



Proceedings

14th ASEA-UNINET Plenary Meeting

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Grand Hotel Europa

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ASEA-UNINET Song

Wikipedia encyclopaedia (entry “Bernd Michael Rode”)

Programme of the 14th ASEA-UNINET Plenary Meeting

Sunday 13.07.2014

*18:00- 21:00 Day of arrival - Check-In at the Hotel, Registration
Welcome-Dinner, hosted by ASEA-UNINET at Hotel Europa (Buffet)*

Monday 14.07.2014

*08:45- 11:30 Opening Ceremony – Celebration of 20 years ASEA-UNINET
and 30 years scientific cooperation Austria-Thailand
(Coffee-break 10:20-10:40)*

12:00-14:00 Lunch Hotel Europa

14:00-17:30 Reports Coordinators

18:30 Departure

*19:00 Dinner Reception hosted by City of Innsbruck and Government of Tyrol at
Isserwirt, Lans*

Tuesday 15.07.2014

09:00-10:00 Umbrella Agreement

10:00-10:30 Coffee-break

10:30-12:00 Presentations of new Universities seeking Membership

12:00-13:30 Lunch at Hotel Europa

14:00-15:00 Elections

15:00-15:30 Coffee-break

15:30-17:00 Focus Groups – Discussion in Groups

17:30 Departure Excursion to 'Crystal Worlds' Swarovski

20:00 Dinner hosted by Swarovski Company

Wednesday 16.07.2014

09:00-10:00 Focus Groups Continuation

10:00-10:30 Coffee-break

10:30-12:00 Regulations

12:00-13:30 Lunch at Hotel Europa

13:30-15:30 Focus Groups Presentations

16:00-17:30 Reception of University of Innsbruck – Kaiser Leopold Saal

*17:30 Departure Excursion: by cable car to “Seegrube”
(~ 2000 m above sea level)*

*19:00 Dinner hosted by Leopold-Franzens University of Innsbruck
at Seegrube Restaurant*

Thursday 17.7.2014

Day of departure

Excursion to Danube University Krems

Summary of the 14th ASEA-UNINET Plenary Meeting

The 14th ASEA-UNINET Plenary Meeting was held on 13 - 17 July 2014 in Innsbruck / Austria at the *Grand Hotel Europa*. The Meeting was organized by the *ASEA-UNINET office Innsbruck* with the support of the *ASEA-UNINET office Vienna*. Nearly 100 participants from Thailand, Malaysia, The Philippines, Vietnam, Pakistan, Indonesia, Italy, Germany, Slovakia, Austria as well as several guests of honour attended the meeting.

Sunday, 13.7.2014

The participants of the 14th ASEA-UNINET Plenary Meeting arrived in Innsbruck during the day until the late evening. After the check-in at the hotel and the registration at the ASEA-UNINET registration-desk all participants were cordially invited to a welcome-dinner hosted by ASEA-UNINET at the Grand Hotel Europa.

Monday, 14.7.2014 (morning)

The Plenary Meeting started with an official Opening Ceremony in the Baroque Hall of the Grand Hotel Europa, where the meeting mainly took place. After the welcome and [opening speech of ASEA-UNINET president Professor A Min Tjoa](#) several representatives gave a welcome speech to ASEA-UNINET. Links to these addresses are listed below:

[o.Univ.-Prof. Dr. Roland Psenner](#)

Vice-Rector for student affairs and teaching, Leopold-Franzens University of Innsbruck

[Mag.^a Christine Oppitz-Plörer](#)

Mayor of Innsbruck

[Mag. Martin Wex](#)

Member of Tyrolean Parliament

[Mag.^a Barbara Weitgruber, MA](#)

Director General, Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy, Austria

Assoc.Prof. Piniti Ratananukul, Ph.D.

Deputy Secretary General, Ministry of Education, Thailand

Following his speech, Professor Piniti handed over several gifts from HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn of Thailand to Professor Bernd M. Rode. Professor Rode expressed his heartfelt thanks to Her Royal Highness and to all his colleagues and friends.

Thereafter – as a surprise presentation – Professor Rode announced the singer and composer Michael Tschuggnall M.Sc., who presented a song especially composed for ASEA-UNINET. A CD with this song was handed over to all participants of the Plenary Meeting. A link to this song is found [here](#).

After the music performance Professor Rode was unanimously voted to become the honorary president of ASEA-UNINET. As a surprise present and huge thank to him Professor A Min Tjoa presented an article in the Wikipedia encyclopaedia which he had created in cooperation

with many other colleagues of ASEA-UNINET. A link to this entry of Wikipedia you can find [here](#).

Thereafter another project was introduced: *The Bernd Michael Rode Award*. This award was founded for an unlimited period of time and should honour the best ASEA-UNINET projects during the period between two Plenary Meetings. The first prize is going to be awarded during the next Plenary Meeting.

The musical framework of the opening ceremony was provided by a brass quintet of the Musikkapelle Schmirn/Tyrol.

Monday, 14.7.2014 (afternoon)

The afternoon session started with an Opening address by Professor Carla Locatelli, European Coordinator. Thereafter the National Coordinators of ASEA-UNINET presented their reports. The links of some of these reports are listed below:

[Austria \(Report by Professor B.M. Rode\)](#)

Germany (Report by Prof. Rüdiger Korff)

[Italy \(Report by Professor Roberto Ranzi on behalf of Prof. Maurizio Memo\)](#)

[Malaysia \(Report by Professor Dr A Jalil Nordin MD\)](#)

[Indonesia \(Report by Prof, Dr. I Made Suastra\)](#)

[Pakistan \(Report by Prof. Muhammad Iqbal Choudhary\)](#)

[The Philippines \(Report by Professor Dr. Gisela P. Concepcion\)](#)

Monday, 14.7.2014 (evening)

In the evening members of ASEA-UNINET and guests of honour were invited to the *Isserwirt* in *Lans* – a 600 year old, authentic Tyrolian inn – to a dinner hosted by the City of Innsbruck and the Government of Tyrol. Before the dinner the traditional Tyrolian brass band *Musikkapelle Schmirn* showed an impressive range of their musical repertoire.

