



«Towards a modern humanism».

PRESS CONFERENCE

WORLD KNOWLEDGE DIALOGUE: A SYMPOSIUM ORGANIZED BY SWISS UNIVERSITIES AND ENDORSED BY THE CONFEDERATION
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WORLD KNOWLEDGE DIALOGUE

Scientific knowledge continues to expand at a breathtaking pace. Yet the gap between the natural sciences and the humanistic/social sciences is as large as ever. This cultural gap leaves all science vulnerable to ideologically and politically motivated arguments while preventing a proper discussion of the role it is playing in shaping our world. Can anything be done?

In an effort to bridge this gap, the rectors and presidents of all Swiss universities, as well as other leading figures from Swiss academia, are joining the initiative of Prof. André Hurst, Rector of the University of Geneva, and Prof. Francis Waldvogel, President Emeritus of the Swiss Polytechnical Institutes, in launching a major international symposium: the World Knowledge Dialogue. Supervised by a board of prominent academic and political personalities and supported by the Swiss Confederation, the symposium will explore the impact on our world of major scientific discoveries through the lenses of different academic cultures.

In order to provide you with more information about the symposium, its objectives and its organization, we invite you to a press conference:

Thursday, 23 February 2006 at 10.30

Hotel Bellevue Palace
Kochergasse 3-5, Berne

SPEAKERS

Prof. André Hurst
Rector of the University of Geneva
President of the World Knowledge Dialogue Foundation

Prof. Francis Waldvogel
President Emeritus of the Swiss Polytechnical Institutes
Program Director of the World Knowledge Dialogue

Claude Roch
President of the Government of the Canton of Valais
Minister of Education of the Canton of Valais

Prof. André Langaney
National Museum of Natural History (Paris) and University of Geneva
(to be confirmed)





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- Yes**, I will participate in the press conference (23 February 2006, 10.30, Hotel Bellevue Palace, Berne)
- No**, I will not be able to attend the press conference.
- Please send me the press kit.

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