

The BSUN Executive Board Meeting
Baku – Azerbaijan
1st November 2009

On November 1st, 2009, it was organized the BSUN Executive Board Meeting with the occasion of the celebration of the 90th Anniversary of Baku State University.

The participants from the Executive Board have been the followings:

- ❖ Prof. Prof. Dimitry Livanov, Rector, Moscow Institute of Steel and Alloys
- ❖ Mrs. Olga Morosova, Moscow Institute of Steel and Alloys
- ❖ Prof. Jorgaq Kacani, Rector, Polytechnic University of Tirana;
- ❖ Prof. Frederik Premti, Polytechnic University of Tirana;
- ❖ Prof. Giorgi Khubua, Rector, Tbilisi State University;
- ❖ Acad. Abel Maharramov, Rector, Baku State University;
- ❖ Prof. Vasile Sarbu, Vice-rector, “Ovidius” University of Constanta;
- ❖ Prof. Muhamed Sahin, Rector, Istanbul Technical University;
- ❖ Prof. Sergey Byelikov, Rector, Zaporojnia National State University;
- ❖ Mr. Andrii Smoliarov, Zaporojnia National State University;

The BSUN International Permanent Secretariat has been represented by:

- ❖ Prof. Eden Mamut, BSUN IPS Director.

The Executive Board debated during the meeting in Baku the problems related to the activities of the Network, the cooperation with the international institutions (BSEC, PABSEC and OECD) and a number of administrative issues related to the membership tax payments, the establishment of the members of the Nominalization Committee for the election of the future president of BSUN for the mandate 2012-2014, and also the new applications of the universities that want to become a member of BSUN. The Agenda of the Executive Board Session is presented in the Appendix.

Following the discussions, the Executive Board members approved the initiation of cooperation with the “Eurasian” Universities Association and Caspian Sea Universities Network and the terms of the Declaration. Also it has been approved the organization of an Academic Forum jointly with the

Congress of the Black Sea Universities Network, in 2010, in Moscow, in collaboration with the two associations.

During the Meeting there were also approved the proposals for the activities that will be developed by BSUN in cooperation with BSEC, PABSEC and OECD. It was established that the International Secretariat should study the possibilities for BSUN to become a member of the OECD program dedicated to the management of higher education.

Regarding the membership tax collection for 2009 it has been agreed to involve the national secretariats in collecting the membership taxes from every country.

It was agreed that in 2010 it should be created the premises for the membership taxes to be collected by the national secretariats from each country and, in accordance with the statute of BSUN, 50% of the amounts collected should be allocated to the activities developed in each country.

Following the request that came from several universities it was agreed to be organized a Workshop dedicated to the establishment of a Consortium on problems related to the energy security and renewable energy sources and the extension of the experience in this field to the other priority fields of the Network.

During the Meeting it was agreed to establish a Nominalization Committee for the candidates selection for the future presidency of the Network in the mandate 2012-2014. as members of the Committee there were proposed and approved the following personalities:

- Prof. Muhammed Sahin, Rector of Istanbul Technical University
- Prof. Oved Farhi, Rector of Technical University of Varna
- Prof. S. B. Belikov, Rector of Zaporojnia National Technical University.

The Committee shall analyze the possible nominations and, although is not stated in the Statute, shall be taken into consideration the principle of rotation in order to encourage the candidacy of the rectors of the universities from the countries that did not held the BSUN presidency – Armenia, Albania, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Greece, but also any other option according with the Statute shall be taken into account.

The nominations shall be decided by the members of the Nominalization Committee at least one month before the BSUN Congress.

The Executive Board members analyzed the performances, legal statute and the proposals for the future cooperation projects of the universities that applied for BSUN membership. After debates there were accepted as members of the Network the following universities:

- Dnipopetrovsk University of Economics and Law – Ukraine
- Poltava National Technical University after Yuri Kondratyuk – Ukraine
- State Educational Institution of Higher Professional Education Astrakhan State University – Russia
- Qafqaz University – Azerbaijan
- National Technical University “Kharkiv Polytechnic Institute”

The final fate of the BSUN Congress shall be established by Prof. Livanov, the Rector of Moscow Institute of Steel and Alloys and by Prof. Sadovnichy, the Rector of “Lomonosov” State University. There were proposed two periods: April 2010 and September 2010.