

*CARMEN – Co-operative for the Advancement of Research
through a Medieval European Network*

Inaugural Meeting, 9-11 March 2007
Central European University, Budapest

Friday, 9 March 2007

- 15:30 onwards Registration, Central European University
Reception desk on the ground floor of main CEU building
- indicate preferences for work-groups of the research lines
 - indicate preferred menu for dinner at Café Vista
- (address: Nádor utca 9, 1051 Budapest)
- 17:20 CEU – Popper Room:
Welcome Session
Prof. Yehuda Elkana, Rector and President of the Central European University
Welcome to the CEU
- Inaugural Address: Prof. Gabor Klaniczay (Head, Department of Medieval Studies, Central European University, Budapest)
Medieval Studies at the Central European University and the Idea of Europe
- Prof.dr. D.E.H. (Dick) de Boer (Rijksuniversiteit Groningen and Academic Director, Dutch National Research School for Medieval Studies)
Welcome and Introduction to CARMEN
- 19:00 – 19:40 CEU – lobby of the Gellner Room:
Wine and Nibbles
- 20:00 Café Vista - <http://www.vistacafe.hu> (10-15 minute walk from CEU):
Dinner
Choice of four different menus for 5000 forints each (approx. €20 euros) including one or two glasses of wine or soft drinks

Saturday, 10 March 2007

- 07:00 onwards Breakfast in hotel
- 09:00 CEU - Popper Room:
Introduction to the Day's Activities: Dr Simon Forde
- 09:30 **Session: 'Models of Multinational Collaboration in Practice'**
Prof. Jacqueline Hamesse (Université catholique de Louvain, Louvain-la-Neuve)
Le Diplôme Européen des Etudes Médiévales et les autres initiatives de la Fédération Internationale des Instituts d'Etudes Médiévales (FIDEM) [10-15 mins]
- Prof. Torstein Jørgensen (Teamleader [Religion], NCMS, Universitetet i Bergen)
Building a Multinational Institutional Consortium: The Nordic Centre for Medieval Studies and the Europeanisation of the Medieval North [10-15 mins]
- Prof. Dr Elmar Mittler (Bibliothekar und Honorarprofessor für Buch- und Bibliothekswesen, Georg-August-Universität, Göttingen)
The Consortium of European Research Libraries (CERL): Participants, Projects, Possibilities [10-15 mins]
- 10:15 Tea and coffee break
- 10:30 CEU - Popper Room:
Medieval Research Lines:
Introduction to European Funding Streams for the Humanities
Annemarie Bos (managing director, Humanities at the NWO/Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research, 's-Gravenhage/The Hague, and co-ordinator, Eranet HERA [Humanities in the European Research Area])
The European Union's Seventh Framework Programme, European Science Foundation, HERA [20 mins]
- 11:30 CEU - Popper Room and Gellner Room:
Medieval Research Lines, Session 1: Constructing Content
Each participant to join one of six work-groups selected from the following ten Research Lines:
- A – Basic or Fundamental Research**
1: **The Advancement of Basic Research on Medieval Europe** (precise topic[s] to be discussed within the work-group)
- B – Theoretical and Speculative Research**
2: **Cutting-Edge Research for the European Science Foundation** (precise topic[s] to be discussed within the work-group)
- C – Research with applications to the public sphere**

- 3: **Models of Long-term Sustainable Development: Successes and Failures, 535-1556**
- 4: **Migration: Pre-modern Experiences**
- 5: **Cultural Interactions: Lessons from the Medieval World**
- 6: **Comparative, Historical Paths of Development and their Impact on Europe**
- 7: **The Peace of God: Techniques of Conflict Resolution, ca. 200-1648**
- 8: **Social Engagement and Popular Participation: Successful Models in Pre-modern Europe**
- 9: **Divergent Histories and Plural Identities in Medieval Europe**
- 10: **The Challenge of Creative Art and Artists in Diverse Political Structures**

Objective 1: to identify medieval subjects, methodologies and sources which can contribute to the particular Research Line

Objective 2: to identify medievalists, previous scholarship (and resources), and current research teams or resources that can contribute to the particular Research Line

12:30

Buffet lunch

14:00

CEU - Popper Room and Gellner Room:

Medieval Research Lines, Session 2: Likely Research Outcomes

(same work-groups as before lunch)

Objective: to agree up to a dozen outcomes which are likely to be able to be demonstrated from medieval research in this particular Research Line, each of which would be sellable to funding agencies or which could challenge and inform contemporary public policy or opinion in the West, and Europe in particular

Resources: EU/ESF documentation on the aims of each research line

15:00

Tea and coffee break

15:30

CEU - Popper Room:

Medieval Research Lines, Session 3: Report-Back to the Plenary Group

Objective: to summarise the results of the discussions of each work-group, but to invite reactions, criticisms, but also to incorporate further suggestions (subjects, approaches, contributors) from people who were part of other work-groups

17:20

Walk together from the CEU to the Buda Castle district (weather permitting)

18:00

Concert of the vocal ensemble "Voces Aequales"
in Collegium Budapest – Institute for Advanced Study
(address: Szentháromság u. 2, 1014 Budapest)

18:45

Buffet-reception in the Collegium Budapest

Sunday, 11 March 2007

- 07:00 onwards Breakfast in hotel
- 09:00 CEU –Popper Room:
Closing Session: Afterthoughts and Next Steps on the Research Lines
Objective: to agree a co-ordinating person and body who is willing to become responsible for submitting a funding application to the EU/ESF or other bodies for each prioritised Research Line
- 10:00 Tea and coffee break
- 10:30 ***Round-Table: Summary Reports on the Activities of Participating Bodies***
Objective: for each body represented at Budapest to give (within a strict maximum of 5 minutes) a quick oral report of their current activities, particularly the challenges they are confronting, successes that they have achieved, and opportunities for collaboration that they can envisage.
- 12:00 Close of meeting
- 12:30 Departure for those with afternoon flights
- 13:30 to 16:00 Optional guided tour of Buda, led by Dr Balázs Nagy (if sufficient demand – please contact Dr Nagy in advance)