

The conference will be held in the Hotel Scandic in Karlskrona /Sweden/, where participants will be transported with the ferry carrier Stena Line. The ferry transport will provide all participants with the opportunity of exchange of opinions both before, as well as after the session, and with additional attractions connected with the travel through the Baltic Sea. The conference will be a chance to get to know Karlskrona, the unique city included in UNESCO's list of World Heritage of Humanity, as an excellent example of 17th century city combining civil and military functions, as well as to see Oland – second largest island in the Baltic Sea. According to the popular legend, the island is the remains of a large butterfly, whose wings fell off and he finished his flight in the sea. The island is full of windmills, magic circles, runic stones and elks living in a reserve, where you are also invited. We will taste together, in the Kingdom of Glass, a Hyttsill /ceremonial meal/ served most of the time in the same place where production is held, on tables placed right next to furnaces, in which the glass mass is melted. We will reach the island through the city of Kalmar, on which edges there is the only land way to the island – built in the year 1972, the longest bridge in Sweden and one of the longest in Europe.



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HIGHER EDUCATION IN POLAND AND THE EUROPEAN UNION – PRESENT CONDITION AND PROSPECTS OF DEVELOPMENT

Gdynia - Karlskrona
15-18 September 2010

Motives for choosing the conference theme

In the year 2009/10 there were 457 higher education institutions in Poland, that is: 131 public institutions and 326 non-public institutions. The number of university students increased in the last 10 years from 394 thousands to almost 2 millions. We are witnessing the educational boom that has mainly quantitative character, therefore it would be worthwhile to focus also on its quality dimension, on raising the usefulness of higher education, on improving the teaching methods and teaching staff. The next crucial issue is also a fact, that at present the functioning conditions of higher education may not be so favourable anymore. For the nearest several years the number of secondary school graduates will be about 30% smaller than nowadays.

The proposed changes in the higher education taken by EU countries – including changes within the field of studies' functioning – are encountering negative reactions of students. Processes that we are observing inspire us to scientific summaries and to present recommendations for the nearest future. Research findings presented during the conference can be used in the discussion about the future of higher education. We will be able to discuss future amendments to the Higher Education Law Act. Our scientific conference is therefore devoted to the matters of higher education.

Aims of the conference

Higher education in Poland is one of the key elements of education of the country and modern Europe. The development and scope of its influence need a scientific reflection.

The aim of the conference is an attempt to collect research findings concerning higher education in Poland and other European Union countries in order to establish prospects of development in the nearest years. The conference also aims at discussion on research findings connected with the most important areas related to current strategic problems of higher education institutions

These areas should include:

1. Strategic determinants of the development of higher education in Poland and European Union.
2. Previous experiences of higher education institutions in regard to determinants of development and functioning.
3. Prospects (directions of development) of higher education in the education system of the European Union.
4. Financing development of higher education institutions: sources, effectiveness, security.
5. Experiences of European Union countries in the field of higher education development.

We would like to especially invite to the conference:

1. Members of authorities and employees of higher education institutions – both public as well as non-public.
2. Representatives of the State Accreditation Committee.
3. People dealing scientifically with issues associated with higher education institutions' functioning.

Conference Place and Date:

Karlskrona (Sweden), September 15-18, 2010

Costs of participation:

The cost of participation is 1400 PLN (around 350 EUR) + VAT per person (extra charge for single cabin: 150 PLN + VAT; for single room 80 PLN + VAT).

Payment includes all costs of participation in the conference, transportation and conference publication. Organisers do not cover the costs of travel to the ferry terminal in Gdynia. There is a possibility of submitting a paper without participating in the conference. The cost of such publication is 350 PLN (around 90 EUR).

Payments should be made to the following account:

Wyższa Szkoła Administracji i Biznesu im. Eugeniusza Kwiatkowskiego w Gdyni
ul. Kielecka 7, 81-303 Gdynia

Bank Pocztowy S.A. Account number: 71 1320 1120 2451 1344 2000 0001 SWIFT: POCZPLP4

The conference will result in a publication showing the most important problems of the development of higher education in Poland and ways of their solving. Papers will be published in an after-conference publication meeting the criteria acknowledged as significant in the academic development of the authors. The publication will be subjected to scientific review.

All questions, applications, we kindly ask to send in electronic form to the address: e.bemke@wsaib.pl /conference secretariat – Tel. +48 58 660 74 12

Publishing requirements will be sent after receiving notification of participation in the conference.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME:

September 15

19:00 Check-in. Boarding to the ferry.

21:00 Departure from Gdynia; formal dinner

September 16

07:00-08:00 Breakfast

08:00 Arrival to Karlskrona;

transfer to Kalmar and the island of Oland;

lunch in glassworks; visit to the Elk Reserve;

transfer to Karlskrona

19:00 Supper in Karlskrona

/accommodation in Hotel Scandic/

September 17

08:00 Breakfast

10:00-18:00 Plenary session

/coffee break, lunch/

18:30-19:00 Transfer to the ferry terminal;

check-in

20:00 Departure to Gdynia

20:00 Supper/live music, disco/

September 18

06:30 Breakfast

07:30 Arrival to Gdynia

