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**Universities as Global Communities**

**Bangor University – 13 February 2020**

*This event is jointly organised by Universities Wales and the Learned Society of Wales*

*Part of the Society’s Wales and the World event series – deepening understanding and discussion of the nation’s ‘soft power’*

**12.30**

Lunch / networking / registration

**13.20**

**Introduction to event themes; expectations for day**

Sir Emyr Jones Parry – President, Learned Society of Wales

**13.30**

**Session 1 – What is the Welsh sector’s position within UK and global contexts?**

The View from Wales (experiences from Bangor, Global Wales and the sector as a whole)

Professor Iwan Davies – Vice-Chancellor, Bangor University / Chair of Global Wales

The UK View

Vivienne Stern – Director, Universities UK International

Panel discussion

**14.30**

**Session 2 – How can the sector develop a more distinctive international image?**

Projection of Wales as an internationally engaged/forward-looking nation

Professor Simon Haslett, Pro Vice-Chancellor (International and Enhancement), University of Wales Trinity Saint David

Working within the context of the Future Generations Act and the climate crisis

Dr Gavin Bunting, Associate Professor – College of Engineering, Swansea University

Table discussion and feedback

**15.15**

Break

**15.35**

**Session 3 – How can Welsh institutions work more effectively with international partners?**

International research collaboration

Professor Phil Stephens, Dean of International & Engagement, College of Biomedical and Life Sciences, Cardiff University

International campuses and outreach

Mark Cadwallader, Director of Strategy and Development, University of South Wales

Table discussion and feedback

**16.15**

**Session 4 – How do people in Wales benefit from universities’ international connections?**

Enriching culture and diversity

Dr Maggie Parke, Bangor University / Universities Wales

Developing civic engagement

Professor Cara Aitchison, Vice-Chancellor, Cardiff Metropolitan University

Audience discussion

**16.45**

Wrap up and recommendations

**17.00**

Close