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Progress report

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UNITWIN Network on Pedagogical Education: the Multicultural Dialogue Cooperation Programme

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I. Activities

1. Academic activities

Training

Pedagogical education within the Bologna Process: transition to the multilayered system of staff preparation

- Continual seminar, 36 -72 academic hours at HSPUR
- The seminar, organized in partnership with Institute of additional training of the pedagogical staff at HSPUR, educational union at HSPUR targeted the Universities of the Cooperation Program. Its geographical coverage was the Russian Federation, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan
- Future outcome – elaboration of the study program and methodic materials for the seminar. Partners from Moldavia have shown interest to the program, and made request to participate in the next seminar, partners from Kyrgyzstan contacted HSPUR inquiring assistance in master's program elaboration.

Pedagogical education within the globalization process: the changing role of teacher in the modern world

- Continual seminar, 36 -72 academic hours.
- The seminar, organized in partnership with the Departments of the UNESCO Chair HSPUR targeted Universities of the Cooperation Program. Its geographical coverage was the Russian Federation and the CIS.
- Future outcome – The main attention was paid to the methodology of modern pedagogical education and a positive experience of the pedagogical universities on preparing specialists to participation in international programs.

Continuous Pedagogical Education as Education for All

- Continual seminar, 1 – 3 days
- The seminar, organized in partnership with the Research Institute “Continuous Pedagogical Education”, Departments of the UNESCO Chair targeted the universities of the Cooperation Program, Teachers at different levels of the system of education. Its geographical coverage was the Russian Federation, and the CIS.

- Future outcome – material prepared in Russia by the order of the UNESCO Moscow Office “EFA: Russian experience and view” analyzed. Materials were distributed in the CIS countries. Work to be continued in 2007.

Problems of the adaptation of the young generation to the living conditions of the North by pedagogical means

- Continual seminar at Murmansk University (Russia).
- The seminar, organized in partnership with HSPUR targeted academic staff, Teachers, Universities of the Cooperation Programme as well as Finland and Sweden. Its geographical coverage was the Russian Federation, Finland, Sweden
- Future outcome – HSPUR professors are involved into the seminar on the constant basis. HSPUR and Murmansk University experience is in demand of the North European Countries. Participants of the seminar have accepted the invitation to give lectures in these countries.

Competence approach in education

- 2-3 days at Nizhnekamsk Municipal Institute (Republic of Tatarstan, Russia)
- The seminar, organized in partnership with HSPUR targeted Lectors, Professors, Associate Professors and Teachers. Its geographical coverage was the Russian Federation.
- Future outcome - Nizhnekamsk Municipal Institute was approved on joining the program, students to be taught on the basis of HSPUR granting European level enclosures to the diplomas (15 students per year)

Systems of the quality of education management: Kazakhstan experience

- 2-3 days in the basis of the Kazakh State University (Kazakhstan)
- The seminar, organized in partnership with the Universities of the Cooperation Program targeted Post-graduate students, Lectors, Professors, Associate Professors and Teachers. Its geographical coverage was the CIS.
- Future outcome – the seminar materials will be used in the development of the systems of the qualitative assessment of education in higher education

Development of the educational programs for the higher education institutions in context of socio-economic transformations

- 2-3 days at Byelorussian State University (Belarus)
- This conference, organized in partnership with the Universities of the Cooperation Program targeted Academic staff and Administrators of Universities. Its geographical coverage was the CIS.
- Future outcome - the seminar materials will be used in the development of the innovative programs in the higher education

2. Conferences/Congresses/Meetings

Problems of pedagogical education at the present stage of modernization of the Russian education and a workshop “Role of pedagogical university in methodical maintenance of education development in a context of the national project "Education"”.

- May 29-30, HSPUR
- Partnership - Ministry of Education and Science
- 120 participants
- Geographical coverage for partners and participants – Russia
- Future outcome – The first meeting of the pedagogical network participants with Gennady Bordovsky, rector of HSPUR as a proposed Cooperation Program director.

The candidature was supported by the participants of Cooperation Program from other countries in 2006. The information was sent to UNESCO. Discussing the work plans of the Network project participants. Conference Participants have discussed the directions of the pedagogical work in a context of the national project "Education".

The international organizations in Russia and problems of cultural integration and workshops
“The Academic mobility as the form of the international cultural cooperation”

- June 16-17, HSPUR
- Partnership – French Institute, Goethe Institute, Swedish Institute, Holland Institute in St.Peterburg, British Council, Universities of the Cooperation Program
- 75 participants
- Geographical coverage for partners and participants – Russia
- Future outcome – Studying variety of forms and directions cultural interaction from the point of view of efficiency, effectiveness and expediency. Definition specificity of experts preparation for the international organizations. Generalization of practical experience which was saved up as a result of an international organizations activity.

The contribution of pedagogical faculties to development of education and a pedagogical science to the country

- October 11-13, HSPUR
- Partnership – Pedagogical Universities in Russia, Universities of the Cooperation Programme
- 120 participants
- Geographical coverage for partners and participants – Russia
- Future outcome – Activity of pedagogical faculties for modernization of Russian school and high pedagogical education. Perspective directions of research work of pedagogical faculties in space modern pedagogical science. Opportunities of pedagogical faculties in the organization of corporate training the faculty of university. Traditions of pedagogical faculties in a professional training the top skills.

