. From 13.30 h. to 16.30 h. there is a program, in collaboration with staff members of these institutions:

13.00 – 14.45 h	Visit to the University of Applied Sciences Presentation about the Dutch Educational System (VET and HE) Meeting with managers, program coordinators and students
14.45 – 15.15 h	Transfer / Coffee break
15.15 – 16.30 h	Visit to the College for VET Presentation about the system in the Netherlands, concerning the transfer from VET (secondary education) to HE (tertiary education) Meeting with staff members of the College.

If you are interested in this activity – no extra costs – please complete the special form attached to this newsletter (also possible to download from the website) and send it to info@leido.nl

6 Social program - Saturday

If you stay one or two days longer in Amsterdam we offer 'a social program' on Saturday, June 19. If there are enough participants you can choose between a half day or whole day activity by

completing the attached form. In case of too little participants there may be many trips to be made individually

Half a day incl. lunch

- 1 Visit to 'Rijksmuseum' - Amsterdam
- 2 Visit Anne Frank Huis (House of Anne Frank) - Amsterdam
- 3 Visit to Royal Palace (Dam, center of Amsterdam)
- 4 Amsterdam City Tour

Prices from 20 till 35 euro.

Whole day incl. lunch

- 1 Bus trip to 'Fisherman's villages: Volendam, Marken and other small villages, north of Amsterdam
- 2 Open Air Museum Zaanse Schans – north of Amsterdam
- 3 Visit to Enkhuizen, village north of Amsterdam including visit to the 'Zuiderzee Museum'
- 4 Grand Holland Tour de luxe (Rotterdam, The Hague, Delft etc.)

Prices from 40 till 70 euro.

7 Program

Thursday, June 17

09.00 – 10.00 h.

- Registration

10.00 – 10.15 h.

- Welcome ceremony
- Presentation: Atlantis project and the aims of this seminar
Project management

10.15 – 11.30 h.

- Plenary presentations about national strategies on LLL
 - The Netherlands
Dutch Ministry of Education
 - U.S.
Board of Regents, Ohio
 - Bulgaria
Co-author Bulgarian National Strategy on LLL

11.30 – 11.45 h

- Coffee break

11.45 – 12.15 h

- Presentation: Implementation of the National Qualifications Framework for LLL – including the SCHE: a big challenge for all stakeholders
Dutch Ministry of Education

12.15 – 12.45 h

- Panel discussion on national LLL strategies – looking at the Bologna Process and 'the modernizing' of the Higher Education Area in the next decade
Representative from the U.S., The Netherlands, France and Bulgaria

12.45 – 13.45 h.

- Lunch

13.45 – 14.45 h.

- Plenary presentations
 - Study on LLL in Bulgaria
International University College
 - LLL in the U.S and Canada / Role of the SCHE in the Education System
University of Toledo / Owen Community College

14.45 – 15.00 h

- Coffee break

15.00 – 16.30 h.

- Workshop sessions (7 sub-themes):
 1. Cooperation between Higher Education Institutions and Businesses
 2. Recognition of Prior Learning
 3. Combination of Formal and Non-Formal Learning
 4. Quality Assurance and Accreditation
 5. Flexible Learning Paths for Adult Learners
 6. Regional Cooperation, focused on Life Long Learning
 7. Governmental Involvement in Life Long Learning Policy, and others

16.30 – 17.15 h.

- Plenary presentation: The Role of VET and Community Colleges in LLL
EUpromVET

19.30 – 22.00 h.

- Dinner Cruise (on the canals of Amsterdam)

Friday June 18

09.30 – 10.45 h.

- Plenary presentations
 - Plenary presentation: First results of a study on the SCHE (level 5) in the EQF, in the Bologna Process
EduConsult, Belgium
 - Education in Employment and Roadmap for Employer-Academic Partnership
Cork Institute of Technology, Ireland

10.45 – 11.00 h.

- Coffee break

11.00 – 12.30 h

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12.30 – 13.45 h.

- Lunch

13.45 – 14.30 h.

- Plenary session: Conclusions and recommendations, based on the workshops
Chairs of the workshop sessions

14.30 – 15.00 h

- Panel discussion: recommendations

15.00 - 15.20 h.

- Coffee break

15.20 – 15.45 h.

- General view of the seminar rapporteur...
Foundation degree Forward, England

15.45 – 16.15 h

- Presentation
Plans for the founding of an international network on SCHE programs 'World Association for Short Higher Education Programs' – Members: national and regional associations and individual experts
Project management Atlantis project

- Closing of the seminar

16.15 h....

- Drinks, wrap up, et cetera

8 Workshops

In the first newsletter we have given relevant information about the workshop sessions. The idea is to have sessions for every theme on both days. In case we will have too small groups for one or more of the themes we can decide to combine those groups and/or to have one workshop for this particular theme on one of the days. Of course we will inform you as soon as possible about such a change in the program.

9 Registration procedure

If you want to participate in the seminar, please use the booking form on the seminar website: www.dashe.nl/events/dashe/seminars.html or send an email to: info@leido.nl for the attention of Hans Daale, including the following details – and we will send you the booking form:

- Name
- Organisation
- Email address.

Upon receipt of your e-mail or booking form, you will receive an acknowledgement. If you don't receive the acknowledging e-mail within four days, please inform the Seminar Secretariat: info@leido.nl

10 Seminar fees

The participant's fees are, including all documentation, coffee breaks and lunches:

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| - One day (Thursday or Friday): | 200 euro |
| - Dinner Cruise, Thursday Evening: | 50 euro |
| - Thursday, including dinner cruise: | 235 euro |
| - Both days, without dinner cruise: | 350 euro |
| - Both days, including dinner cruise: | 385 euro |

Specific situation

We as organizers of this Atlantis seminar know that for some countries, involved in the Bologna Process, these fees are relatively high, in comparison with the average incomes and budgets for international projects and seminars. In case you want to participate in the seminar, being in such

a position, we will ask you to send an email to the organization (info@leido.nl) and we will take your situation into consideration. We are hoping to attract in this way many experts from a lot of countries, giving you the opportunity to discuss about LLL with them...

Payment

The registration fees exclude VAT 6%. All payments must be made in euros (€). We will send your personal invoice, starting in the last week of March, including the necessary information about how to pay the fee.

11 Next Newsletter

The next newsletter will be published at the beginning of April.

