

Annual Report 2014

Action required – for information and discussion

1) Summer Schools 2014

Three Schools were offered in 2014, see details in table.

Year	Dates	Theme	Hosting Institution	location	IP	participants						teaching staff			
						students									
						UN	AEN	MAUI	Other	coun-tries	total	UN	non-UN	total	coun-tries
2013	July 14-26	Liberty, Equality, Fraternity	University of Rijeka	Motovun	17	17	0	0	7	11	24	12	5	17	11
2014	July 6 – 19	Liberty, Equality, Fraternity	Utrecht University	Utrecht	22	26	4	0	2 (ZA)	13	32	12	1	14	8
2014	June 29- July 10	Hidden Libraries	University of Graz	Graz	0	12	0	0	3	7	15	11	8	19	5
2014	June 30 - July 11	Professional English	University of Hull	Hull	0	28	0	0	0	10	28	2			1
						66						34			

The approach used for the “Professional English” teaching could not correspond to the traditional funding regulations which require a heterogeneous teaching body. Native speakers of English should teach and the school should be offered in the UK/an English speaking country. This model should be used in the years to come.

2) Task Force Meetings:

The Task Force met three times:

- a) in Kraków on May 6th
- b) in Hull/Scarborough from July 8th until July 11th
- c) in Ljubljana from November 3rd until 5th.

The minutes had been sent to the secretariat and may be used as a more detailed kind of report.

3) Utrecht Network Summer School - status

The aim of the Hospitality Funding has been to attract more students to summer schools and level financial disadvantages of students from particular institutions. It was agreed by the AGM in 2012 that a new model that gives same rights to all member institutions should follow the approach based on geographic aspects. The Task Force cannot evaluate the new scheme without the data in a quantitative manner. However, it is obvious that the new scheme offers equal opportunities for participants from all active member institutions and is therefore used more widely. That is why for the time being the new scheme should be applied in the future.

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Reference to the Strategic Plan

Goals from the Strategic Plan (FORCES)	Activities/Achievements 2014	Work plan 2015
Foster internationalisation of education	66 participants and 34 members of teaching staff from member institutions participated actively in three schools.	Two schools will be organised with approximately 50 participants/students
Open up to new forms of cooperation	The “Hull experiment” was a success in terms of co-operation between UN institutions with one institution taking the lead. In the LEF school the cooperation with South Africa – a partner in the EUROSA project – was a success as well.	The conclusions drawn from the professional English school in 2014 will have to be applied to the 2015 school in Hull.
Respond actively to European HE policies	LEF was an IP supported by the EU.	The Task Force of the Utrecht Network will recommend the SC to support the project “Summer innovation” led by Utrecht University under the Erasmus+ Strategic Partnership scheme.
Collaborate effectively within the Network	The “Hull experiment” with its new format was a new initiative, also in terms of including explicitly doctoral candidates and newly appointed academic staff. All three schools supported coherence between teaching staff and students of members and their overseas partners.	Two or three task force meetings will be organised; the “new faces” session at the AGM will be used to explore options for new summer schools and inform new comers on the task force’s work.
Enhance internationalisation processes in member institutions	All 3 summer schools added to the professional development of UN staff and can also be seen as training initiatives.	
Strengthen the profile and global outlook of the Network	With a closer co-operation with EUROSA partners, the UN connected with partners outside the UN.	South African partners will be invited to use the LEF school; Latin American partners, in particular Brazil, will be approached in April to advertise the Utrecht Network as a consortium partner