



## **Online Meeting of ASEA-UNINET National & University Coordinators 2021**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, July 06<sup>th</sup> 2021**  
**08:00 – 12:00 (Vienna Time)**  
**held online via zoom**

#### **PARTICIPANTS**

##### *ASEA-UNINET Executives*

- Gabriele Kotsis, President & National Coordinator Austria
- Bernd Michael Rode, Honorary President (Austria)
- Wolfgang Obenaus, Vice President and Regional Coordinator for Europe & University Coordinator, University of Business and Economics Vienna, Austria
- Mohamad Farizal bin Rajemi, Vice President and Regional Coordinator for South-East Asia & National Coordinator Malaysia
- Ngo Chi Trung, Coordinator for Technology, Innovation and Sustainability Projects for South-East Asia & National Coordinator Vietnam &
- A Min Tjoa, Coordinator for Technology, Innovation and Sustainability Projects for Europe & University Coordinator Technical University Vienna, Austria

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- Ali Akbar Safavi, University of Shiraz, National Coordinator Iran
- Imee Su Martinez, University of the Philippines, National Coordinator Philippines
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- Ana-Maria Simionovici (participating on behalf of Friedrich Faulhammer), Danube University Krems, Austria
- Axel Schlagenhaut, Medical University of Graz, Austria
- Christoph Hauzenberger, University of Graz, Austria
- Dietmar Haltrich, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, Austria
- Ebi Razzazi, University of Veterinary Medicine, Vienna, Austria
- Erich Schmutzhard, Medical University Innsbruck, Austria
- Hartmut Kahlert, Technical University Graz, Austria
- Johannes Meissl, University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna, Austria
- Kyoko Shinozaki, University of Salzburg, Austria
- Mario Diaz, Mozarteum University Salzburg, Austria
- Peter Lieberzeit, University of Vienna, Austria
- Sarah Weiss, University of Music and Performing Arts Graz, Austria
- Thomas Hofer, University of Innsbruck, Austria

- Agus M. Hatta, ITS Surabaya, Indonesia
- Gamantyo Hendrantoro, Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember, Indonesia
- Harno Dwi Pranowo, Universitas Gadjah Mada, UGM Indonesia
- Taufiq Hidayat, Institute Technology Bandung, Indonesia
  
- Alessandro Capra, UNIMORE, Italy
- Alessandro Paccagnella, University of Padova, Italy
- Marco Imperadori, Politecnico di Milano, Italy
- Roberto Ranzi, University of Brescia, Italy
  
- Azmi Ibrahim, Universiti Teknologi Mara, Malaysia
- Badariah Haji Din, Universiti Utara Malaysia, Malaysia
- Yong Zulina Zubairi, Universiti Malaya, Malaysia
  
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- Chaian Jettanasen, King Mongkut's Institute of Technology Ladkrabang, Thailand
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- Oranuch Puangsuk, Ubon Ratchathani University, Thailand
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- Giang Bui, University of Transport and Communications, Hanoi, Vietnam
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- Khac-Minh Thai, University of Medicine & Pharmacy, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
- Le Thanh Long, VNUHCM, Vietnam National University Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
- Nguyen Hoang Anh (VNUA), Viet Nam National Academy of Music, Vietnam
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*Guests (in alphabetical order; names as presented on zoom)*

- Andika Putra Patrama (ITB)
- Acharawan (Khon Kaen University)
- Adhe Nurcahyarini
- Aizat Hisham (USM)
- Alyssa Ankadea (UI)
- Andika Putra Patrama (ITB)
- Apisara Thongpoka (Chula)
- Boonsub Panichakarn
- Chongchit Rayot
- Christine Seblatnig (mdw)
- Chula Voraprapa Nakavachara
- CMU IRD
- Dase Hunaefi (IPB)
- Dodik Ridho Nurrochmat
- Dora Longoni (University of Padova, Italy)
- Guillian Mecate (UP)
- Hagi Sujateruna
- Hanggar (ISI Yogyakarta)
- Harno Depe, UGM Indonesia
- Hoi Nguyen (UD)

