Dear Bologna-Lab Coordinators,

I would like to kindly invite you to the 9th UNICA Bologna-Lab Coordinators Meeting to be hosted at the University of Vienna on November 25, 2008. This Meeting will be slightly different in that it offers an add-on to the The 4th Forum European Higher Education Area hosted by the Bologna-Office the day before. The idea is to invite all UNICA Bologna-Lab Coordinators to the event on Monday, November 24, 2008 and add a separate UNICA Bologna Lab event on the following Tuesday. That way we could take our cues from the Forum, capitalise on the input given by international experts and follow up on the action lines mapped out in Dubrovnik and the GA in Bratislava.

If you have any specific agenda items you would like to discuss, please inform me as I am currently working on a draft agenda. So far the following items might feature:

- UNICA projects: status quo
- European Campus
- New set-up for the Bologna-Laboratory - New perspectives
- Employability as a key challenge for the modern university

The 4th Forum European Higher Education Area raises the question Between Innovation and Accountability – Employability Driving Curricular Design?

Focussing on employability this fourth Forum shall deal with employability as a concept for curricula development and its labour market ramifications. Set against the daily academic routine employability often remains an elusive category and a number of questions arise. How do universities engage in a fruitful dialogue with both students and the labour market on designing relevant new curricula? How do they carve out an interactive space, which promotes innovation on the basis of tradition? How can they best tackle the double-bind of anchoring learning outcomes in university teaching and learning strategies while simultaneously attempting to raise their prominence and readability in the world of enterprise? How can universities better communicate their endeavours towards society?

The Forum EHEA will team up decision makers and experts from the University of Vienna with representatives from European Higher Education institutions, as well as the labour market to provide an opportunity to discuss these questions.

Location: Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research, 1010 Vienna, Freyung 3, 2nd floor, new conference room (entrance: lift next to the glass staircase)

I would kindly ask you to send me an informal mail to confirm your participation by November 14, 2008 at the latest. Should you have any additional questions, need help with accommodation or travel arrangements please get in touch with me.

I am convinced that this double-feature will be a very intense yet enormously gratifying experience and hope to welcome you all to Vienna in November.

With all my best wishes

David