

# Conference Handbook

IDEALiStiC Conference Aachen 2017

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## Conference content

During the Milan conference in June we mainly focused on the concept of students' involvement, not only in their main fields of studies but also in the development of the University's community itself. In addition, we discussed the internal organization of IDEALiStiC for the future, to give work continuity over the years. In Aachen we would like to continue to work on these topics, the latest development in the relation between IDEALiStiC and IDEA League and review the IDEALiStiC Vision Paper "IDEA League Universities 2030 – Visions of IDEALiStiC".

### The conference will consist of 3 phases:

1. Welcoming and socializing phase:  
To get to know what the IDEALiStiC Conference 2017-2 will be like a rough introduction will be given. Additionally there will be time to get to know each other during the socializing events.
2. Workshop phase:  
Creating new ideas and concepts, those can be out-of-the-box or rather abstract, easily applicable or a long-term project. We will write papers and statements that make clear our visions and point of view.
3. Closing plenary phase:  
We will recap the conference topics and sum them up. Also, we will elect a new public communication manager. As outcome there will be conference papers with conclusions of our workshops that we can hand over to IDEA League board and present to them at the next board meeting.

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# Conference Plan

## Thursday, 23th November 2017

|       |                                       |                                      |
|-------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 15:00 | arrival, pick up by AStA              | A&O Hostel, Hackländerstraße 5       |
| 16:00 | welcoming by Vice-Rector for Teaching | kl. Senatssitzungssal, Main Building |
| 17:00 | welcoming by the organisation team    | kl. Senatssitzungssal, Main Building |
| 18:30 | dinner                                | Burgeria, Templergraben 20           |

## Friday, 24th November 2017

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| 07:30 | breakfast   | A&O Hostel, Hackländerstraße 5         |
| 09:00 | workshop: University 2020 – short term goals of IDEALiStiC                | kl. Senatssitzungssal, Main Building   |
| 11:00 | workshop: Managing the quality of education during the student life cycle | kl. Senatssitzungssal, Main Building   |
| 13:00 | lunch   | Mensa Academica, Pontwall 3            |
| 14:30 | campus and city tour  |  |
| 17:30 | visit of Weihnachtsmarkt  | Markt/Katschhof                        |
| 19:00 | dinner  | Student Council MPI, Augustinerbach 2a |

## Saturday, 25th November 2017

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| 07:30       | breakfast  | A&O Hostel, Hackländerstraße 5 |
| 09:00       | workshop: IDEA League – accomplish more together             | room 9220/9222, Ahornstraße 55 |
| 11:00       | workshop: Teaching 2050 – ideas and visions for a far future | room 9220/9222, Ahornstraße 55 |
| 13:00       | lunch  | room 9220/9222, Ahornstraße 55 |
| 15:00       | Sightseeing Aachener Dom                                     | Domhof 1                       |
| 17:00       | dinner   | White House, Pontstraße 141    |
| 19:00 sharp | RWTH Gala Ball   | Quellenhof, Monheimsallee 48   |

## Sunday, 26th November 2017

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| 07:30 | breakfast                                 | A&O Hostel, Hackländerstraße 5 |
| 10:00 | workshop: IDEALiStiC – self-understanding | room 9220/9222, Ahornstraße 55 |
| 11:30 | Closing plenary                           | room 9220/9222, Ahornstraße 55 |
| 12:30 | fare well                                 | room 9220/9222, Ahornstraße 55 |
| 13:00 | departure                                 |                                |

## Workshop Topics

### IDEALiStiC – self-understanding

#### Impact of IDEALiStiC

Most universities and student unions are not sure about the impact of IDEALiStiC on our universities. Redefining our mission statement and the benefits of joining can be a first step to set up new goals and having an impact on the development of our universities.

What is IDEALiStiC about? What does IDEALiStiC do for us and each university?

#### Preparation for the Closing plenary

IDEALiStiC Competition: In Milan we start discussing and organizing “Inter-university challenges”. To follow up, we shall give some input and find a new person responsible for this project.

