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Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM)
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ASEA-UNINET President

Welcome to USM, Penang
'The University in a Garden'



PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

ARRIVAL DAY	MONDAY, 26-02-2024
	Day of Arrival – Check In at Hotel
14:00 – 17:00	National Coordinators’ Meeting Conference Hall, School of Humanities
17:00	Pre-Registration Foyer Pelinggam Cahaya, School of the Arts,
17:30 – 19:30	Reception Dinner Pelinggam Cahaya, School of the Arts, USM
DAY 1 ASEA-UNINET PLENARY MEETING	TUESDAY, 27-02-2024
08:30 – 09:30	Registration Foyer Pes’eban Agung, School of the Arts
09:00 – 10:30	Opening Ceremony Pes’eban Agung, School of the Arts
10:30 – 11:00	Tea/Coffee Break Pelinggam Cahaya, School of the Arts, USM
11:00 – 12:00	Keynote Addresses Pes’eban Agung, School of the Arts
12:00 – 14:00	Lunch Pelinggam Cahaya, School of the Arts, USM
14:00 – 15:30	Afternoon Session: Working Groups School of Humanities
15:30 – 16:00	Tea/Coffee Break Pelinggam Cahaya, School of the Arts, USM
16:00 – 18:00	Working Group Presentations and Discussion Pes’eban Agung, School of the Arts
19:00	Dinner Tamara by Irama Dining, Georgetown
DAY 2 ASEA-UNINET PLENARY MEETING	WEDNESDAY, 28-02-2024
08:30 – 09:00	Registration Foyer Pes’eban Agung, School of the Arts
09:00 – 10:30	Country Coordinators’ Reports Pes’eban Agung, School of the Arts
10:30 – 11:00	Tea/Coffee Break Pelinggam Cahaya, School of the Arts, USM
11:00 – 12:30	Country Coordinators’ Reports (continued) Pes’eban Agung, School of the Arts
	Presentation of New Universities Seeking Membership
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Pelinggam Cahaya, School of the Arts, USM
14:30 – 16:45	USM Campus Tour 5 Points, IMCC & Buddies
17:00 – 17:30	Refreshments Pelinggam Cahaya, School of the Arts, USM
17:30	Programme End
DAY 3 ASEA-UNINET PLENARY MEETING	THURSDAY, 29-02-2024
08:30 – 09:00	Registration Foyer Pes’eban Agung, School of the Arts
09:00 – 10:30	Bernd Rode Award 2024 Ceremony Pes’eban Agung, School of the Arts
10:30 – 11:00	Tea/Coffee Break Pelinggam Cahaya, School of the Arts, USM
11:00 – 12:30	Elections for ASEA-UNINET New Members Pes’eban Agung, School of the Arts
	Elections for 2024-2025 ASEA-UNINET Executives
	Summary of Plenary Meeting
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Pelinggam Cahaya, School of the Arts, USM
14:00 – 19:00	Visit to USM Centre for Marine and Coastal Studies CEMACS, USM
	BBQ by the Beach
DAY 4 SOCIAL PROGRAMME	FRIDAY, 01-03-2024
09:00 – 17:00	Tour to Georgetown World Heritage Site Georgetown, Penang
	Lunch
	Programme End
DEPARTURE DAYS	FRIDAY, 01-03-2024 / SATURDAY, 02-03-2024
	Checking Out from Hotel and Individual Departure

WEBEX ACCESS FOR HYBRID EVENTS

Opening Ceremony : Tuesday, 27-02-2024, 09:00 – 12:00

Join by meeting link :

<https://usm-cmr.webex.com/usm-cmr/j.php?MTID=m4759c21b72a1aebf9beccb21c4c2098c>

Join by meeting number : <https://signin.webex.com/join>

Meeting number (access code): 2518 724 0150

Meeting password : ASEAUinet1234



Country Coordinators' Reports: Wednesday, 28-02-2024, 09:00 – 12:30

Join by meeting link :

<https://usm-cmr.webex.com/usm-cmr/j.php?MTID=m5d278ee4f7786bd1b79177def002f019>

Join by meeting number : <https://signin.webex.com/join>

Meeting number (access code): 2516 054 2407

Meeting password : ASEAUinet1234



Presentation of Bernd Rode Award 2024: Thursday, 29-02-2024, 09:00 – 10:30

Join by meeting link :

