

LOCATION

The event is held at Palacky University
Faculty of Science, Department of Development Studies
Olomouc, Czech Republic

CONFERENCE WEBSITE AND REGISTRATION

<http://www.clubofrome.at/2010/futures/>

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Learning from the FUTURES

Olomouc, September 5-7, 2010



The Millennium Project



Czech Association, European Support Centre, Hungarian Association,
Slovak Association, U.S. Association
of **The Club of Rome**

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Outline

How can we learn from the future - not knowing how it will look like? At first sight, the title seems to be a paradox - and did not humankind prove to be unable to learn even from the past?

Several National Associations of the Club of Rome and the Millennium Project will meet at Palacky University Olomouc in 2010 in order to discuss possible futures and outline scenarios and pathways which might lead to desirable or undesirable futures. From these possible futures, we will derive lessons for the present.

Humankind is in a new situation today, not only business has globalized, and NGOs. Environmental problems like climate change have a global dimension. While the developed countries largely fail to reduce their ecological footprint, they expect the developing ones to follow sustainable pathways.

The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) should be achieved within a few years, but it is very probable that humankind will not ensure adequate living conditions for everyone on Earth.

How do scenarios for our future look like?

The event will describe risks and opportunities and will outline possible measures which go beyond present cosmetics.

Programme

Monday, September 6th
(8.00 Registration)

- 8.30 Learning from the Futures**
Peter Bishop (University of Houston)
Érzsébet Nováky (Club of Rome - Hungarian Association)
- 10.30 Sustainable Future or Business as Usual?**
Thomas Schauer (Club of Rome - European Support Centre)
Juraj Mesík (Society for Sustainable Living - Slovakia)
- 13.00 One World – One Future ?**
Mikuláš Huba (Slovak Academy of Sciences)
Jerome C. Glenn (Millennium Project)
Andrew Oerke (former Peace Corps Country Director)
- 15.30 Views from the Americas**
Anitra Thorhaug (Club of Rome - US Association)
Pierre C. Armand (Int. Commission for Development of Haiti)
Václav Žák (independent expert)

Tuesday, September 7th

- 9.00 Thinking the Unthinkable: on the Verge of Reality and Fiction**
José Luis Cordeiro (Millennium Project, Singularity University)
Jaroslav Kalous (Charles University in Prague)
S. Romi Mukherjee (UNESCO)
- 11.00 Discussion, Open Space and Outlook**
with Ladislav Hohoš, Czesław Mesjasz, Piotr Jutkiewicz, Norbert Kolos, Ivan Klinec, Michael Glandon

On 7th Sept, 14.00, an expert meeting will discuss ethical aspects of climate change scenarios. Coordinator: Miroslav Polzer.

An event in Czech language: Udržitelný rozvoj - stav a perspektivy v roce 2010 will follow on September 7 and 8. Please find the programme on the event website.