

**12th Semi-Annual Meeting of the Central- and Eastern European Network
- CEEN) -**

Smolenice Castle, 22-24 April 2009

25 Feb. 2009 - Draft Agenda -

Wednesday - April 22, 2009: Arrival

- 15:00 Transportation to Smolenice will be arranged by bus for those participants who will arrive to Bratislava by train, air.
To participants arriving to Smolenice by car route instructions will be send (maps of routes from Bratislava, Trnava (Žilina, Nitra): Planned arrivals to Smolenice after 16:00.
- 16:00 – 18:00 Accommodation in Smolenice Castle.
- 18:00 – 18:10 Welcome of CEEN participants by Prof. Stefan Luby, President of the meeting.
- 18:10 – 18:30 Invited speaker: Mr. Hido Bišcevic, Secretary General of the Regional Cooperation Council: *The Regional Cooperation Council: South East Europe one year on and the challenges ahead*.
- 19:00 Dinner

Thursday - April 23, 2009

- 09.00** 1.1 Opening of the meeting: the by:
- *Prof. Stefan Luby, President of the meeting*
- *Prof. Felix Unger*
- *Dr. Gilbert Fayl*
- 1.2 Approval of the agenda.
- 09:15 2. Implications for the Central- and Eastern European region, incl. the Balkan, of the December 2008 Council Conclusions on international scientific and technological cooperation – *Ms. Sieglinde Gruber, Head of Unit, Analysis and monitoring of research policies around the world, DG Researhd, European Commission*.
- 10:00 3. Co-operation of the US National Academies with the Central- and Eastern European region, including the Balkan, and prospects for further co-operation possibilities – *Dr. Glenn Schweitzer, Director, Office for Central Europe and Eurasia, The National Academies*. On request, individual side meetings with Glenn Schweitzer. If necessary, meetings will continue on April 24 morning.
- 10.45 Coffee break
- 11:00 4. Recent development and prospects concerning the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT), - *Ms. Lucia Recalde Langarica, Head of the EIT Task Force, European Commission*.
- 11:45 5. Report on the outcome and follow-up of the International Conference “Role of National Science Academies in the 21st Century” - *Prof. Momir Djurovic*.
- 12:00 6. European Lead Market in Health Care – *Prof. Felix Unger*.
- 12:20 7. 2008 Budapest Round Table – *Dr. Gilbert Fayl*.
- 12:30 8. Other discussion points suggested by CEEN members.
- 13:00** – 14:00 Lunch.
- 14:00 – 18:00 Excursion to the „Red Stone“ Castle.
- 19:30 Evening Reception.

Friday - April 24, 2009

- 09:00** 9. Wellcome to the distinguished guest-speakers by *Prof. Syefan Luby*.
- 09:05 10. Views of Slovak Government on European S&T&I co-operation – *Mr. Dušan Caplovic, Deputy Prime Minister of the Government of the Slovak Republic*.
- 09:50 11. Vision of the Check EU Presidency for the key issues that the European Union is likely to face in the future and how these might be addressed – *Prof. Jakub Dürr, Vice-Minister for European Affairs, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, Czech Republic*.
- 10:35 Coffee break
- 10:50 12. Visions for the future of European higher education
– *European Commissioner Jan Figel*.
- 11:35 13. Adoption of the CEEN Declaration „Be Forward Looking“.
- 11:40 14. Adoption of the Draft Reference Document on future CEEN activities and orientation.
- 11.50 15. Any other business + Date and place of the next CEEN meeting.
- 12:30** 16. Closing - *Prof. Stefan Luby*.
- 13:00 – 14:00 Lunch.
- 14:00 **Departure to Bratislava by bus.**

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