<https://usm-cmr.webex.com/usm-cmr/j.php?MTID=m5fd6aa00e18f7c49967444800ab5dd9e>

Join by meeting number : <https://signin.webex.com/join>

Meeting number (access code): 2515 377 7787

Meeting password : ASEAUinet1234



ARRIVAL DAY

MONDAY, 26-02-2024

	Day of Arrival – Check in at Hotel	
13:30	Shuttle Pick-Up from hotel for National Coordinators	(AC Marriot, Eastin, Amari & U Hotel)
14:00 – 17:00	National Coordinators' Meeting (for Executives & National Coordinators of ASEA-UNINET)	Conference Hall, School of Humanities
16:30	Shuttle Pick-Up from hotel	(AC Marriot, Eastin, Amari & U Hotel)
17.00	Pre-Registration	Foyer, Pelinggam Cahaya, USM
17:30 – 19.30	Reception Dinner	Pelinggam Cahaya, School of the Arts

DAY 1 ASEA-UNINET PLENARY MEETING

TUESDAY, 27-02-2024

08:00	Shuttle Pick-Up from hotel	(AC Marriot, Eastin, Amari & U Hotel)
08:30 – 09:00	Registration	Foyer, Pes'eban Agung, School of the Arts
09:00 – 10:30	Opening Ceremony*	Pes'eban Agung, School of the Arts

- i. Introduction of the Plenary Meeting by ASEA-UNINET President, Prof. Dato' Gs.Dr. Narimah Samat
- ii. Welcoming Address by Prof. Dato. Seri Ir. Dr. Abdul Rahman Mohamed, Vice Chancellor of USM
- iii. Welcoming Address from Ao. Univ.-Prof. Dr. Martin Polaschek, Austrian Minister of Education, Science and Research (Video Presentation)
- iv. Welcoming Address by H.E. Mag. Andreas Launer, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Austria to Malaysia
- v. Welcome Address from Univ.-Prof. Dr. Hermann Mückler, President of the Federation of Austrian-Foreign Societies – PaN (Video Presentation)
- vi. Opening Speech from Prof. Dr. Azlinda Azman, Director General of Higher Education Malaysia

10:30 – 11:00	Tea/Coffee Break	Pelinggam Cahaya, School of the Arts
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11:00 – 12:30	Keynote Addresses	Pes'eban Agung, School of the Arts
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- i. "Global North-South Collaboration: Higher Education Research in the Post-Pandemic Era"
- Emeritus Prof. Dato' Dr. Morshidi Sirat – Advisor to the Education Malaysia Global Services (EMGS)
- ii. "Strategies for Future-Proof Learning Ecosystem Beyond Pandemic"
- Prof. Dr. Abd Karim Alias -Principal Fellow, Centre for Academic Advancement & Flexible Learning (CAFEL), Universiti Tenaga Nasional (UNITEN)

12:30 – 14:00	Lunch	Pelinggam Cahaya, School of the Arts
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14:00 – 15:30	Afternoon Session: Working Groups	Break-Out Rooms, School of Humanites
	i. Alumni Engagement in ASEA-UNINET	Tutorial Room 1
	ii. DIGITAL HUMANISM as an enabler to address the urgent need for a holistic socio-technical approach to the latest developments in computer science and artificial intelligence	Tutorial Room 2
	iii. ASEA-UNINET Funding Opportunities for Research in/and the Performing Arts	Tutorial Room 3
	iv. European Universities in ASEA-UNINET: Strategies for Expansion	Tutorial Room 4
	v. Diversification and Impact of European and National Funding schemes for academic cooperation between Southeast Asia and Europe	Conference Hall

15:30 – 16:00	Tea/Coffee Break	Pelinggam Cahaya, School of the Arts
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16:00 – 18:00	Working Group Presentations and Discussion	Pes'eban Agung, School of the Arts
	➤ 15 min. presentations per group	

19:00	Dinner	Tamara by Irama Dining, Georgetown
	➤ Meeting Point: School of The Arts at 18:00 for shuttle pick-up	

DAY 2 ASEA-UNINET PLENARY MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 28-02-2024

08:00 – 08:15	Shuttle Pick-Up from hotel	(AC Marriot, Eastin, Amari & U Hotel)
08:30 – 09:30	Registration	Pes'eban Agung, School of the Arts
09:00 – 10:30	Country Coordinators' Reports	Pes'eban Agung, School of the Arts
10:30 – 11:00	Tea/Coffee Break	Pellingam Cahaya, School of the Arts
11:00 – 12:30	Country Coordinators' Reports (continued) Presentation of New Universities Seeking Membership	Pes'eban Agung, School of the Arts
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch	Pellingam Cahaya, School of the Arts
14:30 – 16:45	USM Campus Tour <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Meeting Point: School of Humanities➤ Small Groups, 20 min./site➤ 5 sites: Durian Valley, MGTF, Look Up Point (HBP), Archaeology, The Bricks	IMCC & Buddies
17:00 – 17:30	Refreshments	Pellingam Cahaya, School of the Arts
17:30	Programme End	

