

FINHEEC - Finnish Higher  
Education Evaluation Council



## Seminar: Centres of Excellence in University Education

24 - 25 February 2009, Helsinki Finland

Venue: Helsinki Congress Paasitorni, Paasivuorenkatu 5 A

### Tuesday, 24 February

Chair: Professor Riitta Pyykkö, Chair of FINHEEC

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| 8.30  | <b>Arrival and registration</b><br>Morning coffee   |
| 10.00 | <b>Welcoming address</b>  |
| 10.15 | <b>Centres of Excellence in University Education in Finland</b><br>Professor Riitta Pyykkö, Chair of FINHEEC  |
| 11.00 | <b>Centres of Excellence in University Education 2010-2012: Evaluation method</b><br>Professor Karl-Erik Michelsen, Finnish Chair of the evaluation team                                |
| 11.30 | <b>Commentary address by a member of the evaluation team</b><br>Professor Birute Klaas, University of Tartu, Estonia  |
| 11.45 | <b>Discussion</b>   |
| 12.15 | Lunch   |
| 13.30 | <b>Centres of Excellent Quality in Higher Education in Sweden</b><br>Project Manager Charlotte Elam and Project Manager Tomas Egeltoft, Swedish<br>National Agency for Higher Education |
| 14.15 | <b>Commentary address by a chair of the evaluation team</b><br>Rector Marianne Stenius, Hanken School of Economics  |
| 14.30 | <b>Discussion</b>   |
| 14.45 | Coffee and tea  |

15.15- **Parallel sessions: Presentations of the Awarded Units**  
16.45

<b>Session A</b> Room: Congress hall	<b>Session B</b> Room: Juho Rissanen	<b>Session C</b> Room: Karl Lindahl
<b>Department of Educational Sciences and Teacher Education / University of Oulu</b>	<b>Department of Industrial Management / Lappeenranta University of Technology</b>	<b>School of Motion Picture, Television and Production Design / University of Art and Design Helsinki</b>
<b>Department of Physics / University of Jyväskylä</b>	<b>Faculty of Medicine / University of Turku</b>	<b>Department of Computer Science / University of Helsinki</b>
Chaired by Arild Raaheim, University of Bergen	Chaired by Vesa Taatila, Laurea Polytechnics	Chaired by Suvi Eriksson, University of Oulu

17.00-18.00 Cocktails served at Helsinki Congress Paasitorni

### Wednesday, 25 February

Chair: Professor Riitta Pyykkö, Chair of FINHEEC

9.00 **Quality in Finnish University Education**  
Professor Arild Raaheim, University of Bergen, Norway  
Member of the evaluation team

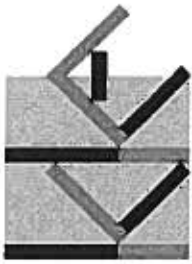
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<b>Medical Programme / Linköping University</b>	<b>Department of Process and Environmental Engineering / University of Oulu</b>	<b>Faculty of Pharmacy / University of Helsinki</b>
Chaired by Stefan Bienefeld, German Rectors' Conference	Chaired by Jonas Heikkilä, Åbo Academi University	Chaired by Helen Uglow, London Business School

12.00 **Conclusions and future challenges**  
Dr. Helka Kekäläinen, Secretary General of FINHEEC

12.30 Lunch



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functions as a basis for the allocation of performance-based funding by the Ministry of Education.

Commissioned by the Ministry of Education, the Finnish Higher Education Evaluation Council (FINHEEC) has now completed the evaluation process for the nomination of centres of excellence for the fifth time. The evaluation process, which was conducted in 2007-2008, will end in an international seminar *Centres of Excellence in University Education* to be held at Helsinki Congress Paasitorni on 24 and 25 February 2009 in Helsinki. The final report of the evaluation will be published in the seminar.

Swedish National Agency for Higher Education has its own process for the selection of Centres of Excellent Quality in Higher Education.

### BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES OF THE SEMINAR

Finnish and European higher education competes in the global education market. It is no longer sufficient to have confidence in the quality of a country's higher education at the national level, but higher education must be comprehensible and reliable also internationally. In particular, the mobility of students and labour emphasises the need to be able to demonstrate the quality of education.

The Finnish Ministry of Education has an economic incentive "Centres of Excellence in University Education" to improve the quality and relevance of education in universities. The objective is also to provide support for continuous improvement of education. The designation of centres of excellence in education is thus one means to promote the enhancement of university-level education and to highlight the importance of the quality of education. It

By introducing the two national models for awarding excellence in education and some of the awarded units the seminar aims to disseminate information on good practices of enhancing education. Likewise, the seminar strives to bring new ideas and perspectives to continual development of curricula, programme and course design and to provide solutions and new viewpoints to teaching, assessment and learning methods.

The seminar will gather participants from HEIs, quality assurance agencies and other European actors to discuss and share new information. The conference language is English.

The event is jointly organized by FINHEEC and ENQA.

### PROGRAMME AND REGISTRATION

The programme (enclosed) includes keynote addresses, plenary sessions, parallel sessions and discussions.

The seminar can accept a maximum of 250 participants, and the places will be filled on a first come first served basis. Should the maximum number be exceeded, FINHEEC reserves the right to allocate places so that HEIs, quality assurance agencies and other actors get representatives to the seminar as widely and equally as possible.

Participants are requested to register on-line in the following address:

<http://tinyurl.com/4yqm82>

Registration by e-mail will not be accepted.

Participants are specifically requested to mark their preferences on the parallel sessions on 24 Tuesday 15.15-16.45 and on 25 Wednesday 10.15-11.45 on scale 1-3 (1 = most preferred session) in the on-line registration form.

The deadline for registrations is **20 January 2009**. Registrations after this date will not be accepted.

In case of technical problems in registration, please contact Matti Kajaste [matti.kajaste@minedu.fi](mailto:matti.kajaste@minedu.fi) (FINHEEC).

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