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A European Conference

***Women in Science: Mainstreaming Gender Equality in the European Research Area***

Rome (Italy), University of Rome III, *Aula Magna*  
December 3rd, 2003

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**Aim of the Conference**

The Conference is one of the events included in the Programme of the Italian Presidency of the European Union, which runs from July to December 2003.

The issue of women in science is at the core of the European Research Area. The under representation of women in science is hindering the full realisation of the ERA's potential and the achievement of the Lisbon objectives. The Conference aims at implementing the policy debate at national, cross-national and European level. This aim should be reached by addressing three main topics: **the presence and role of women** in science (through a compared analysis of available statistics and appropriate indicators), **the identification of the know-how to form gender competencies** (in relation to both the promotion of specific new training areas and the introduction of gender aspect within traditional disciplines), **the visibility of women researchers** (women's participation to scientific information and public understanding of science, fostering a better and tighter interaction between the media and female scientists). The final point is the adoption of a conclusive paper identifying key issues and policies, best practice and new tools as a contribute to the Helsinki Group Work Plan in order to build a consensus for future action and initiatives.

**Conference site**

The conference will be held in Rome, at the University of Rome III, a learning institution that supports the creation of a European dimension within its teaching and research system.

The conference will bring together political decision-makers and representatives of the scientific community, taking advantage of the event's incorporation in the official agenda of the Italian Presidency to realize a high-profile awareness raising initiative.

**Programme**

December 3rd, 2003

08.30-09.00 Welcome and registration

09.00-09.30 Opening session – Opening addresses

09.30-11.00 First Session: *“Producing gender equality in science – measuring inequalities”*

The target is to outline concrete conditions and positive synergies facilitating the adoption of gender-oriented policies through exchanging experiences, comparing policy measures and available statistics, implementing an appropriate set of gender indicators to monitor the progress in the field of gender equality.

11.00-11.30 Coffee-break

11.30-13.30 Second Session: *“Promoting new competencies through gender mainstreaming”*

Specific gender research is needed. But gender invests also the construction of scientific concepts and practices. This session of the conference aims to discuss this



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topic and to compare different experiences. It means developing and using expertise in gender mainstreaming, improving the gender dimension of scientific projects, i.e. increasing the relevance and the role of women's and gender studies in a European high education framework and raising public awareness of the potential for a gender dimension to research. The objective of this session is identifying proposals to implement at national levels an interdisciplinary European framework for the making of gender and science.

Discussion

13.30-15.00 Buffet Lunch & Exhibition

15.00-17.30 Third Session: *Women's in Science visibility: a challenge*

This session has the objective to address the issue of the relationship between women scientists and media. It involves the crucial point of visibility and role models. The objective is to discuss and compare experiences within specific media contexts, addressing the modalities of women participation to scientific information and public understanding of science, the contribution of media to a wider visibility of women researchers and reflecting on how a better interaction between the two can be encouraged. The task is to make proposals to build up journalists' knowledge of women scientists so that they receive more exposure on the media.

Round Table with media representatives

Discussion

17.30-18.30 Closing Session – Conclusion and Final Report

### **Language**

Simultaneous translation into three languages (English, French and Italian) will be provided.

### **Further information**

Not later than October, 20th the conference full programme will be made known and a full information about how to reach the conference site and accommodation will be provided. A free registration will be requested.

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