Elections: Due to the resignation of Neil Montague, ETH Zürich, there is the need to elect a new public communication manager.

#### Review “IDEA League Universities 2030” and “How to IDEALiStiC”

To check with our goals and our self-understanding, it can be a good idea reviewing our papers written in 2015 and 2016.

Which parts are still up to date and where we should improve?

#### IDEALiStiC Board

Because the IDEALiStiC Board is our executive committee, we shall talk about its responsibilities. In your opinion, what the Board should decide of?

#### Rules of procedure

In Milan we talked about the internal organization of IDEALiStiC. To follow up we would like to pass the rules of procedure at the Aachen conference.

### IDEA League – accomplish more together

#### New OB policy regarding IDEALiStiC

Due to IDEA Leagues new policy we shall talk about possibilities to improve the relationship with IDEA League. In addition, possible finance strategies for an IDEALiStiC conference shall be discussed.

Which role a secretary general of IDEALiStiC should play? What shall we expect from IDEA League and how we should work together rather than against each other? How should a statement look like?

#### Student participation and mobility

How can we, as student representatives, contribute to a better mobility and participation in IDEA League activities and projects of our students?

#### Promotion of IDEA League activities

Among many IDEA League university students the IDEA League activities are not very well known. How are you dealing with the promotion of these activities and what can IDEALiStiC can do?

## Teaching 2050 – ideas and visions for a far future

### Study duration

To prevent high study durations universities implement more obligations within their study programs. These obligations may limit the participation of students in extracurricular activities. How do you view this balance? Do you have similar issues? What can be a solution for teaching in 2050?

### Study places

Students demand a good learning environment in the university. Due to capacity issues study places are limited and often only particular study places are over full. An intelligent managing tool could help to guide students to the next available place. Also, a standard for study place shall be implemented. How do you think about study places at university buildings? What's the perfect study place? How to guide students to free study places?

### Internationalization

Universities attract more and more international students to compete internationally. This may lead to a lack of integration of international students. How can universities and the student unions face a more international student body? In the future, shall there still be different study programs for nationals and internationals?

### New techniques and technical support

Good teaching is the thing that keeps students motivated. Blended learning is one of the most common idea right now. But can blended learning be the solution for good teaching? How can you stimulate teachers to innovate their lectures, for example including new technology into education? Can technical support help improving the quality of teaching and which support can be suitable?



IDEALiStiC 2015 in Aachen. Picture: David Wackerbauer

## Managing the quality of education during the student life cycle

### Quality Management in Teaching and Learning

Our universities are dedicated to good teaching but how to measure and confirm it. Quality assurance makes a significant contribution to this issue. How a Quality Management System should look like? What is essential to measure quality? How students should be involved?

### Balance research and education

Beside educating students universities are research facilities. Daily, research and education need to be balanced. Can quality assurance be used to balance it out? How can you stimulate a culture where more attention goes towards education?

## University 2020 – short term goals of IDEALiStiC

### Interdisciplinary optional subjects

To make students having an insight into other field interdisciplinary subjects can be an option. Shall a university can integrate interdisciplinary subjects in a curriculum? What might be other solutions to encourage students doing extracurricular activities?

### Student population

When universities grow pressure is put on the capacity on campus and the city. Housing may become a problem and people start to complain about nuisance caused by students. How universities shall deal with growth, especially about the city? How the student union can be part of the process? Should universities limit the number of fresh man?

### Learning Analytics

To measure quality reliable data is needed. An online learning environment could provide possibilities for gathering data of student behavior. What can be risks of gathering such data? How detailed the gathered data should be provided to whom? Are Big Data and Learning Analytics the right tools to improve the quality of teaching?

### Campus management system

In nowadays the student life cycle (enrollment, exam registration, certificates, etc.) is managed with digital systems, being quite complex. Those systems may interact with different learning tools and platforms. How a campus management system should look like? Shall there be an international standard?

### Tuition fees

Depending on the state a university is in tuition fees may be requested. Usually these fees lead students to a serious amount of dept. In some cases, universities only charge non-EU citizens. How can universities deal with their finance? Shall there be a general tuition fee?

