

TRIPLE HELIX EVENT REPORT

THE BRISTOL CONFERENCE

“The Triple Helix Paradigm of Development Strategies for Cooperation and Exchange of Good Practice”

17-19 September 2006

Organised and hosted by
The University of West of England
Bristol

Co-sponsors: The Association of Commonwealth Universities; the Cambridge-MIT Institute; the University of West of England, the University of Strathclyde; Newcastle University and Stony Brook University (New York)

Aims of the Conference

- To explore the extent of which the TH system can enhance the effectiveness of universities in promoting learning societies, innovation and development
 - To address issues and challenges associated with the TH strategy for promoting South-South cooperation and exchange of best practice
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Number of Participants

- 50 delegates (academics; policy makers; practitioners) from 21 different countries
 - Ph.D. students and Commonwealth scholarship students studying in UK
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Major issues discussed in 4 plenary sessions and 6 track sessions

- Triple Helix and development
 - The university-industry interface in developing countries
 - Bridging gaps in developing countries
 - Knowledge production, sharing and use through the TH system in developing countries
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Points that arose from the Bristol Conference

- The need to look into the conceptual basis of the TH model
 - Suggestion to have annual regional workshops/Conferences to complement the biennial TH international conferences
 - Suggestion for organise Triple Helix VII (2009) around the intellectual theme of the role of TH as a driver of innovation and sustainable development, thus addressing the global agenda of wealth creation, poverty reduction and environmental sustainability
 - Suggestion for tabling at the Triple Helix VI Conference in Singapore (May 2007) the idea of setting up an international Triple Helix Association with membership and secretariat
 - Suggestion for a peer-reviewed TH journal to be sponsored by the TH Association.
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