

About the UNIMED General Assembly

The UNIMED General Assembly, organised by UNIMED in collaboration with Ca' Foscari University of Venice (Italy), represents an important yearly event, where rectors, presidents and their representatives meet to exchange views and to determine policy for UNIMED, setting the stage for a full and rich year of initiatives, activities and conferences that shape the academic calendar around the Mediterranean. It is an opportunity to get to know and network with representatives of international organizations, government officials, students, influential contributors to the cultural and political spheres and representatives of NGOs.

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THURSDAY 25 OCTOBER 2018

Venue: Aula Magna Silvio Trentin - Ca' Dolfin (Dorsoduro 3825/D)

08.30 - Registration of participants

09.00 - 10.00 Welcome and opening

- Wail Benjelloun
 President of UNIMED.
- Michele Bugliesi Rector of Ca' Foscari University of Venice
- Hmaid Ben Aziza
 Secretary General of UNIMED
- Marcello Scalisi
 Director of LINIMED

10.00 - 10.30 Keynote speech

Michel Wieviorka
 President of Fondation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme

10.30 - 11.00 Coffee Break

Venue: Ca' Foscari Esposizioni- Ca' Foscari University Main Building (Dorsoduro 3246)

11.00 - 13.00 What role for Higher Education Institutions in the Mediterranean Region?

An overview from Policy Makers

- Johannes Hahn's video message
 EU-Commissioner for European Neighborhood and Enlargement Negotiations
- Emanuelle Gardan
 Head of Sector of Higher Education and Research at Union for the
 Mediterranean

- Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri
 Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural
 Organization
- Kherieh Rassas
 Advisor to the Palestinian Prime Minister
- Antonello Cabras
 President of Fondazione di Sardegna, Italy
- Elisabeth Guigou
 President of Anna Lindh Foundation

13.00 - 13.10 Group photo of the participants

13.10 - 14.30 Lunch

Venue: Ca' Foscari Esposizioni- Ca' Foscari University Main Building (Dorsoduro 3246)

14.30 - 16.00 Parallel Sessions

PS1 - Workshop on e-Learning and Open Education

Venue: Aula Magna Silvio Trentin - Ca' Dolfin (Dorsoduro 3825/D)

PS2 - Better ways to move, better places to live: Sustainable mobility

in Mediterranean coastal areas to work, study and visit

Venue: Aula Baratto - Ca' Foscari University Main Building (Dorsoduro 3246)

16.00 - 17.30 Parallel Sessions

PS3 - EU Programs for Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation

Venue: Aula Magna Silvio Trentin - Ca' Dolfin (Dorsoduro 3825/D)

PS4 - Mediterranean water cities and the Silk Road

Venue: Aula Baratto - Ca' Foscari University Main Building (Dorsoduro 3246)

18.00 - 19.00 Ca' Foscari Tour

19.00 - 21.00 Cocktail

Venue: Salone del Rettorato - Ca' Foscari University Main Building (Dorsoduro 3246)

EN/FR/IT translation will be provided from 09:00 to 13:00

FRIDAY 26 OCTOBER 2018

08.30 - 10.30 General Assembly (for members only)

Venue: Aula Magna Silvio Trentin - Ca' Dolfin (Dorsoduro 3825/D)

10.30 - 11.00 Coffee break

Venue: Ca' Foscari Esposizioni- Ca' Foscari University Main Building (Dorsoduro 3246)

11.00 - 12.00 UNIMED Projects and SubNetworks: an overview

12.00 - 13.30 Higher Education in Crisis Situations

13.30 - 15.00 Lunch

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15.00 - 16.00 The role of Social Science and Humanities: future actions

- Eric Vallet
 Coordinator of Maghreb Chair, University Paris 1 Panthéon- Sorbonne
- Hmaid Ben Aziza
 Secretary General of UNIMED
- Eleonora Insalaco
 Head of Intercultural Research and Programming, Anna Lindh Foundation

16.00 - 16.30 Closing remarks

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