### Examination period

Usually exams are written in a period following the lectures. If students fail an exam they need to wait till the next exam period and additionally must take their regular courses. Shall there be the possibility to take the repeat exam during the lectures? How can universities reduce the students work load with repeat exams?

# The Student Councils

## Chalmers Studentkår

### Student Union

We are a member organization consisting of all students at Chalmers University of Technology. We have a mandatory membership so, therefore, all our students are a part of the union. We are organized so that a Student Council, with members elected through public voting, is the highest decision-making organ. Under them we have the board which consists of five full-time working students and a management team consisting of nine full-time working students, whereof five are also part of the board. This group is in charge of both the operational and strategic development of the union and is elected by the Student Council. The current members can be found

here: <https://chalmersstudentkar.se/management-team-your-representatives/>.

The team operates in four areas, educational affairs, social affairs, corporate relations affairs, and membership benefits. It is the president and educational affairs officer who are in charge of the IDEALiStiC collaboration.

### Sports and culture

Regarding this we have mainly three committees and societies, CIS (Chalmers Student Union Athletic Society), CIRC (Chalmers International Reception Committee), and others. A full list of societies and committees can be found at <https://chalmersstudentkar.se/list/>.

## Centrale Studentenraad (SR) van de TU Delft

### Student Union

The Central Student Council of the TU Delft consists of ten students of different backgrounds and study programs who commit themselves one year full time to representing the interests of all 23.000 students of the TU Delft. The SR is an official organisation within the university and its rights are governed by the Dutch law. The SR thus has official influence on the decisions the Executive Board of the university makes.

We have three types of rights: the right of consent, the right of advice and the right of initiative. We have a monthly so-called meeting cycle with the Executive Board, which consists of the Agenda Meeting, the Internal Meeting

and the Consultation Meeting.

The SR consists of two parties: ORAS and Lijst Bèta. The parties of course share the ambition to represent the interests of the students of the TU Delft to the best of their capabilities but they have different visions and focus points. Each year in May we hold elections, during which the students can decide how the ten available seats in the council are distributed between the two parties. Before the elections we organize a campaign of two weeks in which the campaign teams of both parties are present at every faculty to get in touch with students and create awareness for the elections. At the moment ORAS holds 7 seats in the council and Lijst Bèta 3.



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## Sports and culture

At the TU Delft we have one Sports & Culture center where you can practise things that have to do with sports or culture. One option is buy a sportscard or a culture subscription as an individual. With this card you can do a lot of group lessons or courses like spinning, Zumba, bodypower or making ceramics. If you want to do fitness, you have to buy a sportscard and a fitness subscription. In Delft you can also choose to become a member of a sports or culture association like a hockey, jazzclub or rowing association. Other student associations also have “sub-associations” focussed on sports or culture. If you join this you have to buy a sportscard and on top of that, contribution.

## Rappresentanti degli studenti di Politecnico di Milano

### Students' Unions

We elect our students' representatives with general elections which take place every 2 years. Everybody that is linked to a students' union can be candidate in the governing bodies of the university, it just is needed that you are not in the university for longer than the minimum amount of time needed for your career plus one year.

For elections we use a proportional representation electoral system to convert the number of votes that a students' union takes to the number of seats they get in the body. Then we determinate the candidate elected by the number of votes each candidate takes (the name of candidate has to be written by hand on the voting paper).

We get elected in the two governing bodies of

In Delft there are different types of associations. First there are study associations, which focus on students from particular study programs or faculties. Second there are student associations, which are open to students from all study programs; they may be socially, culturally or sports oriented. Third there is a large number of other associations which don't fit into any of the previous groups. The first and third category are mostly open to international students, but some student associations are not open for internationals because they are quite traditional. Additionally, a position in a board in any association mostly requires proficiency in Dutch. A lot of international students do group lessons.

the university: academic senate (with 4 students) and Board of directors (with 2 students). Then we elect a president of students' council between us, to represent all of our students in one person.

