

COMMUNIQUÉ
from the General Assembly of the
European University Foundation/Campus Europae
following its meeting in Luxembourg
On 9th October, 2006

The General Assembly of the European University Foundation (EUF) notes with satisfaction the progress in the number of CE movers attained in the academic year 2007/2008. Mobility among CE universities amounts to 108 students, which represents more than double the number of students exchanged during the previous years. Along with the increase in the number of CE movers, the diversity of the flows in terms of destinations, participating universities and active fields of study have also increased. For the first time Medicine students have been exchanged and 15 CE Universities are hosting CE movers while 14 are active sending universities. The noticeable increase of the number of participating students reflects the high interest the project has generated among the academic community of the participating universities and the continuous efforts that the Campus Europae Subject Committees have been putting into high quality planning and preparation of the student's mobility.

The General Assembly decided on the immediate issuing of CE Certificates for all students who participated in the 2004/2005 and 2005/2006 exchanges. The award of the CE Certificate will confirm the completion of an academic year abroad, the successful completion of the study requirements, an excellent command of the English language and that the respective CE-mover has acquired sufficient knowledge of the languages of the host countries to be able to communicate on a scientific level in their academic subjects. The Certificate will be issued to CE students by the European University Foundation / Campus Europae secretariat in Luxembourg, in articulation with the respective offices of all participating universities.

The General Assembly welcomed very important recent developments in the implementation the Bologna meets Lisbon project, notably the establishment of a consortium constituted by the University of Hamburg, the Hamburg Student Affairs Agency, the "Arbeit und Leben" vocational training Agency and the Northern Germany Workers Union. The consortium will be active in positioning CE exchange students visiting the University of Hamburg in companies and organizations during their stay abroad as well as managing grants and loans for outgoing students of the University of Hamburg. The cooperation of the above mentioned institutions will allow for increasingly closer cooperation of the University of Hamburg with companies and organizations, in view of future knowledge transfer projects.

The General Assembly also noted with satisfaction and acclaim the results of the student evaluation, of Campus Europae for the 2005/2006 academic year. The evaluation produced by the secretariat is meant to complement the ongoing monitoring provided by Professors, CE Coordinators and student representatives and comprises two online questionnaires that are circulated to all exchange students. Regarding 2005/2006 all respondents found their participation in Campus Europae to be "very satisfactory" or "satisfactory", with more than two thirds giving the programmes the highest score in the ranking and considering CE to be is a well thought out and mature development in European International exchange scene. The CE student movers are recognising, and appreciate greatly, being part of an international group which sets them apart from the rest of the international student body and 95% considered their international experience "worthwhile" or "very worthwhile" in terms of improved career prospects and knowledge and understanding of the host country. All respondents have considered Campus Europae to be worthwhile in respect of their own self-development and in developing new perspectives on ones' home country. The evaluation also highlighted that the recognition mechanisms that are in place work almost flawlessly, and the few cases where prolongation of studies have occurred will be analysed in detail by the respective subject committees. Other aspects that where very positively evaluated were the reassurance and support network that was available in CE, their integration in the host environment.

The General Assembly welcomed Prof. Stanislav L. Tkachenko, Vice-Rector of the State University of St. Petersburg, who attended the meeting as a guest. Prof. Ludmila Verbitskaya, Rector of the State University of St Petersburg and Prof. Noel Whelan, President of European University Foundation - Campus Europae have signed a letter of intent in September 2006, with a view to the State University of St. Petersburg considering its possible membership of the European University Foundation.

The above communiqué was approved and issued by the General Assembly of the European University Foundation at its meeting in Luxembourg on 9th October, 2006.

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