

SUS.DIV FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY September 3-5, 2008

Wednesday, September 3

- 18.00–19.30 Opening of General Assembly
 Maddy Janssens, K.U.Leuven & Valeria Papponetti, FEEM
- 19.30 Social Dinner

Thursday, September 4

- 9.30 – 10.30 *Keynote Speech* by David Throsby, Macquarie University, Australia

David Throsby is internationally known for his work in the economics of the arts and culture. His book *The Economics of the Performing Arts*, co-authored with Glenn Withers, first published in 1979 and reissued in 1993, has become a standard reference work in the field. In addition to the performing arts, Professor Throsby's research and writing has covered the economic role of artists, the economics of public intervention in arts markets, cultural development, cultural policy, heritage issues, and sustainability of cultural processes. He has also written extensively on the theory of public goods and the economics of higher education. He was a member of the Experts Committee for drafting the UN Convention on Cultural Diversity (2003-04) UNESCO.

- 10.30-11.30 Coffee break
- 11.30-13.00 Plenary session on SUS.DIV book 'What conditions, mechanism and processes promote, impede or block sustainable diversity?'
- Presentation 'Sustainable diversity' by Selma Van London & Arie De Ruijter
 - Presentations of three chapters
 - 1) Towards sustainable diversity in organizations: lessons from good diversity management practices' by Patrizia Zaroni, Angela Nilsson, Maddy Janssens, Nils Wåhlin & Kifle Hamde
 - 2) Migration as a Source of Social Diversity and Formation of New Social Networks in the Urban Environment: A Case Study from the Czech Republic' by Zdenek Uherek
 - 3) 'Diversity and economic performance of European regions' by research task group 5

- 13.00-14.30 Lunch
- 14.30-16.30 Task Group Meetings
- Discussion of joint projects/chapters/cases
 - Preparation of new JPA
- 16.30–18.30 Executive Committee meeting with scientific committee
- 19.00 Reception

Friday, September 5

- 9.30-10.30 Presentation: Sustainable diversity in Slovakia? by Sandra Bitusikova
- Introduction towards glossary of 'key terms' in SUS.DIV network, by IPRS and IDEA
- 10.30-11.00 Coffee break
- 11.00-12.30 Interdisciplinary work groups on 'key terms' in SUS.DIV network
- 12.30–13.00 Plenary sharing and closing of conference
- 13.00 Lunch