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and
MAIN RESULTS
of the
MEETING
held on 18 to 19 June 2009 in Ruse, Bulgaria

In this Meeting **118 representatives from 58 partners institutions of 28 European countries** took part, including Belgium, Germany, Denmark, Spain, Ireland, Italy, The Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Finland, France, Luxembourg, Sweden, UK, Island, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Cyprus, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Turkey. The Meeting participants were welcomed with bread, salt and flowers following an old Bulgarian habit.

The project meeting was conducted with the following agenda:

➢ Welcome Address of the Rector of the "Angel Kanchev" University of Ruse to the Meeting participants.
➢ Introduction of the Meeting participants.
➢ Presentations of the progress of the separate work packages:
  • WP1 - Management and Coordination –
    Assoc. Prof. Angel Smrikarov. Discussion.
  • WP2 - Studying the existing situation –
    Prof. Olegas Vasilecas. Discussion.
  • WP3 - Reorganising teaching and course delivery on the basis of innovative educational technologies –
    Dr. Rebecca Bartlett. Discussion.
  • WP4 - Introducing Research in the Teaching Process –
    Prof. Fernand Vandamme, Assoc. Prof. Candelaria Hernández-Goya. Discussion.
  • WP5 - Promoting innovations through close cooperation with companies –
    Dr. Howard Duncan. Discussion.
  • WP6 - Quality Assurance -
    Academician Peter Kenderov. Discussion.
  • WP7 - Exploitation of Project Results –
    Mr. Robert Fisher. Discussion.
  • WP8 - Dissemination of Project Results -
    Assoc. Prof. Angel Smrikarov. Discussion.
➢ Summary report about completed work and specifying future activities – Assoc. Prof. Angel Smrikarov. Discussion.
➢ Discussing project budget and the scheme for distribution and accounting of funds –
  Mrs. Stoyanka Smrikarova.
➢ Clarifying some of the financial rules for project work –
  Mrs. Stoyanka Smrikarova.
➢ Planning the next meeting.
➢ Any other business.

The meeting was opened by Assoc. Prof. Angel Smrikarov – Coordinator of the ETN TRICE and Vice Rector of the University of Ruse. He read the welcome address from the Minister of Education and Science Daniel Valchev.

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

Please, accept my most sincere congratulations that the Directorate General for Education and Culture at the Commission of the European Union has decided to finance your new project under the Life Long Learning programme. Under this project a new EUROPEAN THEMATIC NETWORK of universities and companies will be created with a main objective „TEACHING, RESEARCH AND INNOVATION IN COMPUTING EDUCATION". Probably the fact that the project "covers" practically the whole Europe, as well as its topical title, was one of the main reasons for the project to be classified at one of the first places in a competition with several dozens of similar projects.

I would like to especially congratulate the initiator of this project and host of the first meeting, the University of Ruse, who will coordinate a consortium including 70 institutions of 31 European countries. As a minister of Education and Science of Bulgaria I cannot but be proud of the fact that the coordination of one of the largest European thematic networks in such a priority area was assigned to a Bulgarian university.

The University of Ruse has a 15 year experience in the management of large European projects. This is the reason why at the beginning of this year it was awarded a PYTHAGORAS prize for a most successful coordination of international projects. I have no doubts that this project will be completed perfectly and will help to raise the quality of the Education of Bachelors, Masters and Doctors in the field of Computing. This is also guaranteed by the membership of the consortium which includes leading scientists of the ICT area all over Europe.

I wish a successful start of the new project and its first event in its work plan: the International Conference CompSysTech'09. This annual conference was initiated after a successful project of your Academic Society and for tenth year now gathers together more and more scientists from Bulgaria and abroad! The fact that a bigger part of them are members of the European thematic networks, coordinated by you, is quite natural and absolutely explicable.

I wish all participants in the meeting of „TEACHING, RESEARCH AND INNOVATION IN COMPUTING EDUCATION" project and in the CompSysTech'09 conference a successful work and a pleasant stay in Bulgaria!

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Daniel Valchev
Minister of Education and Science

The Vice Mayor of the town of Ruse, Mr. Orlin Lazarov, and the Rector of the University of Ruse, Assoc. Prof. DSc Hristo Beloev, welcomed participants in the Meeting.

The Coordinator of the ETN familiarized the audience with the history of consortium and the Management and Coordination of the new project.

Prof. Olegas Vasilecas reported about the studying the existing situation.

Dr. Rebecca Bartlett told about reorganising teaching and course delivery on the basis of innovative educational technologies.

Mr. Mark Vandamme reported about introducing research in the teaching process.

Dr. Howard Duncan presented about promoting innovations through close cooperation with companies. .

Academician Peter Kenderov reported about quality assurance of the project.

Mr. Robert Fisher presented about exploitation of project results.

The Coordinator of the ETN presented a detailed report about the completed work and marked the forthcoming activities.
Mr. Jordan Kalmukov presented the features of the ETN TRICE web site.

Mrs. Smrikarova as manager of the ETN TRICE gave some detailed explanations about financial rules for project work.

The Meeting participants took an active part in the discussion of forthcoming activities.