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Utrecht University and the University of Applied Sciences Utrecht
will host the

Utrecht Honours Conference 2016

The central theme will be:

Honours Futures

Utrecht, The Netherlands, Thursday June 2 and Friday June 3, 2016

The conference will be preceded by an 'Honours in Utrecht Tour' on Wednesday June 1, during which students and faculty of both institutions will present and discuss their honours activities and honours ambitions. There will also be a pre-conference programme in Groningen, May 30 to June 1, with a focus on honours teaching.

Central theme

The Dutch incentive programme for honours (SIRIUS) gave an enormous boost to honours in Dutch higher education. Now that the programme is phasing out, higher education institutions and their honours communities are working hard to ensure a strong future for honours, to make their honours activities and networks sustainable and structurally embedded.

What are the opportunities and challenges? What can we learn from each other?

Dear colleagues,

Hereby, I would like to inform you that, as of February 1st, we have published the call for proposals for the Utrecht Honours Conference 2016! We cordially invite students, teachers, and others involved and interested in honours education to submit their abstracts via the conference website. We welcome submissions until March 15th. More information on how to send us your proposal can be found on the website, submenu "Call for papers". More information on how to register for the event will be available in due time via the website.

This conference fits into the tradition of national Sirius / honours conferences - the previous events took place in Groningen, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, and Nijmegen. The 2016 conference targets the Dutch honours community as well as guests from abroad. Teachers, students, educational leaders, researchers, policy staff, and others involved in honours in higher education, are welcome to attend. You can find more information about the conference on the conference website:

<http://utrechthonoursconference2016.nl/>

Please feel free to forward this message to others in your network who might be interested. If you have any questions about the conference or the call, please contact us at honoursconference2016@uu.nl

We are looking forward to receive your contribution for the conference!

On behalf of the organising institutions,
University of Applied Sciences Utrecht and Utrecht University,

*Professor Rob van der Vaart, PhD
Vice Rector for Education and Honours Dean, Utrecht University*

For educational leaders, teachers, and students

A maximum of 400 participants will attend the conference. We hope to welcome honours students, honours faculty, plus educational leaders and policy staff involved in the development of honours, from the Netherlands as well as from other countries around the world. The organisers hope to welcome about 140 honours students as conference participants. See the information for students on the conference website.

Programme

There will be two plenary sessions with inspiring guest speakers: on Thursday morning and on Friday late afternoon. Most of the programme will consist of small-scale interactive sessions, ranging from seminar and presentation sessions to roundtables and open discussion forums. All themes will be discussed in the perspective of honours futures:

THEME'S:

- The honours learning experience -
 - The honours teacher -
- Honours impact, honours & career, honours and society -
 - Quality assurance in honours -
- Personal and social growth & honours -
 - Sustainable honours -
 - Open student forum -

More information

For more information about the conference, please visit the conference website:

www.Utrechthonoursconference2016.nl

European Honours Network

The conference initiative is supported by the European Honours Network that is currently being created by a group of initiators from various European countries. See the network website:

www.honorscouncil.eu



This conference is in the EU-agenda from the Dutch EU chairmanship Januari-June 2016

<http://english.eu2016.nl/latest/events/2016/06/02/utrecht-honours-conference-2016-honours-futures>