

Action required – for information and discussion

Task Force Researchers Mobility

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Reference to the Strategic plan:

- Pt. 5 Enhance the quality of internationalization processes in member institutions
- Support the professional development of staff working in the field of internationalization
 - Develop international training initiatives
 - Share best practice in internationalization strategies

General:

The Task Force welcomes as new members Kirsi Korhonen, University of Helsinki, and Marie Deroche, Université de Strasbourg.

Richard Burchill has informed us that he leaves the University of Hull in January 2015 due to new professional perspectives which will lead him to Abu Dhabi.
Dianah Afrasteh, University of Graz, has decided to finish her membership in the TF.
Sehnaz Sanda (Boğaziçi University, Istanbul) has left the university quite some time ago.

The up-to-date members are listed above.

Main activities and tasks in 2014/15:

The Task Force Researchers' Mobility and the TF Staff training are cooperating closely. The aim is to organize together the UN-Workshop (May 5th to 7th 2015) connected to the AGM (May 6th to 9th 2015) at Tartu. The title of the workshop is: "Facilitating Researcher Mobility in the Utrecht Network: Quality Services and a Welcoming Culture"

In order to prepare this event a very productive and pleasant task force meeting has taken place in September 2014, hosted by the University of Aarhus. It has been decided beforehand that a member of the sister TF should take part in the meeting in order to facilitate the cooperation. This objective was fully met. The delegate from Tartu was Raivo Valk. It was extremely helpful to have him with us: He knows the venue and has a lot of experience in organizing these kind of events. As a consequence tasks can be divided between the two TF's.

A second preparatory meeting will take place at the beginning of March 2015 hosted by Ruhr-Universität Bochum.

Things completed: A common web site for the AGM and UN Workshop has been created by Raivo including a preliminary program and the online registration:

<https://sisu.ut.ee/utrecht2015/erasmus-training>

Next step: A more detailed invitation will be sent out via the UN mailing list the week following the Joint Meeting.

2014 Expenditure

Task Force meeting (Aarhus) - €1,693

Goals from the Strategic Plan (FORCES)	Activities/Achievements 2014	Workplan 2015
Foster internationalisation of education		
Open up to new forms of cooperation		
Respond actively to European HE policies		
Collaborate effectively within the Network	<p>Organisation of Staff Training Activity prior to the AGM 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> September 2014: All members of the TF meet in Aarhus to develop the outlines of the program, identify topics, speakers, timetable etc. 	<p>Organisation of Staff Training Activity prior to the AGM 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> January 2015: Participation in the Joint Meeting of Steering committee and TF chairs in Riga where the draft of the training event has been discussed March 2015: Members of the TF meet in Bochum to finalize the planning May 2015: the Training activity will take place prior to the AGM in Tartu
Enhance internationalisation processes in member institutions		<p>Organisation of Staff Training Activity</p> <p>The vocational training of staff members is an important prerequisite in the process of internationalisation at each institution of HE. The staff training event includes various aspects linked to the mobility of international researchers and contributes to the development of competences in an intercultural context.</p>
Strengthen the profile and global outlook of the Network		<p>Organisation of Staff Training Activity</p> <p>Participants of the Utrecht Network staff training event are members of the Utrecht Network as well as non-members. This will contribute to the visibility of the Utrecht Network inside and outside the network.</p>