

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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*European Association for International Education*

### **2006 EAIE conference will be held in Basel, Switzerland**

The 18th Annual EAIE Conference will be held from 13 to 16 September 2006 in Basel, Switzerland. Over 2000 people attended the EAIE's 2005 conference, and they are confident that the 2006 conference will draw a similar number of participants to Switzerland's second-largest city. Over 190 proposals for sessions and workshops have been received, promising again an innovative and informative conference. The Conference Programme Committee discussed all the proposals and set the programme during their meetings on 18 and 19 November in Basel.

#### **Conference host**

The 2006 EAIE conference will be hosted by the University of Basel, which was established in 1460. As the oldest university in Switzerland, it is also one of the most innovative schools of higher education in the country. The University is involved in many international programmes and over 15% of the university's student population is made up of international students.

#### **Conference venue**

The conference will be held in the modern Convention Center Basel. With its 16 congress rooms, wide range of meeting rooms and large exhibition halls it is the perfect venue for this major event.

#### **Basel**

Dating back to 44 BC, Basel has quite a tale to tell. In the Old Town, the well-preserved historical buildings from different ages testify to the city's rich history. At one time a centre of humanism, printing and site of the founding of Switzerland's first university, nowadays the pharmaceutical and chemical industries play an important part in putting Basel on the international map. Famous architects have added a range of modern buildings to Basel's skyline, including Switzerland's tallest structure, the Exhibition tower. Besides business and trade, Basel also caters to lovers of art and culture. Art objects determine the city's image and many more can be admired in Basel's galleries and museums. The wide variety of pubs and restaurants warmly welcome visitors, and during its many festivals you can experience the lively spirit of this hospitable city on the Rhine river.

#### **Further information**

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