

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*  
Annemarie 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