



**7<sup>th</sup> International PEACE Conference**  
on  
**Academic Cooperation and the Palestinian Universities**

*Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya*  
*Conference Room of the Escola Politècnica Superior d'Edificació*  
**22-23 November 2010**

**AGENDA AND TIMETABLE**

**Sunday, 21 November 2010: Arrival of participants**

- 17:00 Meeting of the Steering Committee of PEACE to finalize last minute details for the Conference
- 17:00 Registration of participants arriving on 21 November in the morning or early afternoon

**Monday, 22 November 2010**

- 9:00 Registration of participants (continued)

9:30-10:30 *Opening Session*

- Welcoming address by **Prof. Antoni Giró Roca**, Rector of UPC

- **Prof. Radwan Barakat**, Vice President of Hebron University, President of PEACE,

Greetings by:

- **Mrs. Sonia Bahri**, Chief of Section of International Cooperation in Higher Education, representative of the Director General of UNESCO
- **Mr. Andreu Claret**, Executive Director of the Anna Lindh Foundation
- **Sra. Monica Margarit**, Directora de Fundación Universidad es
- **Dr Hilligje-van't Land**, Director, Membership and Programme Development, International Association of Universities (IAU)
- Closing of the Opening Session by **Prof. Radwan Barakat**, President of PEACE



- 10:30:10:45 Coffee break
- 10:45-13:00 **Session 1: *Priority Needs of Palestinian Universities that could be met through International Academic Cooperation***
- Key note speaker and moderator: Prof Daoud Zatari**, President of the Polytechnic University of Tulkarem.  
**Prof. Mohammed Alsubu**, Head of Accreditation and Quality Assurance Commission, Palestinian Ministry of Education and Higher Education.  
**Prof. Adnan Yahya**, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Birzeit University.  
**Prof. Maher Natseh**, Vice President for Academic Affairs, An Najah National University  
**Dr. Imad Hodali** , Assistant for IT to the President of Al Quds Open University.  
**Prof. Roland Lombard**, President of Collectif Interuniversitaire pour la Coopération avec les Universités Palestiniennes (CICUP)
- Discussion
- 13:00-14:30 Lunch
- 14:30-16:00 **Session 2: *European Support to Palestinian Universities: A Cornerstone in the Development of Palestinian Higher Education***
- Key note speaker and moderator: Professor Ignacio Molina**, Vice President of the University of Granada,  
**Prof. Paul Van Cauwenberge**, Rector, University of Gent  
**Prof. Christine Mengin**, Vice President, Université Paris 1  
**Prof. Oywind Wistrom** from Vestfold College, Norway  
**Prof. Ulrich Eckern**, University of Augsburg,
- Discussions
- 16:30 – 16:45 Coffee break
- 16:45 –18:30 **Session 3: *New Initiatives in Support of Palestinian Higher Education and Research***
- Key note speaker and moderator: Prof. Hassan Dweik**, Executive Vice President, Al Quds University  
**Prof. Gianni Vaggi**, University of Pavia  
**Prof. F. Kattan**, Bethlehem University  
**Prof. George Miley**, Vice President of the International Astronomical Union  
**Dr. Suleiman Baraka**, Al Aqsa University, (10 min. film presentation)  
**Prof. Espen Bjertness** Univ. of Oslo  
**Dr. Ruediger Klein**, Executive Director European Federation of National Academies of Sciences and Humanities (ALLEA)  
**Prof. Kashchandra G. Raghobama**, Purdue University
- 18:30-19:00 Discussions

**Tuesday, 23 November 2010**

9:00 – 13:00 (with a coffee break between 11:15 and 11:30)

**Special session devoted to the *Role of the Universities in Promoting Dialogue among Cultures and Civilizations***

**Chair of the Session: Prof. John Morgan**, Nottingham University, President UK Commission for UNESCO.

**Keynote speaker: Prof. Federico Mayor**, President of the Culture of PEACE Foundation,  
Co - Chair, UN Alliance for Dialogue among Civilisations

**Speakers:**

**Prof. Cagiano de Azevedo**, University of Rome 1 “La Sapienza”, Holder of the UNESCO  
Chair on Population, Migrations and Development

**Prof. Nabil El Hagggar**, Vice president, Culture, communication et patrimoine  
scientifique, Université Lille 1

**Dr Hilligje-van’t Land**, Director, Membership and Programme Development, International  
Association of Universities (IAU)

**Prof. Metin Lütfi Baydar**, President, Suleiman Demirel University, Turkey

**Prof. Irene Hazou**, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, Bethlehem University

**Prof. Tuomo Melasuo**, Director of Research, Tampere Peace Research Institute, Tampere  
University,