



EUCET III Working Group G

“Making the European civil engineering education better known and more attractive outside Europe”

Report

Carsten Ahrens, Chairman

2. Management Committee Meeting , Madrid, 28. September 2007

1. Distribution of EUCET III Program and Objectives

1.1 ECCE 46th meeting in Bucharest, May 2007

The EUCET III Programme has been advertised by the chairman of the ECCE Standing Committee “Education and Training”, Prof. I. Manoliu, and the ECCE Board rapporteur, Carsten Ahrens, in one of the parallel sessions and in addition to the whole General Assembly of ECCE. The long-lasting EUCET activities are well known within the ECCE-group. The new third round will be supported by all 22 national ECCE member associations as discussions within and after the session and meeting showed.

1.2 WCCE 2nd General Assembly in Zimbabwe, May 2007

This 2nd General Assembly took place in connection with the Panafrican Conference of Engineers in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. As one of the keynote speakers I could take the possibility to inform the attendees about the European Higher Education Area, the Bologna process, the ERASMUS MUNDUS Program and activities of EUCET III.

1.3 ASEE Annual Conference in Hawaii, June 2007

The ASEE Annual Conference in Hawaii gave place for about 3500 participants. The Civil Engineering Division was my platform for a lecture about the many differently faceted education ways of civil engineers in “old” Europe as well as in the “new” Bologna Europe with its European Higher Education Area. This year one of the most important topics in (civil) engineering was the international experience of US-American students, which they shall gain

during their study time. In this context it was of high interest how EUCEET III influences the multinational work of EUCEET III within the academic as well the professional civil engineering world.

During all three events it was a mess not to have direct advertisement papers of EUCEET III.

2. Questionnaire for ERASMUS MUNDUS Co-ordinators and Students

As discussed and concluded during the Santander General Assembly in the session of working Group G the chairman elaborated two questionnaires for ERASMUS MUNDUS Universities, one for the co-ordinators and another one for the involved students. These questionnaires shall be sent to all involved universities, not only for the co-ordinating universities. An additional idea was that the members of Working Group G should get in contact with their nationally involved universities to have a closer hand on the work with these questionnaires.

Up to now the response to this activity was not too numerous. And in addition the target was misunderstood. Three universities gave an answer to the questions. But it must be stated that the real activity did not take place up to now.

2.1 Questionnaire for – and letter to - co-ordinators



Prof. Dr. Carsten Ahrens
EUCEET III Working Group G

To all
ERASMUS MUNDUS Co-ordinators
in the respective universities

Questionnaire

**“Making the European civil engineering education
better known and more attractive outside Europe”**

Dear colleagues,

the Socrates Thematic Network European Civil Engineering Education and Training (EUCEET III) consists of about 80 universities, national associations and companies. EUCEET III has been established for the third period of its existence a number of themes, which concern the education and training of civil engineers European wide.

EUCEET III has eight Working Groups. The working group G that I chair is that one, which deals with the task **“How to make the European civil engineering education better known and more attractive outside Europe”**.

As a first step it could be of great help for our task if we can participate from your experience, which you have got and still receive from your students coming from your university partners around the world. It is of great interest for us to get to know why, how etc. your students got the information about your Erasmus Mundus programme, have chosen your university etc.

For this reason I have prepared a questionnaire for you as the co-ordinator and I kindly ask you to answer it, fill it out and send it back to me – together with those of the students.

On behalf of EUCEET and our Working Group G I thank you very much for your kind support and remain

yours sincerely

C. Ahrens

Questionnaire for ERASMUS MUNDUS co-ordinators

1. Ways of advertising

- actual partnerships
- internet
- national exchange office
- international students fairs
- national embassy
- others

2. Recruitment	country	city	university	number of students

Can you choose your students out of number of applicants?

3. General questions concerning stay of students in host university

Do the students receive grants- and if how much?

Can they study without grants?

How do you take care for the students?

Do you offer practical placement in companies?

Do students use this possibility to gain practical experience?

Is there a problem to send/bring back home the students after having finished their studies?

2.2 Questionnaire for – and letter to - students

To all
ERASMUS MUNDUS or other exchange students
in the respective universities

Questionnaire

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Questionnaire for incoming students

1. Where did you hear/got information about the programme?

- actual partnerships
- internet
- national exchange office
- international students fairs

- national embassy
- others

2. Why is this programme so attractive?

- high quality of teaching/learning in host university
- living standard in host country
- special study programme
- high grants
- language

3. What are the benefits of the study abroad when you are back home?

- better payment
- better working conditions
- better situation in society
- high quality education acceptance

3. Annex 1 List of Members

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