DAY 3 ASEA-UNINET PLENARY MEETING

THURSDAY, 29-02-2024

08:00- 08:15	Shuttle Pick-Up from hotel	(AC Marriot, Eastin, Amari & U Hotel)
08:30 – 09:30	Registration	Pes'eban Agung, School of the Arts
09:00 – 10:30	Bernd Rode Award 2024 Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Presentation of Bernd Rode Award 2024 Laureates	Pes'eban Agung, School of the Arts
10:30 – 11:00	Tea/Coffee Break	Pellingam Cahaya, School of the Arts
11:00 – 12:30	Elections for ASEA-UNINET New Members Elections for 2024-2025 ASEA-UNINET Executives Summary of Plenary Meeting	Pes'eban Agung, School of the Arts
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch	Pellingam Cahaya, School of the Arts
14:00 – 19:00	Visit to USM Centre for Marine and Coastal Studies <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Meeting Point: School of the Arts at 13:45 BBQ by the Beach	CEMACS, USM

DAY 4 SOCIAL PROGRAMME

FRIDAY, 01-03-2024

08:30	Shuttle Pick-Up from hotel	(AC Marriot, Eastin, Amari & U Hotel)
09:00 – 17:00	Tour to Georgetown World Heritage Site Lunch Programme End	Georgetown, Penang

DEPARTURE DAYS

FRIDAY, 01-03-2024 / SATURDAY, 02-03-2024

Checking Out from Hotel and Individual Departure

VISUAL USM MAIN CAMPUS MAP

RELEVANT BUILDINGS @ USM MAIN CAMPUS



USM Main Campus Map : <https://maps.usm.my/main/>



ACTIVITY	VENUE
Opening Ceremony, Meeting	Pes'eban Agung Hall, School of the Arts Building D20 – map
Reception Dinner, Lunch & Tea break	Pelinggam Cahaya Hall, School of the Arts Building D31 - map
Group work, National coordinator's meeting	Tutorial Room 1-4, School of Humanities Building C24 - map

USM Main Campus Drone Tour : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4g85E16sAmA&t=11s>



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Penang Weather

Penang enjoys a year-round tropical rainforest climate where it is warm and sunny all year round, with plentiful rainfall due to its geographical location and the monsoon climate. It is usually warmest in the months of January and February during the period of Chinese New Year, and rainy during the southwest monsoon from April to September. The climate is very much dictated by the surrounding sea and the wind system. The average temperature is above 30°C in the day and above 25°C at night. The weather in Penang is suitable for strolls or cycling around the city, whether day or night.

Download Brochures:

<https://mypenang.gov.my/downloads/?lg=en>

Campus

Please be advised that the campus is hilly, and it is advisable to bring proper shoes for walking especially for the campus tour and visit to CEMACS (Centre for Marine and Coastal Studies) – located in Penang National Park, 1 hour bus ride from USM to the jetty and 20 minutes boat ride to reach the centre.

Centre for Marine and Coastal Studies (CEMACS)

Participant will visit to CEMACS on the 29th February 2024. **CEMACS** is located at Teluk Aling the northwest coast of Penang Island in the Penang National Park. The centre is served by a number of core academics working in collaboration with research associates identified from other teaching schools as well as from outside the University. The centre's international associates include those from Canada, Australia, USA, UK, Japan, Cambodia, Indonesia, India, Iran, Australia, China, Singapore, Vietnam and Denmark. Associates of **CEMACS** are provided with the direct access to the centre's considerable research and training facilities. Presently, research and training conducted at the centre is focused on biodiversity and conservation of marine ecosystems, coastal forest ecosystems, mariculture and marine mammal ecology (dugong and dolphin).

CEMACS website : <https://cemacs.usm.my/index.php?lang=en>

Information on Arrival and Accommodations

An arrival guide has been shared previously with all participants and contains essential information about accommodations and transportation options in Penang.

Download Arrival Guide:

<https://asea-uninet.org/wp-content/uploads/Arrival-Accommodations-Information-Penang-Feb-26-2024.pdf>

Shuttle Pick-Up from Hotel

If you would like to request a shuttle pick-up from your hotel to the Plenary Meeting, kindly complete the online form by 20 February 2024.

