



# POLAND & U.S. CREATING A SUCCESSFUL HIGHER EDUCATION COOPERATION

THE CONFERENCE ORGANIZED BY NAWA AND  
INSITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

## PROGRAMME

### Day 1

**June 7th 2:00pm CEST for Polish participants/ 8:00am ET for U.S. participants**  
**Please note your time zone!**

**2:00-2:05 PM CEST** Welcome address

**(8:00 – 8:05 EDT)** Dr. Grażyna Żebrowska, Director General of NAWA

**2:05-2:10 PM CEST** Trainer Introductions

**(8:05-8:10 EDT)** Tim Barnes, Executive Director of International Partnerships and Research  
University of Kentucky

Susan Buck Sutton, Senior Consultant, IIE

Former Chief International Administrator at two institutions: Bryn Mawr  
College and Indiana University

Sylvia Jons, Global Partnerships & Fellowships, Higher Education Initiatives  
Institute of International Education (IIE)

**2:10-2:40 PM CEST** Higher Education in the U.S. in general

**(8:10 – 8:40 AM EDT)** Diverse types of institutions, trends, diversity/equity issues  
Partnership trends at U.S. institutions

**2:40-3:15 PM CEST** How to work with U.S. partners

**(8:40 – 9:15 AM EDT)** How they are organized for international work in general and  
partnerships, specifically (i.e. strategic plans, infrastructure, partnership  
managers)

- MOUs and other documents
- The many ways that partnerships get started (bottom-up, top-down)
- Data tracking and partnership assessment

**3:15-3:25 PM (CEST) Break**

**(9:15-9:25 AM EDT)**

**3:25-3:55 PM (CEST) Student learning and mobility partnerships  
(9:25-9:55 AM EDT)**

Strategies, types, expectations, exchange challenges, curricular integration, virtual modalities

**3:55-4:25 PM (CEST) Research partnerships  
(9:55-10:25 AM EDT)**

- Identifying strengths and priorities (synergies/complementarities), mining data for existing research connections
- Using int'l partnerships to catalyze inter-/multi-disciplinary research collaborations and vice versa
- Incentivizing faculty, seed and external funding, tracking and assessing success

**4:25-5:00 PM (CEST) Preparing your institution for seeking a U.S. partner  
(10:25-11:00 AM EDT)**

- Identifying potential partners, establishing contact, presenting your institution
- Initial conversations, what to learn from each other, funneling down areas of interest from general to specific

**Day 2**

**June 8th 2:00pm CEST for Polish participants/ 8:00am ET for U.S. participants. Please note your time zone!**

**8:00-8:10AM (ETD) Welcome and general overview by prof. Marek Konarzewski  
(2:00-2:10 PM CEST)**

**8:10-8:30 AM (EDT) Higher Education system in Poland  
(2:10-2:30 CEST)**

- Latest developments and trends – dr. Zofia Sawicka, Deputy Director of NAWA
- Diverse types of institutions & Recognition of degrees and titles – Hanna Reczulska, the Director of Department for Recognition of Education and Authentication of Documents, NAWA

**8:30-9:40 AM (EDT)**

**(2:30 -3:40 PM CEST) Successful partnerships between Polish and U.S. partners – opportunities and challenges moderated by prof. Marek Konarzewski**

- Prof. Grzegorz Dworacki Poznan University of Medical Sciences - How to attract American students to Polish universities?
- Prof. Paweł Pietrasieński, SGH Warsaw School of Economics - Building strategic collaborations with the U.S. states on an example of the SGH Warsaw School of Economics' partnership with Nevada
- Prof. Lech Dzienis, Bialystok University of Technology - Polonia - the key to effective cooperation with US universities
- Prof. Piotr Klodkowski, Jagiellonian University – From personal academic contacts to institutional cooperation. How to build the Polish-US relations in science

**9:40-9:50 AM EDT Break**  
**(3:40-3:50 PM CEST)**

**9:50-10:15 AM EDT Polish-US Scholarship programmes**  
**(3:50- 4:15 PM CEST)** Marek Skulimowski, Kosciuszko Foundation and scholarship holder of Kosciuszko Foundation

Beneficiaries of Kosciuszko Foundation Programme

- Nicholas Herrud - Kosciuszko scholar at the Jagiellonian University
- Hani Abramson - Kosciuszko scholar at the Jagiellonian University

**10:15-10:55 AM EDT**  
**(4:15-4:55 PM CEST) Funding mechanism for individuals and academic- research partnerships**

- NAWA programmes and examples of supported projects – Katarzyna Aleksy, Director of the Department of Programmes for Institutions
- How scientist can apply for grants – Agnieszka Stefaniak-Hrycko, Director of the Department of Programmes for Scientists
- Summer programmes attractive for students – Kamila Dembińska, Director of Promotion of Polish Language and Culture Department

**10:55-11:00 AM EDT Closing remarks and summary prof. Marek Konarzewski**  
**(4:55-5:00 PM CEST)**