

Education International 6th Annual Research Network meeting

Date: Tuesday, 20 April 2010, 10.00h – 18.00h and Wednesday, 21 April 2010, 09.00h – 15.45h

Location: International Trade Union House (ITUH), Boulevard du Roi Albert II, 5, Meeting Room B (first floor). Please see attached map 1.

AGENDA

Tuesday, 20 April 2010, 10.00h – 18.00h

Welcome Coffee 10.00h, Meeting starts at 10.30h

10.30h **Opening: Introduction and Overview of agenda**
Speakers: Fred van Leeuwen, General Secretary; Bob Harris, Senior Consultant to General Secretary

11.00h **Report of the main research activities at EI**
Brief update on studies, reports and activities undertaken by the EI Research Unit since spring 2009
Presenter: Guntars Catlaks, Senior Research Coordinator

11.45h **Education beyond the Crisis: What next?**
Presentation of findings from surveys on the impact of crisis on education. Discussion of emerging main trends in education policies during (and after) the economic crisis, and brain-storm about best research strategy in helping to develop union's policies
Presenter: Guntars Catlaks, followed by open discussion

Lunch break 13.00h - 14.30h

14.30h **Working conditions of school personnel – international comparative study**
Presentation of a research study undertaken by Japan Teachers' Union
Presenters: Prof. Seiji Fukuda and Keiko Uchida, JTU

Coffee break 15.30h – 16.00h

16.00h **New methods of work: cooperation with universities and research centres**
Presentations of collaborative work with the University of Amsterdam (Netherlands) and progress report of the EI study 'Equity Matters' undertaken by Exeter University (U.K.) Discussion and sharing of ideas how EI and unions could maximize research capacities and leverage through partner networks.
Introduction: Mireille de Koning, Professional Research Assistant
Speakers: Dr. Mario Novelli, University of Amsterdam; Dr. Elizabeth Wood, Exeter University

First day adjourns at 18.00h

19.00h **Dinner hosted by EI at restaurant 'Armand and Ko'**
Location: Rue des Chapeliers, 16 (see attached map 2 for details of restaurant location and walking route from Thon hotel Brussels City Centre.)

Wednesday, 21 April, 09.00h – 15.45h

Coffee from 08.30h, Meeting starts at 09.00h

09.00h **EI and PISA: from constructive critique to critical engagement**
Discussion and brain-storming on how EI should develop more consistent policy towards international comparative studies by OECD in the situation of their increasing mutual coordination and convergence
Presenter: Guntars Catlaks

Coffee break 10.30h – 11.00h

11.00h **The role of unions in education reform: Paradigms for measurement of teachers' performance and effectiveness**
Open debate on what is happening in education (and public sectors in general), specifically issues of performance measurement and effectiveness, and what research strategies EI and its affiliates could adopt
Moderator: Guntars Catlaks

Lunch break 12.30h – 14.00h

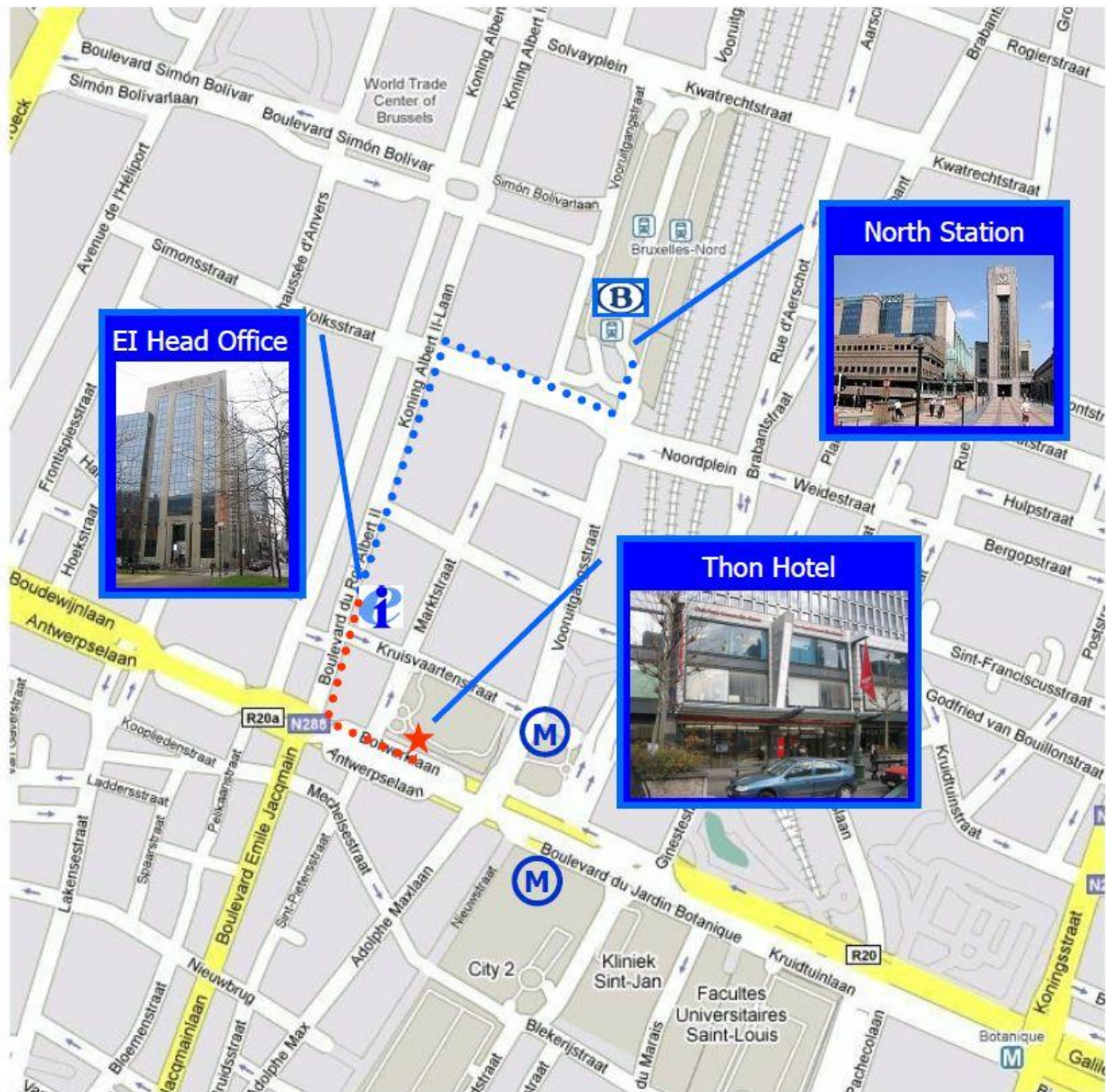
14.00h **New Project Initiatives**
Proposals from EI Research Unit and members of Research Network

Conclusions and future work

Research Network meeting adjourns at 15.45h

16.00h **Research Institute Advisory Committee meeting until 18.00h** (*Separate agenda*)

Map 1 – Meeting Location



..... Trajet Gare du Nord — Siège de l'IE
 Trayecto Estación del Norte — Sede de la IE
 Route North Station — EI Head Office

..... Trajet Siège de l'IE — Hôtel Thon
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Map 2 – Route from Thon Hotel Brussels City Centre to Restaurant ‘Armand and Ko’, location of dinner on 20 April 2010, 19.00h
Address: Rue des Chapeliers, 16