Tuesday, 15.7.2014 (morning)

Professor Rode and Professor Tjoa explained the importance of the Umbrella Agreement and invited all coordinators to sign the document. Those who did not sign the Agreement were invited to sign after getting the approval of their universities and to send the signed copy as a supplementary document to the ASEA-UNINET administrators. While the document passed around, the coordinators from Thailand and Vietnam presented their reports. Links are given below:

[Thailand \(Report by Professor Pichan Sawangwong\)](#)

[Vietnam \(Report by Prof. Dr. Ngo Chi Trung\)](#)

After the presentation of the reports two universities from Indonesia – the University of Sumatera Utara and the University of Airlangga applied for ASEA-UNINET membership. Links to their presentations are found below:

[Presentation University of Sumatera Utara](#) (by Ms. Ningrum Natasya Sirait)

[Presentation University of Airlangga](#) (by Ms. Tjitjik Srie Tjahtjandarie)

Both universities were accepted unanimously by all participants of the Plenary Meeting as new members of ASEA-UNINET. Thereafter Ms. Ningrum Natasya Sirait and Ms. Tjitjik Srie Tjahtjandarie signed the Umbrella Agreement.

Professor Tjoa expressed his welcome and invited all participants to cooperate with the new member universities.

Tuesday, 15.7.2014 (afternoon)

In the afternoon session the elections of the ASEA-UNINET Coordinators took place. The elections gave the following results:

Honorary President: Prof. Dr. DDDDr. h.c.mult. Bernd Rode
President: Prof. Dr.Dr. Ketut Suastika (President of Udayana University)
Indonesia

Regional Coordinators and Vice Presidents: Prof. Dr. Carla Locatelli, Italy – for Europe
Assoc.Prof. Dr. Ngo Chi Trung – for Asia

National Coordinators:

Austria: Prof. Dr.Dr.h.c. A Min Tjoa
Germany: Prof. Dr. Rüdiger Korff
Italy: Prof. Memo Maurizio
Slovakia: Prof. Ludomir Slahor
Thailand: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nitinant Wisaweesuan
Indonesia: Prof. Dr. Harno Dwi Pranowo
Vice-Coordinator: Prof. Gamantyo Hendratoro
Malaysia: Prof. Dr. Zainudin Bin Arifin
Philippines: Prof. Dr. Gisela P. Concepcion,
Pakistan: Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Choudhary
Vietnam: Assoc.Prof. Dr. Mai Thanh Tung

After the elections the focus group discussions started. The subjects followed the four focus areas of cooperation within ASEA-UNINET:

Science and Technology
Economic and Social Sciences
Health, Pharmacy and Medicine
Humanities, Culture and Music

Tuesday, 15.7.2014 (evening)

The social event this evening was an excursion to *Swarovski Crystal Worlds* in *Wattens*. After visiting the *14 Chambers of Wonder* all conference participants were invited to a dinner hosted by Swarovski Company.

Wednesday, 16.7.2014 (morning)

The third day of the Plenary Meeting started with the continuation of the focus group discussions. After that all participants appeared in the Baroque Hall of the Grand Hotel Europa in order to discuss the regulations of ASEA-UNINET. The following two amendments were decided – both unanimously:

- 1) Membership and enrolment fees will increase by Euro 100,-/Year
- 2) Limit of travel support will be increased from Euro 1.300,- to Euro 1.400,-

Afterwards other important decisions were made:

- 1) The next ASEA-UNINET Plenary Meeting will take place in Indonesia in early 2016.
- 2) Following an invitation from Professor Ludomír Šlahor (Vice-Rector for International Relations of Comenius University in Bratislava) the next National Coordinator meeting will take place in Slovakia in 2015.

Wednesday, 16.7.2014 (afternoon)

The afternoon session was dedicated to the results of the focus groups discussions. The Focus Groups *Humanities, Culture and Music* and *Economics and Social Science* were combined, and hence three presentations were given. Links are listed below:

- a) [Science and Technology](#)
- b) [Humanities, Social Sciences and Economics](#)
- c) [Health, Pharmacy and Medicine](#)

Following these presentations all participants were invited to a reception of the Leopold-Franzens University of Innsbruck. The university was founded in 1669 by emperor Leopold I. At the *Kaiser Leopold Hall* Professor Dr. Roland Psenner (Vice-Rector for student affairs and teaching) held a speech. The link to this speech you can find [here](#).

Wednesday, 16.7.2014 (evening)

After a short refreshment break in the courtyard of the ancient building of the University of Innsbruck all participants started to an excursion by cable car to *Seegrube*, which is approximately 2000 m above sea level, with a beautiful view all over Innsbruck and the surrounding alps. The dinner at the Seegrube Restaurant was hosted by Leopold-Franzens University of Innsbruck.

Thursday, 17.7.2014

Most of the participants departed on this day. Some participants had accepted the invitation of Danube University Krems to visit the university and get an insight of teaching and research activities of this new member university of ASEA-UNINET (joined in September 2013).

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