For the description of our 3 students' union with elected member you can have a look at this link: <https://idealistic.eu/student-unions/student-representatives-of-politecnico-di-milano/>.

### Sports

We have Polimi Sport which is a part of Polimi organization. It manages many kind of sport activities. Like: athletics, basketball and sailing, tournaments between students (football, basketball and volleyball).

There is also a committee with two students,

responsible for sport activities and it works with Polimi Sport.

Table tennis tables are all over our campuses and there is also a basket ball and beach volley playground.

### Incoming student

A lot of associations are interested in foreign students' integration. Polimi organizes a welcome week to welcome new students from different countries.

There is also a project named "Project Buddy" in which an Italian student can take care of an incoming international student.

### Culture

We have the possibility to use 500 thousand euros annually given for cultural and sports activities.

In Polimi there are a lot of associations which have cultural purposes.

## Verband der Studierenden an der ETH Zürich (VSETH)

### Student Union

Our students' union is modelled after the Swiss government. It consists of 17 student associations covering 16 departments and 16 commissions, together forming the members of the small (Fachvereinsrat, FR) and big chamber (Mitgliederrat, MR) of the VSETH.

Additionally, we have the GPK (Geschäftsprüfungs Kommission), the VSETH board, as well as multiple associated organisations.

The VSETH board runs the everyday business of the VSETH. It consists of three to twelve people (currently we are ten). There are several portfolios for the board members to choose, namely President, Treasurer, Vice President, Management, Communications, Highschool Politics, Projects, Internal Affairs, Real Estate and IT. The President and treasurer are elected in their portfolio, whilst the other board members can choose their portfolio freely. Board members can choose to work 25%, 50%, or 100% (the president always works 100%) and get payed a small salary.

We have an office with workstations for

everybody, where students come and ask questions or just say hi. The VSETH board also has some employees for bigger tasks.

### Sports and culture

Thanks to several commissions, the VSETH can provide cheap cultural activities in Zürich as well as cultural events like movie nights or sports events like the Hönggergames. In addition, the VSETH organises many events throughout the year. These are open to all students regardless whether they are VSETH members or not.

Even more events are made possible by the student associations. There are parties, sport events, gaming nights, excursions and many things more. The VSETH has some event rooms for parties or fondue events for example.

Most sport needs are covered by the ASVZ, the academic sport association of Zürich. It provides all kinds of sport to all students of Zürich. There is really nothing you can't find there. And most of it is free!



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## Allgemeiner Studierendenausschuss (AStA) der RWTH Aachen

### Student Union

The AStA is the executive committee of RWTH Aachen University's student union. Elected by the student parliament for a term of one year, the AStA represents student interests before the university, city and state governments and the general public. As one of the biggest student unions in Germany, it is also able to offer a wide variety of services, including free legal advice and cheap public transportation, an annual music festival and a variety of cultural events.

To reach these aims, AStA cooperates with many other student groups and organizations, such as the student unions, the equality office, the student senators, the representatives of the foreign students or the numerous student organizations and clubs.

The AStA is composed of 3-10 departments, as determined by the student parliaments. Each department is lead by a chairman and will have several students working in them. Commissioner usually serve for a single term but many will already have worked in the AStA before and will continue to after the end of their term.

In the state North Rhine-Westphalia each student union is a public body with compulsory membership of all students and the permission

to collect mandatory fees of its members.

Find more detailed information here: <http://asta.ac>.

### Sports and culture

The University Sports Center, HSZ for short, is a central institution at RWTH Aachen and organizes qualified sports and movements offers based on the needs of the Aachen universities. The HSZ is supported by the student Sports Department at the Aachen universities, SR for short. The SR is the elected representative body for university sports of the RWTH and FH Aachen students. The HSZ is also supported by representatives for each individual sport.

In Aachen we have various student associations and organizations. Those Initiatives organize different events or compete in tournaments. Some of them have an international background and consist of one group of interationals. To coordinate their activities and to give room for the event, there is Humboldt Haus. The Humboldt Haus is managed by an employee of RWTH Aachen's International Office. Aside from the International Office, the AStA Representative for Internationals or AV and INCAS Student Association have their offices at the Humboldt Haus.



