CARMEN Inaugural Meeting, 9-11 March 2007
Central European University, Budapest

Friday, 9 March 2007
15:30 onwards Registration, Central European University, Medieval Studies Department
(address: Nádor u. 9, 1051 Budapest)

18:00 CEU - Popper Room:
Welcome and Introduction to CARMEN: Prof. dr. D.E.H. (Dick) de Boer
(Rijksuniversiteit Groningen and Academic Director, Dutch National Research School)
Inaugural Address: Prof. Gabor Klaniczay (CEU)
*Medieval Studies at the Central European University and the Idea of Europe*

19:00 Dinner

Saturday, 10 March 2007
07:00 onwards Breakfast in hotel

09:00 CEU - Popper Room:
Introduction to the day’s activities: Simon Forde

09:30 Session: ‘Collaboration in Practice’
Jacqueline Hamesse (FIDEM)
*Le Diplôme Européen des Etudes Médiévales - a one-year programme for graduate students undertaken in Rome (with the collaboration of more than twenty European universities)*

Sverre Bagge (Bergen)
*Building a Multinational Institutional Consortium: The Nordic Centre for Medieval Studies and the Europeanisation of the Medieval North*

Annamarie Bos (NWO/Dutch Organisation for Academic Research, ‘s-Gravenhage/The Hague)
*The European Union’s Seventh Framework Programme: An Explanation and Introduction*

10:30 Tea and coffee break

10:45 *Medieval Research Lines, Session 1: Constructing Content*
Each participant to join one of four work-groups selected from the following ten Research Lines:
1: *Models of Long-term Sustainable Development: Successes and Failures,* 535-1556
2: Migration: Pre-modern Experiences
3: Cultural Interactions: Lessons from the Medieval World
4: Comparative, Historical Paths of Development and their Impact on Europe
5: The Peace of God: Techniques of Conflict Resolution, 100-1648
6: Social Engagement and Popular Participation: Successful Models in Pre-modern Europe
7: Divergent Histories and Plural Identities in Medieval Europe
8: The Challenge of Creative Art and Artists in Diverse Political Structures
9: The Advancement of Basic Research on Medieval Europe (precise topic[s] to be discussed within the work-group)
10: Cutting-Edge Research for the European Science Foundation (precise topic[s] to be discussed within the work-group)

Objective 1: to identify medieval subjects, methodologies and sources which can contribute to the particular Research Line

Resources: notes supplied in advance on each Research Line

Objective 2: to identify medievalists, previous scholarship (and resources), and current research teams or resources that can contribute to the particular Research Line

Resources: access to the International Medieval Bibliography and the Bibliography of the Cahiers de civilisation médiévale online

12:00 Buffet lunch

14:00 Medieval Research Lines, Session 2 (same work-groups as before lunch)

Objective: to agree a dozen theses which are likely to be able to be demonstrated from medieval research in this particular Research Line, each of which would challenge and inform contemporary public policy and/or research in the West, and Europe in particular

Resources: EU/ESF or other relevant documentation on the aims of each research topic

15:00 Tea and coffee break

15:30 Medieval Research Lines, Session 3: Report-Back to the Plenary Group

Objective: to summarise the results of the discussions of each work-group, but to invite reactions, criticisms, but also to incorporate further suggestions (subjects, approaches, contributors) from people who were part of other work-groups

17:00 Break

18:30 Concert at the Castle at Collegium Budapest

Dinner
Sunday, 11 March 2007

07:00 onwards  Breakfast in hotel

09:00  *Afterthoughts and Next Steps on the Research Lines*

*Objective:* to agree a co-ordinating person and body who is willing to become responsible for submitting a funding application to the EU/ESF or other bodies for each prioritised Research Line

10:00  Tea and coffee break

10:30  *Round-Table: Summary Reports on the Activities of Participating Bodies*

*Objective:* for each body represented at Budapest to give (within a strict maximum of 5 minutes) a quick oral report of their current activities, particularly the challenges they are confronting, successes that they have achieved, and opportunities for collaboration that they can envisage.

12:00  Close of meeting

12:30  Departure for those with afternoon flights

12:30  For those with evening flights: Lunch

13:30 to 16:00  Optional guided tour of Buda, led by Dr Balázs Nagy