

Talloires Network contributes to Saudi Arabia conference on university social responsibility

At the request of the Ministry of Higher Education of Saudi Arabia, the Talloires Network contributed to planning and conducting the 4th International Exhibition and Conference on Higher Education, “The Social Responsibility of Universities,” held April 16-17, in Riyadh (<http://ieche.com.sa/portal/en/2013/Seminars>). Attended by Saudi university administrators and professors from across the country, the conference culminated with issuance of the Riyadh Conference Statement on the Social Responsibility of Universities.

TN Executive Director Rob Hollister states, “As a member of the Scientific Planning Committee for the conference, I was pleased to propose topics and speakers. Under the leadership of Dr. Salim Al-Malik, General Director of International Affairs, the Ministry organized an outstanding program featuring talks by top leaders in university social responsibility from around the world.”

Two members of the Talloires Network Steering Committee – Lisa Anderson, President, American University in Cairo, and Sharifah Shahabudin, Vice-Chancellor, National University of Malaysia – gave compelling accounts of social responsibility work at their universities. Also making plenary presentations were the leaders of several networks and institutions with which the Network partners:

- Nieves Tapia, Director, Latin American Center for Service-Learning (Argentina)
- Lorraine McIlrath, Coordinator, Community Knowledge Initiative, National University of Ireland (Ireland)
- Budd Hall, Professor and Director, Office of Community Based Research, Univ. of Victoria (Canada)
- Rajesh Tandon, President, Society for Participatory Research (India)
- Adil Najam, Vice-Chancellor, Lahore University of Management Sciences (Pakistan)
- Sally Susnowitz, Director, Public Service Center, M.I.T. (USA)
- Rob Hollister presented in a session on “Community and Civic Engagement: Lessons from Experience”



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