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International Conference

*University Cooperation for the Progress of Civil Society
in Palestine*

Bethlehem University, 26 –27 February 2005

FURNO HALL

Friday 25 February 2005: Arrival of participants from overseas

Hotel: Russian Ecclesiastical Mission in Jerusalem, Moscow
Patriarchate
Pilgrim Deluxe Residence, 73 Milk Grotto St., Bethlehem
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Saturday 26 February 2005:

08:30 – 09:00 Registration of participants

09:00 – 09:30 Opening session

Welcome address on behalf of the host institution by Brother
Vincent Malham, President - Vice Chancellor, Bethlehem
University

Welcome address by Professor Manuel Hassassian, President
of the P.E.A.C.E. Program and Executive Vice President of
Bethlehem University

Address by the representative of the Director General of
UNESCO, Ms. Costanza Farina

Address by the representative of the UNDP, Mr. Timothy
Rothermel

09:30 – 10:15 Key-note address by H.E. Dr. Naim Abu Al-Hummos, Minister
of

Education and Higher Education, Palestinian National
Authority

10:20 – 10:40 Coffee break

10:40 – 13:00 **Panel 1: Priorities for the Development of Higher Education
in Palestine**

Moderator: Professor Gianni Vaggi, Vice President of PEACE

Main Speaker: Professor Manuel Hassassian, President of the PEACE
Programme, and Executive Vice President, Bethlehem
University

Panelists: Professor Rami Hamdallah, President of An Najah National
University, Nablus

Professor R. Schmid, Rector of the University of Pavia, Italy

Professor Walid Deeb, President of the Arab American
University.

Professor, Daoud Zaitari, President of Polytechnic, Hebron

Rapporteur: Dr. Radwan Barakat, Dean of Graduates Studies, Hebron
University

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch-Dr. Sansour Hall, Bethlehem University

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14:30–16:30 Panel 2: University Cooperation for Institutional Development of Palestinian Universities

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Moderator: Professor Annick Suzor-Weiner, Vice-President, Université Paris-Sud

Panelists: Professor Ulrich Eckern, University of Augsburg, initiator of ECCE-Birzeit
Professor Nabil Kassis, President of Bir Zeit University
Professor David Aquilar Pena, Rector of the University of Granada
Professor Albert Marouani, Rector of University of Nice, Sofia Antipolis
Professor Imam Hodali Al Quds Open University, Director Avicenna Knowledge Centre.
Professor Fakhri Hasan, President of Hebron University

Rapporteur: Dr. Gurri Eggan, Norwegian Technology University of Trondheim

16:30 – 16:45 Coffee break

16:45 – 18:45 Panel 3: The role of higher education in building civil society in Palestine

Moderator: Monica Margarit, Director, International Relations Office, University of Barcelona

Main speaker: Ms. Luisa Morgantini, Chairperson of the Development Committee of the European Parliament

Panelists: Professor André Hurst, Rector of the University of Geneva
Professor Hasan Dweik, Acting President of Al-Quds University
Professor Nabil El Hagggar, Vice President, University of Science and Technology, LilleI
Dr. Mamdouh Al-Aker, member of the Palestinian Council for Higher Education
Eng. Ismail Deiq, Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committee

Rapporteur: Ms. Charlotte Taylor, University of Westminster

19:00 – 20:00 Cocktail Party, Bethlehem University, Hotel Management

Sunday, 27 February 2005: Furno Hall, Bethlehem University

09:00 – 10:00 Presentation of the reports of the panels

10:00 Closing of the International Conference

10:15 – 10:30 Coffee break

10:30 – 13:00 **6th Session of the General Assembly of the PEACE Programme**

Report on the activities of PEACE since the last General Assembly (November 2001)

(D. Chitoran, PEACE Programme Office at UNESCO)

Financial Report of the PEACE Programme Office at UNESCO

Plan of Action of the PEACE Programme for the 2005-2006 period (G. Vaggi, Vice-President of PEACE)

Guidelines for the Scholarship Scheme of the PEACE Programme Dr. Radwan Barakat

Miscellaneous

13:00 Lunch – Hotel Management, Bethlehem University