

## **RESOLUTION OF THE NINTH MEETING OF THE BSUN EXECUTIVE BOARD**

November 24-25, 2003 - Varna, Bulgaria

1. The ordinary session of the Executive Board has been organized in outstanding conditions by the Technical University of Varna.
2. The special invited guest for this session was Dr. Valery CHECHELASHVILI, BSEC PERMIS Secretary General.

Using this opportunity, Mr. Chechelashvili expressed the support of the BSEC PERMIS for the programs and activities of the BSUN. He outlined the importance of the academic cooperation in the Black Sea Region and the role of BSUN in this process.

He also presented the priorities of the BSEC organization for the next period inviting BSUN for a closer involvement in the BSEC activities.

### **THE EXECUTIVE BOARD APPROVED:**

3. The Activity Report presented by Professor Abel Maharramov and the action plan for the implementation of the BSUN Framework Program on "Excellence in Education".
4. The initiation of the procedures for the next issue of the BSUN General Report on Current Status of Higher Education in the Black Sea region.

According to the agreement between BSUN and PABSEC this issue has to be prepared jointly in two languages English and Russian.

The coordination of this Report will be done by Prof. Abel Maharramov, and Prof. Alexander Karkishchenko will direct the editing of it as chief editor.

IPS will start immediately to contact the national teams for the country reports and by the end of April 2004 it will be scheduled an Executive Board Meeting dedicated to reviewing the National Report and approval of the Final Report.

5. The BSUN regional programs to be started with the academic year 2004-2005 as followings:

- I. Undergraduate program on Transport Engineering and Management initiated jointly by Technical University of Varna, Istanbul University, University of Thessaloniki, Azerbaijan Technical University, "Politehnica" University of Bucharest, "Ovidius" University of Constanta, and University of Pitesti.
- II. Master Degree Programs on Quality Assurance (proposed by University of Sakarya), Power Engineering and Energy Management (proposed by Istanbul Technical University), and Decision Support Systems (proposed by Technical University of Moldova).
6. Initiation of the BSUN Quality Prize.  
Prof. Alexander Karkishchenko accepted to prepare a proposal for the procedures of application, evaluation and awarding by consulting Prof. Ioan Mihailescu, Rector of University of Bucharest, Prof. Attila Askar, Rector of Koc University, and Prof. Anatoly Pavlenko, BSUN coordinator of Consortium of Economics.
7. The partnership between BSUN and COSENT and the further activities that will be done jointly.

#### **OTHER DECISIONS:**

8. IPS will dedicate a second special issue of BSUN International Journal on Quality Assurance in Higher Education.
9. At the proposal of Dr. George Ivanov representing Advanced Technologies Ltd., the Executive Board approved the initiation of a partnership between BSUN and this company in order to develop and manufacture scientific research equipment for nanotechnologies.

Dr. Valery Chechelashvili welcomed this proposal outlining its possible impact on the competitive advantage of the Black Sea region and invited to prepare a project for a prefeasibility study to apply to the BSEC Project fund.

10. At the proposal of Prof. Alexander Karkishchenko the Executive Board approved to address a special appeal to the BSEC Council of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs to find a solution or to simplify the visa procedures for Professors and students traveling for the academic purpose among the BSEC states.

Dr. Valery Chechelashvili welcomed this proposal, and informed about the similar projects of other professional groups, and asked IPS to send, as soon as possible, the required documents to BSEC PERMIS.

11. IPS will prepare within two weeks a report of situation of fee collection, expenditures, and current balance to be distributed to all BSUN members, also till the next session of the Executive Board.

Prof. Alexander Karkishchenko together to Professor Hazret Aghabeyili and Dr. Eden Mamut will study the legal situations in the member countries and will prepare a draft proposal for restructuring the fee collection and the fund transfer procedures between IPS and National Secretariats.

12. Taking into account the contributions of Technical University of Moldova to the development of BSUN, the opinions expressed by the Members of the Executive Board and the agreement of Prof. Ion Bostan, it was decided to organize the BSUN 2004 Congress by the end of September or beginning of October, in Chisinau, Moldova.