Bologna process: quality of educational programmes in the modern universities

- November 15-16, HSPUR
- Partnership – UNESCO Moscow Office, Universities of the Cooperation Programme
- 80 participants
- Geographical coverage for partners and participants – Russia, CIS, Latvia, Austria
- Future outcome – Gennady Bordovsky, rector of HSPUR was elected as the Cooperation Programme director. Programme coordinators in all Universities were assigned. The analysis of the processes in the field of preparation experts for high schools of the CIS countries (Russia, Ukraine, Belorussia, Kyrgyzstan, Moldavia, Armenia, Latvia and Kazakhstan) was made. The questions were discussed: Estimation of educational programs’ quality in the international context: condition and prospects. The Nonlinear organization of educational process. The Organization of assessment results of development educational programs. Modular construction of educational process. The Organization of independent work within the limits of educational programs. Attraction to an estimation of quality educational programmes of employers and the public.

3. Partnerships

Missions

Destination: CIS countries

- The goal was to establish long-term cooperation for pedagogical education
- Duration. During the year
- Future outcome: Working contacts were established and future working plans of the Cooperation Program with Belorussia, Kyrgyzstan, and Kazakhstan according to the Agreement were discussed. National Commission for UNESCO of Republic of Moldavia, State Pedagogical University in Armenia, Teaching and Training Academy in Latvia have participated in the conferences and plan discussion. Kyrgyz State National University has agreed to develop together with HSPUR Master Programmes on the quality of education.

Destination. Russia

- The goal was to facilitate links between the institutions participating in the Program.
- Duration. Within the year
- Future outcome: Working contacts were established and future working plans of the Cooperation Program with all Universities and UNESCO Chairs in Russia according to the Agreement were discussed. Students of the Nizhnekamsk Municipal Institute (Republic of Tatarstan) studied in HSPUR during the period of September to December.

Visiting Professors

15 professors came to the Chair, from 5 days to a month. They were coming from HSPUR. Academic staff and members of North-West Branch of the Russian Academy of Education gave lectures and held seminars in Murmansk State Pedagogical University, Vologda State Pedagogical University, Karelia State Pedagogical University, Komi State Pedagogical University, Pomorsk State University Russia, Pskov State Pedagogical University, Yaroslav the Wise Novgorod State University.

4. Publications

The international organizations in Russia and problems of cultural integration (Russian)
Bologna process: quality of educational programmes in the modern universities (Russian, with a summary in English)

II. Impact

The program contributes to the development of the academic mobility of faculty and students with the aim of experiencing exchange and establishing multicultural dialogue between the participating higher educational institutions.

III. Forthcoming activities

The following proposed schedule of activities for the year 2007:

- January 29th. Presentation of Herzen University's work by order of the UNESCO Moscow Office "Transdiscipline Russian research in the UNESCO's programme "Education for All" field as teacher training materials".
- April 4th-7th. IX international conference "The Reality of Ethnos" and workshop "Ethnological education in the modern universities: understanding, respecting, tolerance".

- May 11th-12th. Conference and seminar “Methods of and Approaches Development in the Transdiscipline Research in the Field of the Professional Qualification Improvement”. Research trip to the European universities.
- June 29th. Research-and-practical Conference “Quality of Cross-border Higher Education in the context of Globalization”.
- October 24th-26th. Conference and presentation of materials “The role of pedagogical community in the recognition of international qualification”.
- March 24th-30th. The first international pedagogical competition among postgraduates “International Pedagogical Programmes in Education: My View and Understanding of the Problem”.
- September-October. Students Exhibitions dedicated to International Day of Tolerance “Tolerance in Pedagogical Education”.
- During 2007. Providing of the scheduled study tours and workshops for the faculty of the higher educational establishments (both Russian and foreign) at The Centre for Advanced Studies in the Humanities and Education.
- July 1st-15th. The first Summer School for Young Scholars and postgraduates conducting their research in pedagogical subjects
- During 2007. Visiting lectureship, master-classes, joint-projects arrangement, providing tolerance interinfluence and culture dialogue. Holding H-Net conference of the Network project participants.
- Mass media involving to the informational support of the project participants. Working with mass media and multimedia as a way of understanding problems in the dialogue of cultures in society.

IV. Development prospects

The Chair aims at pursuing the following goals:

- Contact development with Pedagogical Universities and Chairs in the North-West region of Russia, CIS and other countries.
- Working start of The Centre for Advanced Studies in the Humanities and Education. Ensuring academic mobility of participants of the project in this centre.
- Working start of H-Net-conference and system of information subscription and mailing lists modernization
- Summer schools on pedagogical subjects for young scholars, participants of the network project
- Launching of a specialized periodical for the publications of project participants' research papers.
- Holding of scheduled conferences, seminars, workshops on the issues of the project realization.
- Multimedia resources creating following the results of the meetings in order to distribute them among the wide circles of pedagogical community.
- Ensuring academic mobility of the faculty and postgraduate students with the purpose of the experience exchange and establishment of the intercultural dialogue between the higher educational establishments - participants of the project.
- Mass media involving to the informational support of the project and UNESCO goals and objectives promotion in the sphere of higher pedagogical education.