



Lodz University of Technology

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**35<sup>th</sup> Conference of  
Rectors and Presidents of European Universities of Technology**

**Under the auspices of  
Dr. Jarosław Gowin, Deputy Prime Minister and  
Minister of Science and Higher Education, Poland**

**Assessing education and research as  
major element of university leadership**

**September 16-17, 2016**

**Final Programme**

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**2016 Conference Host:**

**Prof. Stanislaw Bielecki, Rector (2008 – August 2016)**

**Prof. Slawomir Wiak, Rector (from September 2016)**

**Lodz University of Technology**

**Conference Venue:**

**Lodz University of Technology**

**Lodz, Poland**

# Invitation to the 2016 Conference at Lodz University of Technology

Dear colleague,

We cordially invite you to crp 2016, the 35<sup>th</sup> Conference of Rectors and Presidents of European Universities of Technology. In the course of the developments of European universities towards more autonomy the question of performance assessing has become increasing importance for university leaders. Since the end of 1980s, universities in Europe have become institutions needing professional management and applying appropriate instruments for strategy development, steering and performance assessment. In addition, international rankings – like it or not – play a role in national and international comparisons and competition.

On the first day, keynote speakers will discuss the Conference topic from different perspectives. On the second day, university leaders will present the approaches they are following addressing the challenges of assessing their institutions' performance and assuring quality of education and research in an increasingly competitive environment.

## **General background of the conference:**

Following a joint initiative of the rectors of Vienna University of Technology and RWTH Aachen University, this conference has been started in 1980 with the aim to establishing a forum for top representatives of leading science and engineering universities in Europe for

- discussing topics of major common concern, that are not discussed in other fora,
- identifying differences and commonalities of existing solutions to problems of common interest,
- developing new ideas and - if appropriate - preparing recommendations on specific topics, and
- forming a 'think tank' for the future development of the universities of technology in Europe.

As an informal grouping the conference has no formal international or European organisational structure.

## **Discussions at the 2016 Conference will address issues such as:**

The conference topic will give an opportunity for many dimensions to look at. There are several invisible but real borders between

- Quality assessment as part of university strategy
- Approaches for monitoring and assessing teaching quality
- Methods for research assessment – how to use the results
- Specific issues for quality assessment at universities of technology
- University rankings – focussing on institutions and/or themes
- Role of university rankings in university management

**Prof. Stanislaw Bielecki**  
2016 Conference Host

**Prof. Manfred Horvat**  
Conference Coordinator

# Programme, Day 1 - 16 September 2016

9:30	<b>Bus Pick-up from Hotel for Campus Visit</b>
10:00 - 12:30	<b>Campus Tour, Lodz University of Technology</b> Lab Factor, XXI Century Engineers Factory, International Faculty of Engineering, Information Technology Centre
12:30 - 13:30	<b>Lunch at the Faculty of Electrical, Electronic, Computer and Control Engineering</b>
13:00 - 13:30	<b>Registration of participants at the Conference site (Faculty of Electrical, Electronic, Computer and Control Engineering)</b> Accompanying persons' departure for afternoon programme
13:30 – 14:15	<b>Welcome by the host, Official Opening and Introduction</b> Slawomir Wiak, newly elected Rector, and Stanislaw Bielecki, Rector 2008-Aug.2016, Lodz University of Technology, Poland
13:35 – 13:50	<b>Official opening</b> Aleksander Bobko, Vice-Minister of Higher Education and Science, Poland
13:50 – 14:15	<b>Introducing the Conference</b> Manfred Horvat, Conference Coordinator
13:50 – 14:10	<b>Lodz University of technology striving for quality</b> Stanislaw Bielecki, former Rector, Lodz University of Technology, Poland
	<b>Quality of a degree in science and technology</b> Slawomir Wiak, newly elected Rector, Lodz University of Technology
14:15 - 15:15	<b>Keynote speeches 1</b>
	<b>Assessing university performance in education and research</b> Andrea Bonaccorsi, University of Pisa, Italy
	<b>European higher education policies in support of quality and modernisation</b> Julie Anderson, Directorate General Education & Culture, European Commission
15:15 - 15:45	<b>Break</b>
15:45 - 17:30	<b>Keynote speeches 2</b>
	<b>U-Multirank – State of play</b> Gero Federkeil, Programme Director, U-Multirank, CHE, Germany
	<b>U-Multirank: Universities' first experiences</b> Mads Nygaard, NTNU, Norway, Chair, CESAER U-Multirank Working Group
	<b>The role of national university rankings – Experiences in Poland</b> Waldemar Siwiński, President of the „Perspektywy” Foundation, Poland
	<b>Graduate employability: the final performance measure in a long journey?</b> Sir William Wakeham, Royal Academy of Engineering, United Kingdom
17:30 -18:00	<b>General Discussion and Conclusions of Day 1</b>
18:00	<b>Transfer to the hotel</b>
18:50	<b>Bus Pick-up from the hotel and transfer to Czarny Staw</b>
20:00	<b>Conference Dinner at Czarny Staw</b>

