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### EAIE Conference closes with Hans Rosling

The 19th Annual EAIE conference held in Trondheim, Norway came to a close this evening with a captivating and eye-opening keynote speech by Hans Rosling, specialist on poverty, health and world development. Known for being humorous yet deadly serious, Hans Rosling lived up to his reputation. His stunning multimedia presentation entitled 'Unveiling the beauty of statistics' put facts into focus and addressed common myths about the developing world. Using revolutionary animations to bring statistics to life, he argued that much of the developing world is no longer worlds away from the west but instead is following a far faster trajectory towards prosperity and health than one may think.

Hans Rosling is Professor of International Health at Karolinska Institutet in Stockholm, Sweden. While serving as a district medical officer in northern Mocambique from 1979 to 1981, he discovered a new epidemic paralytic disease known now as 'Konzo'. For more than two decades he studied outbreaks of this disease and dedicated himself to fighting poverty and promoting health in Africa and other developing countries. He has been health adviser to WHO, UNICEF and several aid agencies, and has published an introductory textbook on global health. In 1993, Hans Rosling co-founded *Médecins Sans Frontières* in Sweden. In 2005, he founded, in partnership with his son and daughter-in-law, *Gapminder*, a non-profit foundation that converts international statistics from boring numbers to accessible, interactive graphics through the use of its own trend-revealing software. In March 2007, Google acquired the Trendalyzer software with the intention to scale it up and increase free public access to it.

#### EAIE Conference

The 19th Annual EAIE Conference was held from 12 to 15 September 2007 in Trondheim, Norway. Each year the EAIE conference brings together more than 2000 international education professionals, who come to the conference to network and to update themselves on innovations and developments in the internationalisation of higher education.

#### Further information

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