Shuttle Pick-Up Online Form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/NsZJ2RXw4e>

Shuttle Pick-Up Schedule :

Date	Waiting Time	From	To	Vehicle	Plate. No
26 th Feb, Mon <i>*Only for National Coordinator & ASEA Uninet Executive</i>	1300 – 1330	Amari Hotel	Conference Hall, School of Humanites, USM	Van 1	PNT 9533
	1300 – 1330	Eastin Hotel		Van 2	PHV 1715
	1300 – 1315	AC Hotel		Van 3	PHV 1724
	1315 – 1330	U Hotel		Van 3	PHV 1724
26 th Feb, Monday	1600 – 1630	Amari Hotel	Pelinggam Cahaya Hall, USM	Bus 1	PJB 7102
		Eastin Hotel		Bus 2	PJC 6475
		AC Hotel		Van 1	PNT 9533
		U Hotel		Van 2	PHV 1715
	1930 - 1800	Pelinggam Cahaya Hall, USM	Amari Hotel	Bus 1	PJB 7102
			Eastin Hotel	Bus 2	PJC 6475
			AC Hotel	Van 1	PNT 9533
			U Hotel	Van 2	PHV 1715
27 th Feb, Tuesday	0740 - 0815	Amari Hotel	Pes'eban Agung Hall, USM	Bus 1	PJB 7102
		Eastin Hotel		Bus 2	PJC 6475
		AC Hotel		Van 1	PNT 9533
		U Hotel		Van 2	PHV 1715
	1750 - 1800	Pes'eban Agung Hall, USM	Tamarra by Irama Dining, Georgetown	Bus 1	PJB 7102
				Bus 2	PJC 6475
				Bus 3	PJP 4343
	2100 - 2130	Tamarra by Irama Dining, Georgetown	Amari Hotel	Bus 1	PJB 7102
			Eastin Hotel	Bus 2	PJC 6475
			AC Hotel	Bus 3	PJP 4343
			U Hotel	Bus 3	PJP 4343
	28 th Feb, Wednesday	0740 - 0815	Amari Hotel	Pes'eban Agung Hall, USM	Bus 1
Eastin Hotel			Bus 2		PJC 6475
AC Hotel			Van 1		PNT 9533
U Hotel			Van 2		PHV 1715
1700 - 1730		Pes'eban Agung Hall, USM	Amari Hotel	Bus 1	PJB 7102
			Eastin Hotel	Bus 2	PJC 6475
			AC Hotel	Van 1	PNT 9533
			U Hotel	Van 2	PHV 1715

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Date	Waiting Time	From	To	Vehicle	Plate. No
29 th Feb, Thursday	0740 - 0815	Amari Hotel	Pes'eban Agung Hall, USM	Bus 1	PJB 7102
		Eastin Hotel		Bus 2	PJC 6475
		AC Hotel		Van 1	PNT 9533
		U Hotel		Van 2	PHV 1715
	1345 - 1400	Pes'eban Agung Hall, USM	Centre for Marine & Coastal Studies- CEMACS	Bus 1	PJB 7102
				Bus 2	PJC 6475
				Bus 3	PJP 4343
	2000-2030	Centre for Marine & Coastal Studies- CEMACS	Amari Hotel	Bus 1	PJB 7102
				Bus 2	PJC 6475
				Bus 3	PJP 4343
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	1 st March, Friday	0800-0830	Amari Hotel	Georgetown City	Bus 1
Eastin Hotel			Bus 2		PJC 6475
AC Hotel			Van 1		PNT 9533
U Hotel			Van 2		PHV 1715
1400-1430		Georgetown City	Amari Hotel	Bus 1	PJB 7102
			Eastin Hotel	Bus 2	PJC 6475
			AC Hotel	Van 1	PNT 9533
			U Hotel	Van 2	PHV 1715

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Attire Guide for Outdoor Activities (28th Feb, 29th Feb & 1st March)

- a) Clothing: breathable shirts for hot weather and to protect from sunburn or bugs. Suitable for walking.
- b) Footwear: comfortable footwear with good traction for walking on uneven terrain.
- c) Accessories: Hat/Cap/ Sunglasses/ Sunscreen lotion - to protect your face and eyes from the sun.
Bug Repellent: For areas with insects or mosquitoes.
- d) Miscellaneous: Water Bottle- to stay hydrated with a reusable water bottle.
- e) Personal Medications

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