

## **Higher Education & Research Standing Committee (HERSC) Meeting**

“Academics and their representative bodies throughout Europe can learn much and strengthen our work to deliver sustainable education policies at national level by increasing our co-operation in future”, Frank Jones, IFUT Deputy General Secretary said following a meeting of the Higher Education & Research Standing Committee (HERSC), in Brussels on April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> last.

Higher education faces similar challenges throughout Europe and internationally. The twice yearly meetings of HERSC enable education trade unions to discuss their reactions to higher education and research policies and challenges in Europe.

IFUT was represented by Frank Jones, Deputy General Secretary, and by General Secretary, Joan Donegan.

HERSC is a permanent body of the European Trade Union Committee for Education (ETUCE). IFUT has an additional strong presence in this forum as our former General Secretary, Mike Jennings, is ETUCE Treasurer and a member of its officer board. HERSC represents 45 ETUCE member organisations whose membership covers higher education and research staff.

“I look forward to building on relationships with all of the member groups in HERSC over the coming years and to maintaining the strong presence that IFUT has at this table. It will be an invaluable addition in helping to develop IFUT’s analysis of key issues affecting education policy and in strengthening the effectiveness of our own work in future,” Frank Jones said.



***Frank Jones with Serbian Colleague, representing the TUS Union, Dejan Michovic, and Croatian Colleague, Igor Radeka, representing IURHEEC***