

EUCEN 39th Conference



Rovaniemi, FI 28 May 2010

Time: 17.15 – 18.15

NATIONAL & REGIONAL NETWORKS (NN) MEETING MINUTES

Present:

EUCEN Staff & Executive Committee Representatives: Alison J Hughes, Michel Feutrie, Carme Royo and Oliver Janoschka

Austria: AUCEN (Andrea Waxenegger)

Belgium (French Community): Cécile Sztalberg

Estonia : ENUCE (Ülle Kesli)

Finland : UCEF (Kirsi-Marja Varjokorpi)

France: CDSUFC (Jean-Marie Filloque)

Germany: DGWF (Beate Hörr& Helmut Vogt)

Italy: Guilliana Meraviglia Canu

Portugal: AUPEC (Alfredo Soeiro)

Spain: ACECU (Charo Romano de los Santos)

Spain: RUEPEP (Juan Carlos Rodriguez)

Switzerland: SWISSUNI (Suzanne de Jonckheere)

UK: UaLL (Alison J Hughes)

1. **Presentation by University Continuing Education Network in Finland UCEF: Kirsi-Marja Varjokorpi, Secretary General**

Kirsi-Marja gave a very informative presentation (Powerpoint attached) regarding recent changes to Higher Education in Finland, resulting in mergers of institutions with a reduction from 20 to 15 universities and from 26 to 18 polytechnics. The role of the Open Universities in the Finnish HE system will continue to be prominent, with new possibilities opening up for part time study for degrees and continuing emphasis on job-related CPD.

2. **NN pages on new EUCEN Website and suggested additional resources on these pages**

Those present were able to view the new NN pages on the new EUCEN website. After discussion it was agreed that the links in the table listing the network members should then link to a separate page for each network (as per the previous website). On each

separate page will be information in English about the network (supplied by them) and a link to the network's own website (where there is one). The Estonian, French, Finnish and German pages on the new website follow the previous template and are a useful guide for the other networks. CR will ask other networks to supply information in that format. Also on a NN page there can be any documents of interest supplied by that network e.g. recent chapters in the book co-ordinated by DGWF, which provides in-depth analysis of some of the networks and also the AUCEN mission statement in English etc. EUCEN will update these pages as the information is supplied.

It was also agreed that the table listing the networks should be ordered alphabetically on the basis of the European acronym i.e. AT for Austria, DE for Germany etc.

It was agreed that the Irish Network HELLINN should be removed from the table as it is not operating at the moment. Also Charo Romano de los Santos noted that the Catalan network could be removed for now as it was undergoing changes.

3. Issues of current interest to NNs

- It was suggested that EUCEN could become more visible through the individual NNs and that EUCEN should ask the NN members to make a link to EUCEN from their websites, if they have not already done so.
- The ES network (formerly RUEPEC) is now a formal legal association and has been re-named RUEPEP. EUCEN will change the website accordingly. The network will work with the ES Ministry regarding changes to the recognition of 'unofficial' Masters courses.
- It was suggested that EUCEN sets up a mailing list for the NN representatives to use so that they can post queries / information directly to each other.
- There continues to be a need for collection of statistical data at national level regarding ULLL and a mailing list could assist in queries such as this.

4. Any other business

Study Visits

- It was noted that the Associations bid for 2010 was unsuccessful and so EUCEN would not be able to fund any study visits between networks this year.
- It was suggested that members could apply for Erasmus staff training mobility funds to attend a study visit (AW in Graz is hosting ES colleagues soon through this funding stream). The

requirement is that it is a 5-day work programme with one event each day. It is open for administrative as well as academic staff.

Format of future NN meetings at conferences

- It was agreed that the NN representatives preferred the meeting at the Conferences to be mid- conference and that the time scheduled in Rovaniemi was suitable i.e. early evening before the conference dinner.
- It was also agreed that where there is a NN in the country hosting the conference it is good for that NN to give a brief presentation re their network – and so CDSUFC will give a presentation at the next conference in Lille.

Compass Project

Oliver Janoschka informed those present about the Compass project and asked them to encourage members of their networks to complete the online survey.

Full membership of EUCEN

It was noted that a number of NN members of EUCEN had not yet formally indicated whether they agreed to be full members or not. EUCEN will send a letter to them requesting that, if they do agree, they send a formal letter stating their agreement to this, and also nominating their voting representative in this letter also.