

## **WUN Presidents Forum: BREXIT and the International Higher Education Landscape – Strategies and Solutions to Sustain Knowledge Partnerships**

**Thursday 9 February 2017**

**Venue: Maastricht University Brussels Campus (opening dinner 8 February)**

### **Welcome and Final Briefing 5 February 2017**

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of WUN and our sponsors, it is a pleasure to welcome you to this Strategic Workshop. Please note the final program and papers on the website, and bring these with you in electronic or in your own print versions. To conserve cost, time and the environment, we will not have extra print copies. May I ask your consideration of these guidelines to achieve our objectives.

**Chairs of Sessions.** Please keep your sessions, speakers and panelists strictly to the times shown on the program. This is a discussion meeting, and the times are vital in order to fully engage all experts present. Chairs are invited to introduce their sessions with 2-3 minutes - on key questions or considerations that they feel would help focus on the outcomes. Please introduce only names and titles of speakers and panelists: bios and abstracts have been circulated.

**Speakers and Panelists.** In planning your comments, please keep to the allocated times so that the session engages discussants and there is time to bring through compelling ideas and actions.

**Presentations and Power-points.** Power-point is optional, but not essential for this discussion forum. Power-point can be helpful, for essential data or evidence to support argument or proposals, but please would you limit your slides to about one per minute of your presentation.

**Content.** Objectives have been circulated. I do not want to prescribe or script the proceedings closely. They will take on their own dynamics on the day, engaging the views and practical points of the experts.

**More Background.** Please note (Google) the UK Government White Paper on BREXIT 3 February 2017.

**Opening Dinner.** I will invite all attending to introduce themselves briefly at the informal dinner on the 8th, which is informal, so that names and faces are recognized as we enter the forum on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Thanks.** I thank over 100 colleagues worldwide (attending or not) who offered thoughts and suggestions as the workshop evolved. I am grateful to the WUN Board Steering Group of Martin Paul and Koen Lamberts who worked with me on concept and outcomes; and the operational group: Aisling Tiernan, Andrew Brown, Vivianne Heijnan, Felix Cabre Ruiz, Phil Holiday, Natalia Grzomba, A-Prof Grace Liu, Marije Nieuwenhuis and Dr Mike Hasenmueller, whose long distance teamwork, characteristic of WUN as a global Network, have brought us to this point and set us for a successful strategic workshop.

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