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Minutes of the meeting of
IL CORINTHIAM Management and FIBIE Network
29 June 2010
IDC Herzliya

Present:

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Project and Network Meeting

All members introduced themselves. Most institutions now have in place a staff which includes ECTS and IRO positions.

Following the brief tour de table, Moshe Amir gave a 30-minute introduction on the EU-Israel relationship, the Tempus program and the CORINTHIAM project. This overview served well to bring the new project members on-board.

Mike Turner then went on to describe the development of the project website which will be graciously hosted by the Bezalel Academy web servers. It is proposed that each natural sub-group (i.e. management, IRO and Bologna) of the information to be maintained on the web site.

It is agreed that as part of our mutual training, in about six month's time we will hold a best-practice session on IRO development and management.

Following a brief question it turns out that most project partners are independently developing CRM systems to manage the IRO work processes. Given this unexpected fact we will discuss this in-depth at the next project meeting.

As part of our dissemination activities it is also agreed, again, that in due course we will provide infodays in Israel on Bologna and IRO development/management in coordination with the National TEMPUS office.

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In order to facilitate communication between the foreseen large FIBIE membership, it is agreed to publicize the existence of <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/EHEA-IL>. Eric will manage the email discussion forum and will notify, again, the CHE that this platform exists.

Upcoming Activities

Cork workshop – the management committee wishes its delegates well. There is enthusiasm for this core activity, which precedes the initiation of the institutional pilot projects. The delegates are asked to learn about the problem areas as well as the success of ECTS implementation. It is expected that the delegates will submit a joint report to the management committee.

Lund management meeting and study tour – the management committee requests of Carlos and the hosts to schedule, as much as possible, the management and main training sessions for Monday and Tuesday of the week-long visit. It is quite possible that at least one of us will have to leave early for pressing business at home.

Brno – at least some of the partners are interested in sending delegates to Brno in the fall if such a session will take place. Others are happier to send for the April session; it is hoped this will not coincide with the Passover holiday (18-26 April). Moshe is exploring with our Masaryk University colleagues the dates for the next two sessions.

Bet Daniel – the Israeli partners will hold a two-day intensive ECTS training workshop in December at Bet Daniel (Zichron Yaacov); <http://www.openu.ac.il/beitdaniel>. Mike and Eric are investigating possible trainers. The delegates to Cork will also try and learn of possible candidates. The partners will keep Carlos and the CHE informed.

The next CORINTHIAM meeting and Cork de-brief is scheduled for 6 September at BGU; the meeting will commence at 13:45. At this meeting each partner will prepare a brief overview of their information system development.

Glossary:

BGU	Ben Gurion University of the Negev
CHE	Council for Higher Education (MALAG)
CORINTHIAM	Central Offices Responsible for the Integration at Home of Internationalisation as Assurance of quality in the Meda region
CRM	Customer Relations Management software
ECTS	European Credit Transfer System
EHEA	European Higher Education Area
FIBIE	Forum of Israeli Bologna and IRO Experts
HUJI	Hebrew University on Jerusalem
IDC	Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya

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