ACA Annual Conference 2014: registrations are open now.

Bordeaux, 15-17 June 2014

Registrations are now open for the ACA Annual Conference 2014. The conference will be co-organised by the <u>Agence Europe-Education-Formation France</u> and take place in the charming city of Bordeaux. The event, to be held from 15 to 17 June, is expected to draw an audience of 300+participants from Europe and beyond.

The 2014 Annual Conference bears the title **Europe in the world. Higher education trends across the globe**. It has three main foci. First, it will assess the relative attractiveness of European higher education on a global scale. Second, it will address present and future key issues of European and global higher education. Third, the event will analyse recent trends in major non-European countries and regions around the world and present state-of-the-art partnerships between universities in these regions and countries and in Europe. The conference language will be English. Two of overall eight workshops, however, will be held in French.

In our choice of speakers, we remain boringly conservative. We invite only top speakers. Presenters at an ACA Annual Conference are chosen exclusively from a small group of internationally reputed experts from the fields of higher education research and higher education policy.

This conference will provide food for thought, but also culinary and touristic delights. Our conference dinner will be held in a Bordeaux vineyard. We will also be received in the town hall of Bordeaux, by the city's mayor and former French Prime Minister Alain Juppé. Finally, we stick to our tradition to explore the host city in the afternoon before the opening of the conference. There, you will find out why the city is rightly called the "Pearl of Aquitaine" and why the historic part of the city figures on the UNESCO World Heritage List as "an outstanding urban and architectural ensemble" of the 18th century. Bordeaux is lovely at all times of the year. But it is particularly ravishing in June.

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