Prof. Abel Maharramov will contact the representatives of the other countries and within 10 days will address an official letter to the Minister of Education of Moldova.

13. Prof. Ion Bostan informed the Executive Board about the International workshop on "Challenges for Integration in Education, Science & Technology Transfer in the Black Sea Region in the Context of Globalization" organized in Chisinau jointly by ICBSS and BSUN and the Executive Board approved the proposed mechanism of cooperation between ICBSS and BSUN, which is included in the resolution of the workshop.

14. Taking into account the decision of the Council of Foreign Affairs Ministers of BSEC Member States to accept the membership of Serbia & Montenegro and Macedonia, Executive Board decided to invite the universities of these countries to join BSUN.

15. Taking into account the proposal of Prof. Bostan regarding the necessity of development of the National IT&C Networks (educational and research) with connection to international similar networks, and also the access to the virtual libraries and e-journals it was decided that in Chisinau will be organized the meeting of experts dedicated for this purpose.

16. The Executive Board discussed and approved the application forms submitted to IPS:

- KHAZAR UNIVERSITY
- NAKHICHEVAN STATE UNIVERSITY
- TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF GABROVO
- TBILISI STATE UNIVERSITY

- ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF THESSALONIKI
- UNIVERSITY OF THE AEGEAN
- “DUNAREA DE JOS” UNIVERSITY, GALATI
- ACADEMY OF ECONOMIC STUDIES, BUCHAREST
- BACAU UNIVERSITY
- PITESTI UNIVERSITY
- ANADOLU UNIVERSITY
- MIMAR SINAN UNIVERSITY
- ODESSA STATE UNIVERSITY OF REFRIGERATION
- ZHITOMIR INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

17. The Executive Board analyzed the proposals for new BSUN Consortia and centers and decided as followings:

- The initiation of procedures for the establishment of the BSUN Consortia on Oil & Gas Engineering and Management.  
The University of “Oil and Gas” of Ploiesti will initiate this process and Prof. Nicolae Antonescu will send a report to the Executive Board till the next session.
- The initiation of procedures for the establishment of the BSUN Consortia on Marine Engineering.  
This process will be initiated by the Istanbul Technical University, Faculty of Marine Engineering and Ocean Studies and Prof. Ali Ihsan Aldogan will send a report to the Executive Board till the next session.
- The initiation of procedures for the establishment of the BSUN Consortia on IT&C. This process will be initiated jointly by Black Sea University Foundation, Technical University of Moldova, and Sakarya University and Prof. Ion Bostan will present a report to the Executive Board till the next session.
- Executive Board approved the proposed projects for the BSUN Centers with the following recommendations:
  - a. Regarding the Center for International Relations and Conflict Prevention Research, proposed by Black Sea University Foundation, it was recommended to take into consideration the current concerns on terrorism and stability in the Black Sea Region and to enlarge the area of research including these priorities, outlining the interest of BSEC PERMIS to cooperate with the future Center.
  - b. Regarding the Center for Alternative Energy Systems proposed by the Zhitomir State Technological University from and the Center for Energy Conservation and Environmental Impact proposed by Technical University of Moldova jointly with the Moldavian Academy of Sciences, the Executive Board recommended inviting both Centers to cooperate closer and support the initiation of the similar centers in the other member countries.

18. The next session of the EB is scheduled for the end of April 2004 in Baku, Azerbaijan.

## **LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

### **BSUN MEMBERS**

1. Prof. Abel MAHARRAMOV, Rector, Baku State University and President of Black Sea Universities Network
2. Prof. Stefan Todorov BARUDOV, Rector, Technical University of Varna
3. Prof. Adrian BAVARU, Rector, "Ovidius" University of Constanta and First BSUN President
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5. Prof. Ion BOSTAN, Rector, Technical University of Moldova
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### **INVITED PERSONS**

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