## Programme, Day 2 - 17 September 2016

### University examples and experiences

- 08:20 **Bus Pick-up at hotel**
- 09:00 – 10:00 **Session 1:**
- 09:00 - 09:15 **Assessment of Focal Research Areas at TU Wien**  
Sabine Seidler, Rector, TU Wien – Technische Universitaet Wien, Austria
- 09:15 - 09:30 **The Leuven strategy in the university battle for academic talents**  
Georges Gielen, Vice-Rector, KU Leuven, Catholic University Leuven, Belgium
- 09:30 - 09:45 **Discussion**
- 09:45 – 10:30 **Session 2:**
- 09:45 - 10:00 **The contribution of European structural funds to the developing of reasearch infrastructure and the improving of human resources quality**  
Mihnea Costoiu, Rector, University Polytechnica Bucharest, Romania
- 10:00 - 10:15 **Aligning the performance of individual academics with institutional strategy: The “Reward Project” at the University of Southampton**  
Mark Spearing, Pro Vice-Chancellor, University of Southampton, United Kingdom
- 10:15 - 10:30 **Discussion**
- 10:30 - 11:00 **Break**  
Coffee, tea, sweets

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# Programme, Day 2 (continued) - 17 September 2016

## University examples and experiences

- 11:00 – 11:45      **Session 3:**
- 11:00 - 11:15    **Quality assurance @PoliTO: a great tool for growing** Laura Montanaro, Pro-Rector, Politecnico di Torino, Italy
- 11:15 - 11:30    **The EIT – Making innovation happen!** Peter Olesen, President of the Governing Board, European Institute of Technology
- 11:30 - 11:45    **Discussion**
- 11:45 – 12:45      **Session 4:**
- 11:45 - 12:00    **Combining education and research in engineering - the Budapest experience** János Józsa, Rector, Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Hungary
- 12:00 - 12:15    **How assessments and rankings impact actual performances and quality of HE & R Institutions: a study case with CentraleSupélec** Hervé Biaußer, Director General, CentraleSupélec, France
- 12:15 - 12:30    **Discussion**
- 12:30 - 12:45      **Final general discussion and conference conclusions**
- 12:45 - 13:00      **Outlook to the 36<sup>th</sup> Conference**
- Harald Kainz, Rector, Graz University of Technology, Austria  
- Manfred Horvat, Conference Coordinator
- 13:00 - 13:15      **Conference closing**
- Slawomir Wiak, Rector, Lodz University of Technology, Poland
- 13:15 -14:00      **Light buffet lunch at the Library**
- Bus Pick-up to social programme: Excursion and informal farewell dinner** (details see page 6)



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**Locations of the Conference Sessions  
September 16, 2016 and September 17, 2016**

Faculty of Electrical, Electronic, Computer and Control Engineering of the Lodz University of  
Technology

**Social Programme on September 16-17, 2016**

**September 16, 2016**

**Morning Programme:**

9:20 Bus Pick-up from Hotel

10:00 - 12:30 Campus tour, Lodz University of Technology

(Lab Factor, XXI Century Engineers Factory, International Faculty of Engineering, Centre TI)

**Accompanying persons' afternoon programme:**

12:10 Bus pic-up from the hotel

12:30 Lunch at the Faculty of Electrical, Electronic, Computer and Control Engineering

13:30: Departure by bus from the Conference site

14:00 – 17:00 Herbst Villa, Ksiezy Mlyn and White Factory

**Conference Dinner**

18:50 Bus Pick-up from Hotel

20:00 Conference Dinner, Czarny Staw (20 km. from Lodz centre)

**September 17, 2016**

**Post-Conference Excursion for**

**Conference participants and accompanying persons:**

14:30: Departure from Conference site

Zelazowa Wola (Chopin's birthplace and Museum)

followed by

18:30: **Farewell Dinner and Chopin concert**

Restaurant "Przepis na kompot"

Please consider that transport will be provided for the combined visit to Chopin's birthplace and the farewell dinner.

Leaving by taxi before the dinner or joining only the dinner will have to be organised individually by participants.

Zelazowa Wola is 107 km from Lodz or 60 km from Warsaw Chopin Airport.



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