

**RESOLUTION
OF THE BSUN EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING,
held in Sochi, Russia on April 27 - 28, 2002**

1. The Executive Board (EB) analyzed the Country Reports on the Higher Education from: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Greece, Moldova, Romania, Russia, Turkey, Ukraine. It was prepared a review checklist for reports. Professor Suha Sevuk, Professor Ioan Ianos, and Professor Karkishchenko will review the Reports, and will contact till May 20th 2002, the rapporteurs from each country with all comments. Until June 15th the reviewed reports will be submitted to Professor Karkishchenko. The final format will be approved by the three above-mentioned persons.

By June 30th the final draft of the report will be sent to Professor Melnychuk at ZIET in order to be printed. The EB Members expressed their appreciation for the contribution of ZIET in printing the report in 1000 copies. For this contribution, ZIET is waived of the 2002 membership fee payment.

The EB approved the proposal to dedicate the Report for the 10th Anniversary of BSEC. In this respect, the BSUN President, Professor Suha Sevuk will participate to the BSEC Celebration Summit that will be organized in Istanbul on June 25th 2002 and will present the message on behalf of BSUN announcing, in the same time, the dedication of the Report.

The EB has been informed on the results of the 18th Plenary Session of the PABSEC where it was discussed the report on the activities on BSUN and were approved the PABSEC Recommendations. The EB members expressed their gratitude for the PABSEC support for the BSUN activities in general, and particularly for the Current Status on Higher Education in the Black Sea Region. In order to present the message of BSUN and a Progress Report on the joint project, Professor Suha Sevuk will participate at the 19th Plenary Session of the PABSEC that will be held in Tbilisi between 11 to 13 June 2002.

Because of the lack of communication with Georgian BSUN members, the EB members suggested to contact the PABSEC National Secretariat in

Georgia and ask their support for obtaining the Report on Higher Education in Georgia.

2. The BSUN EB analyzed the regional visibility of the Network and decided that for the future, the BSUN members should cooperate with the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Education, Science and Technology in order to inform them properly about the activities developed by the universities and to be involved in the priority projects of their government under the frame of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation.

IPS will establish a system of periodically information exchange with BSEC PERMIS, PABSEC, Business Council, BSTDB, and other organizations active in the Black Sea Region.

In order to institutionalize the relation between BSUN members and their governments it is recommended that the BSUN National Secretariats to be established with the support of the National Governments.

3. The EB Members have analyzed the proposals coming from the member universities for the future programs of BSUN and appointed Professor Ara Avetisyan to summarize them and prepare a synthetic report to be presented in the Plenary Session of the Congress in Baku. The participants to the Congress will be invited to present their comments and based on these contributions, the General Assembly - Conference of Rectors of BSUN Member Universities will approve the future BSUN Framework Program.
4. The Executive Board approved the proposal to move the deadline for renewing the membership statute of the existing BSUN members till September 1st 2002.
5. Analyzing the submitted Application forms the Executive Board decided to award the membership statute for the following universities:

- ACADEMY OF ECONOMIC STUDIES, MOLDOVA
- DEMOCRITUS UNIVERSITY OF THRACE, GREECE
- DNIETROPETROVSK STATE FINANCE AND ECONOMICS INSTITUTE, UKRAINE
- EGE UNIVERSITY, TURKEY
- GALATARARAY UNIVERSITY, TURKEY
- ISTANBUL UNIVERSITY, TURKEY
- KARACHAI - CHERKESS STATE TECHNOLOGICAL INSTITUTE, RUSSIA

- KARADENIZ TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY, TURKEY
- KIEV NATIONAL ECONOMIC UNIVERSITY
- KUBAN STATE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, RUSSIA
- OVIDIUS UNIVERSITY OF CONSTANTZA, ROMANIA
- PETROLEUM-GAS UNIVERSITY of PLOIESTI, ROMANIA
- TAGANROG STATE UNIVERSITY OF RADIO-ENGINEERING, RUSSIA
- TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF MOLDOVA, MOLDOVA
- THE UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST, ROMANIA
- VARNA FREE UNIVERSITY, BULGARIA
- VARNA UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE, BULGARIA
- YEREVAN STATE UNIVERSITY, ARMENIA

6. The EB appointed IPS to obtain more information regarding the statute of accreditation for the following applicants:
- COMRAT STATE UNIVERSITY, MOLDOVA
 - "ANDREI SAGUNA" UNIVERSITY
 - ACADEMY OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES IN EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND HEALTH RESORT RESEARCH, RUSSIA
 - AZERBAIJAN INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Based on the provided information the Executive Board will consider the statute of member or associate member for the above mentioned applicants.

7. The EB appreciated the activity of IPS and approved the report for 2000-2002 period.
8. The EB analyzed the proposals for upgrading the Statute and appointed Professor Suha Sevuk and IPS Director Eden Mamut to use the legal advise of BSEC PERMIS and prepare the draft of the Statute to be approved by the General Assembly - Conference of Rectors of BSUN Member Universities.

The draft proposal for the Statute will be distributed to the EB Members till the end of June 2002.

9. The BSUN EB appreciated the efforts to set up the BSUN Students' Charter but taking into consideration the lack of the resources it was decided that BSUN will develop cooperative partnerships with established associations and organizations of the students of the Black Sea Region. In

this respect, Prof. Sevuk and Prof. Kaila have been delegated to participate at the Black Sea Youth Congress to be held in Istanbul in May 6-8, 2002, and to invite the Black Sea Youth Forum for a partnership joint venture.

10. The Members of the EB have approved the proposal of Kiev National Economic University (KNEU) to set up a BSUN Consortium of Universities in Economical Studies. In this respect, it was appreciated the offer of Professor Anatoliy F. Pavlenko, Rector of Kiev National Economic University to cover the expenses for the participants. The EB delegated Professor Suha Sevuk to participate at the works of this meeting scheduled for June 21st in Kiev.

IPS will cooperate with the KNEU in organizing the meeting.

11. The EB delegated Professor Suha Sevuk, Professor Ibrahim Yildirim and Dr. Eden Mamut to cooperate with Baku State University and the Organizing Committee of the BSUN 2002 Congress, and to prepare in all details the event in Baku.

12. The EB Member expressed their gratitude for Taganrog State University of Radio Engineering and Peoples' Friendship University of Russia for organizing the meeting.

The Executive Board Meeting of the Black Sea Universities Network, held on April 27 -28, 2002 in Sochi, Russia, was attended by the following participants:

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