

### **Updates on ESIB actions for BFUG in Berlin 5-6 March 2007**

ESIB has elected a new chairperson at its last board meeting. The chair is Koen Geven, a student of political science from the Netherlands. ESIB is happy to inform that Koen will be staying in Brussels for the one and a half years long mandate time. Along with the chairperson a new executive committee has also been elected.

### **European Student Convention**

The topic of the 13th European Student Convention is „Students Taking Stock“ and will serve as ESIBs preparatory conference towards the London Ministerial Summit in May. The convention will discuss the Social dimension, qualifications framework, quality assurance and Bologna after 2010. We will also give some first results of the Bologna with student eyes survey and discuss those results together with the preliminary results from the Stocktaking and Trends V reports.

The convention is held 15-19<sup>th</sup> of March.

### **Upcoming events**

"EHEA: Attractive At What Cost?"

ESIB will hold the closing conference of our Lisbon strategy and Bologna Process project. The conference will deal with issues related to the External Dimension of the Bologna Process and the Attractiveness of the EHEA as promoted by the Lisbon Agenda. Emphasis will be given to the perspective of other international actors as well as to the issue of International Students and the problems they face with regards to tuition fees, integration and social needs, amongst others.

The conference will be held in Malta on 10-14<sup>th</sup> of April.

ESIB board meeting

ESIB will hold its 52<sup>nd</sup> board meeting in London 10-13<sup>th</sup> of May. The board will discuss policy papers and elect a new Bologna Process Committee that will be working with the process from after the London summit on.

Right before the board meeting we will hold a seminar on the topic of "Fighting discrimination in higher education". The Seminar, included in the "all different all equal" campaign and funded by the Council of Europe Youth Foundation will enable the delegates from our member unions to hear, discuss and be trained on equality issues to empower them to work on the local and national levels. It will also allow for the co-ordination of an equality campaign to raise awareness both on the European and national levels. The seminar will be held 6-9 of May in London.

### **Bologna with student eyes survey**

We got in most if the answers from our members to our survey and are in the midst of analysing the answers and writing the report.