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Executive Summary

Registration details of
the EUA convention of
HEIs in Glasgow

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Introduction

1. This Europe note informs heads of institutions of the themes and registration details of the European University Association (EUA) convention of higher education institutions, taking place in Glasgow on 31 March – 2 April. UK participants are strongly encouraged to attend to ensure that the UK's views on the future of the Bologna Process and in particular on key quality assurance issues are expressed. To register for the conference visit:

<http://www.eua.be/eua/en/Conventions.jsp>

2. Heads of institutions who are members of the EUA and UK higher education sector stakeholders are invited to attend. For further details of registration please contact Joanne Dee: joanne.dee@eua.be

Background

3. The EUA's conventions provide Europe's higher education institutions with the unique opportunity to take stock of developments in European HE and prepare a clear message from the sector for transmission to the Bologna Process Ministerial Summits, the next of which takes place in Bergen in May 2005.

4. The Glasgow Declaration resulting from the convention will then be transmitted to the Bergen Ministerial Summit on the Bologna Process on 19-20 May 2005.

5. The convention will also feature the presentation of the 'Trends IV' report - the fourth in a series of biannual reports providing up-to-date information on higher education developments in Europe.

Conference themes

3. Entitled 'Strong Universities for Europe' the convention will foster discussions on the increasingly important role of institutions and students in creating the

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European knowledge society. It will be hosted by the three Glasgow institutions – University of Glasgow, University of Strathclyde and Glasgow Caledonian University.

4. Five key theme questions will be addressed: *'What are the core values for universities in responding to society's needs?; How can universities enhance their research mission?; How to implement sustainable Bologna reforms in HEIs?; How can institutions improve quality in European HE?; How to finance European HE?'*

5. Also supported by the Scottish Executive, the Department for Education and Skills and the European Commission the convention will provide the European HE sector with the forum to assess, from the institutional perspective, progress made towards the Bologna Process goal of a European Higher Education Area by 2010.

Election of EUA Board and President 2005-2009

6. The event will include the election for the new EUA President and Board for 2005-2009. The EUA Council has listed its nominees. Further candidates may stand for election following submission to the EUA of an application form with 50 supporting signatures by 28 February 2005. The nominees standing for election for the Board are: Jaak Aaviksoo, Rector, University of Tartu; Roderick Floud, President, London Metropolitan University; Peter Gaehtgens, Former Rector, Freie Universitat Berlin; Helena Nazare, Rector, University of Aveiro; Jean-Marc Rapp, Rector, University of Lausanne; Gulsun Saglamer, Former Rector, Istanbul Technical University; Christina Ullenius, Rector, Karlstad University; Frans Van Vught, Former Rector, University of Twente. The EUA Council's nomination for President is Professor Georg Winckler, Rector of the University of Vienna.

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