

# **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING OF THE BLACK SEA UNIVERSITIES NETWORK**

October 7 – 8, 1999, Constantza, Romania

The Third Meeting of the Black Sea Universities Network was held on October 7 – 8, in Constantza, Romania.

The meeting was attended by the following participants:

## **BULGARIA**

Prof. Vladimir PETROV, Vice Rector, Varna Free University (VFU)

## **GREECE**

Prof. Maria KAILA: Vice-Rector, University of the Aegean

## **Republic of MOLDOVA**

Prof. Vitalie SCALNAI, Vice-Rector, Technical University of Moldova

## **ROMANIA**

Prof. Adrian BAVARU: President, BSUN

Acad. Mircea MALITZA, President, Black Sea University Foundation

## **TURKEY**

Prof. Suha Sevuk: Rector, Middle East Technical University

Prof. Ibrahim Yildirim: Chairman of the International Academic Relations, Istanbul University

## **OBSERVERS**

Razvan CHIRPISIZU, Executive Director, Black Sea University Foundation

Prof. Vladimir GUTU, State University of Moldova

Prof. Mumin KOKSOY, Vice Rector, Ahmed Yeseni University

Prof. Mircea MODIGA, "Dunarea de Jos" University of Galatzi

Prof. Yildirim UCTUG, Dean, Middle East Technical University

Prof. Carolina PLATON, Head of Psychology Department, State University of Moldova

## **BSUN INTERNATIONAL PERMANENT SECRETARIAT**

Dr. Eden Mamut

Rita Avram

## AGENDA OF THE MEETING

- A. Presentation of the Report made by Professor Adrian Bavaru, President of BSUN.*
- B. Presentation of the Report of IPS, made by Dr. Eden Mamut*
- C. Presentation of network problems each member has faced*
- D. Debating on MD Program*
- E. Debating on Summer Schools and Short Certificate Courses*
- F. Debating of Joint Research Program*
- G. Debating on Brokerage Events Program for Technology Transfer*
- H. Endorsing a letter addressed to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of each country concerning the recognition of the Network, awarding the Statute of Observer and allotting a financial fund in the budget of BSEC in order to promote further development.*
- I. Endorsing the letter to the Ministries of Research on participation of universities in regional development.*
- J. Debate of suggestions to BSUN Statute*
- K. Settling the data of subsequent Executive Board Meeting*
- L. Settling the place of the next Conference of rectors.*
- M. Miscellaneous.*

## MAIN DECISIONS:

1. The initiation of a **Promotion Program** of the Black Sea Universities Network in the region. IPS was delegated by the Executive Board to prepare a promotional program of the Network in the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Member Countries. The program will be supported by all members of the Executive Board and the focal points.  
In the same time, the President of the BSUN will develop personal contacts with the Rectors, Council of Rectors or Ministries of Education of each member country.
2. The **Long Distance Education** has to be one of the key elements in the future development of the Academic Programs within the Network. In this regard, it should be appointed a Committee for Long Distance Education that has to prepare a study on the current achievements and resources for long distance education in the region.
3. The project of Master Degree Programs will be called **ACADEMICON**.
  - The project will be **coordinated by Professor Suha Sevuk**, Rector of Middle East Technical University of Ankara.

- Till **December 1<sup>st</sup>, 1999**, it will be set up the **ACADEMICON Committee** having as members; professors from all member countries specialized in different fields.
  - The ACADEMICON Committee will analyze the Master Degree proposals coming from all members from the Network and will approve a certain number of Programs for being common Master Degree Programs of the Network.
  - The deadline for Master Degree Proposals is January 31, 2000.
  - The Master Degree Proposals will be submitted at the International Permanent Secretariat.
  - All members of the Network have to receive from IPS information regarding the call for Master Degree Programs till November 15, 1999.
4. The **Center for Coordinating the Summer School and Short Certificate Courses** is located at Zhitomir Institute of Engineering and Technology.
- **The coordinator** of Summer Schools and Short Certificates Program is **Professor Boris Samotokin**, Rector of Zhitomir Institute of Engineering and Technology .
  - The **Committee for SSSCC** will be set up till December 31<sup>st</sup>, and will consist of Professors and specialized trainers from all member countries. The Committee will approve the proposals from SSSCC
  - **All proposals for 2000 have to be submitted till December 15, 1999 at IPS.**
  - Professor Maria Kaila has presented a **Greek Language and Civilization Intensive Summer Program for University Students** scheduled for July 3 – 30, 2000, Rodos. The University of Aegean will accept 5 students from each BSEC member countries.
  - **Deadline for Applications, April 2000.**
  - The applications will be submitted at:
    - University of Aegean
    - Address: 30, Voulgaroktonou Street, 11472, Athens, GREECE
    - Contact person: Professor Maria Kaila, Vice Rector,
    - Phone +30 1 6492103; Fax: +30 1 6492199
    - E-mail: [kaila@rhodes.aegean.gr](mailto:kaila@rhodes.aegean.gr)
5. The coordination of **Standards for Joint Research Programs** belongs to Azerbaijan Technical University.
- The Black Sea Universities Network will prepare a project to be submitted at the Council of Ministers Meeting of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Forum in order to obtain a budget for Joint Research Projects.
  - Deadline December 1<sup>st</sup>, 1999.

- Responsible person: Professor Rafiq Mehdiyev, Rector of Azerbaijan Technical University and IPS Director, Dr. Eden Mamut.
6. **Brokerage Events Program for Technology Transfer** was initiated by “Ovidius” University of Constantza, University of Patras and Middle East Technical University from Ankara. The program will start in January 2000 and will consist of three annual brokerage events, in Romania, Greece and Turkey.
  7. The Executive Board approved the endorsement of a letter from the part of the BSUN President and addressed to the Council of Ministers for asking support in obtaining the **Observer Statute** in the BSEC Programs.

The BSUN President will prepare a letter addressed personally to each Ministry of Foreign Affairs from BSEC member countries, presenting the following proposals:

- The settling of an Academic Passport recognized by BSEC countries for academic staff and students in order to promote the mobility in the region.
  - The allocation of a budget from the part of BSEC for BSUN Programs.
  - The development of an academic research program oriented towards sustainable development in the region and administrated by BSUN.
8. According to the decision in Varna, the Executive Board Members have received the proposals for some improvements of the **BSUN Statute**. The proposal will be analyzed during the works of the Executive Board Meeting of March 2000, in Greece.  
It was accepted the proposal of Professor Maria Kaila to introduce in the project of the new Statute the position of **Honorary Members** of the Executive Board.
  9. The Executive Board has decided that the subsequent **Executive Board Meeting** will be hosted by University of Aegean, and will be scheduled in **March or April 2000**, in order to be connected to the Council of Rectors from Greece.

10. **The General Assembly of BSUN – Conference of BSU Rectors** will be organized between **July 5 and 8, 2000**, in Istanbul, by the joint efforts of Istanbul University and Middle East Technical University.  
The topic of the Conference will be **EDUCATION and SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE BLACK SEA REGION**.