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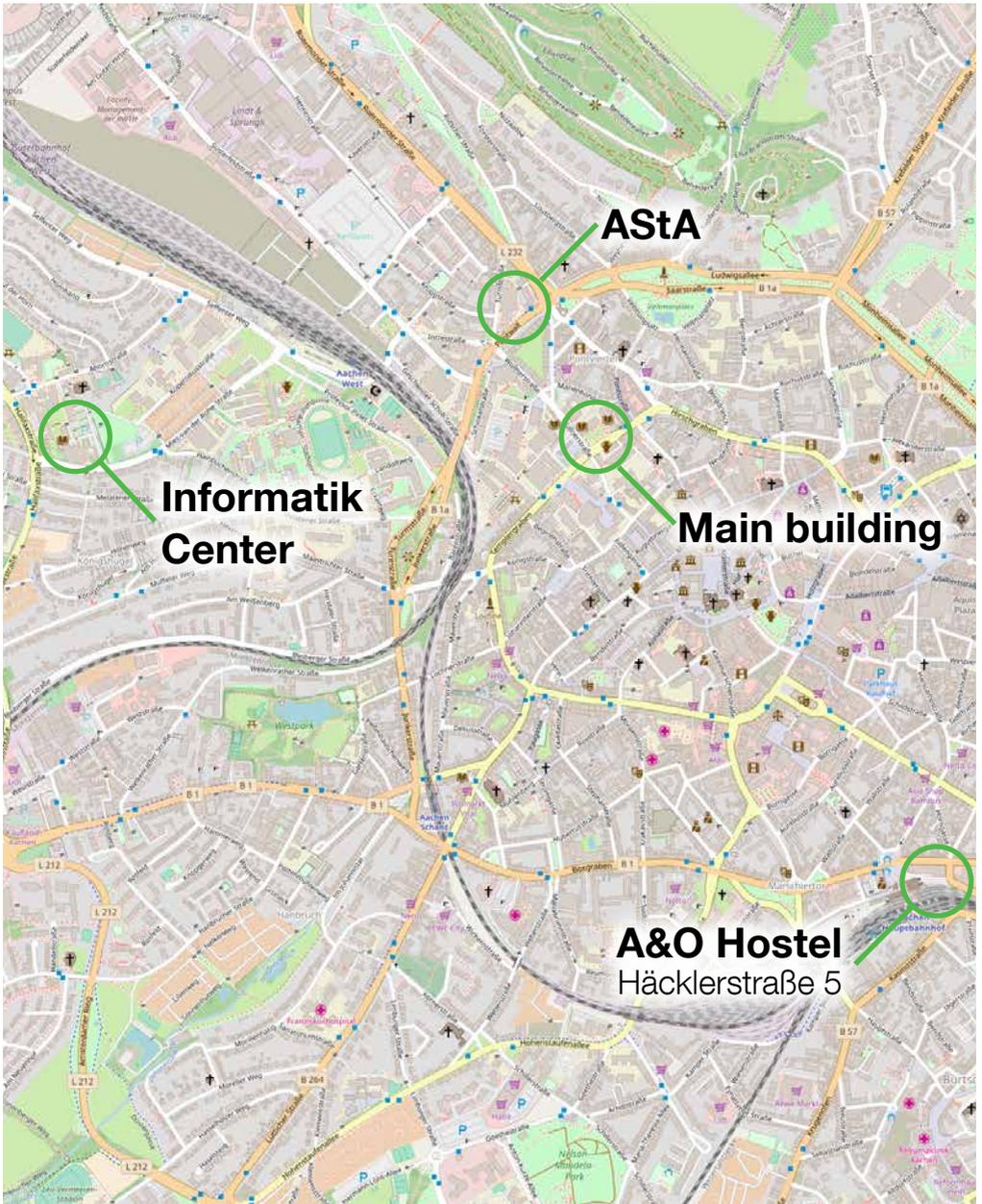


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