- Chula Voraprapa Nakl Made Andi Arsana
- Isi Yogyakarta
- Iskandar Z. Siregar (IPB)
- Man Dang (UD-DUE)
- Masria Mustafa (UiTM, Malaysia)
- Maylany Ika Putri (UGM)
- Muhammad Mjiidu (IPB)
- Nadine Story
- Ni Nyoman Sulastri (Udayana University, Indonesia)
- Noraihan (i-PUTRA)
- Oum Ravy
- Paolo Lugli (unibz, Italy)
- Patcharin Jongjai Ubon Ratcha
- Patt Suntharasaj
- Piyapong Niamsup (Assistant to the President, CMU)
- Poppy Anjelisa Hasibuan
- Pramic Sembiring (USU Indonesia)
- Rong Rong Peng, University of Salzburg
- Silvia Purba (ISI Yogyakarta)
- Siswanto, Universitas Diponegoro
- Son Le Quang, University of Danang
- Sri Hadmoko (UGM Danang)
- Hoi Nguyen (UD)
- Tanasak Kaewso
- Tassy (Mahidol University)
- Tobias Schneider, OeAD – Austria’s Agency for Education and Internationalization
- UM Yusrina
- ChaiUnud-Weda Sanj
- Veena Phunpeng (SUT Thailand)
- Winnie (Mahidol University)

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- Angelika Köpf, OeAD – Austria’s Agency for Education and Internationalization
- Birgit Kranzl, ASEA-UNINET Office Linz, Johannes Kepler University Linz, Austria

*Absent with excuse (in alphabetical order per country)*

- Andreas Rauber, Technical University Vienna, Austria
- Josef Küng, JKU University Linz, Austria
- Heidrun Mörtl, Medical University Graz, Austria
- Caroline Fuchs, Montanuniversitaet Leoben, Austria
- Patrick Sakdapolrak, University of Vienna, Austria
- Aleš Kocourek, Technical University of Liberec, Czech Republic
- Oswin Maurer, University of Bolzano, Italy
- Nguyen Thi Hai Van, Hue University, Vietnam

## 1. Welcome and Opening

**Kotsis** opens the online Meeting of ASEA-UNINET National & University Coordinators (NC meeting) and welcomes the participants. She introduces Fuchshuber (ASEA-UNINET Head Office), Karahan (OeAD Programme Officer of ASEA-UNINET Projects), Kranzl (Secretary of Kotsis, ASEA-UNINET Office Linz), and Köpf (OeAD). The agenda of the meeting is approved by all participants. All participants approve the agenda of the meeting.

## 2. Bernd Rode Award 2020/2021 – Announcement of Awardees

**Kotsis** introduces the awardees of the Bernd Rode Award 2020/2021. She thanks all the applicants for submitting their proposals and presents the winners in the following categories

### Project-based Category

- Anna Maria Krassnigg (University for Music and performing arts Vienna) with Hanoi Academy of Theatre and Cinema, Vietnam: Love Is the Best Glue: William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet in Hanoi
- Peter A. Lieberzeit (University of Vienna, Department of Physical Chemistry) with Kasetsart University Thailand: Sensing Porcine Circovirus with Biomimetics: Molecularly Imprinted Polymer Nanoparticles

### Senior Category

- Kanokwan JARUKAMJORN (Khon Kaen University, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences Thailand): Research on Thai traditional medicine

### Junior Category

- Suphat Phongthai (Chiang Mai University, Faculty of Agro-Industry Thailand): Properties of enzymatically modified proteins and its effects on quality improving of gluten-free breads
- Siska Aditya (University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna): Characterizing metabolic and inflammatory effects of enhanced plane of nutrition in dairy cows
- Christian Obermayr (University of Innsbruck): The Right to the City and Adequate Housing Policies for the Poor – An Analysis of Policy Arrangements in the Cities Surabaya and Surakarta, Indonesia

In 2020, the BRA was not awarded due to the Covid-19 pandemic. As several excellent contributions have been brought before the committee, more than one winner in each category was announced. This shows the liveliness of the network and the outstanding scientific work to be rewarded.

The actual award ceremony will take place in 2022 at the next Plenary Meeting in Linz, Austria.

The next opportunity to apply for the Bernd Rode Award will be published soon with a deadline in early spring 2022. The ASEA-UNINET members will be informed accordingly.

## 3. Official Approval of ASEA-UNINET Honorary President Univ. Prof. Dr. DDDDr.h.c. Bernd Michael Rode

**Kotsis** informs the participants that ASEA-UNINET founder and ASEA-UNINET Honorary President **Univ. Prof. Dr. DDDDr.h.c. Bernd Michael Rode** has never been officially approved as the ASEA-UNINET Honorary President. She therefore asks the participants to give their official approval in the present

meeting. There are no objections by the participants. Kotsis announces **Rode** being the Honorary President of ASEA-UNINET.

**Rode** thanks the participants for the approval and asks for the email addresses of the Bernd Rode Award winners to congratulate them in person.

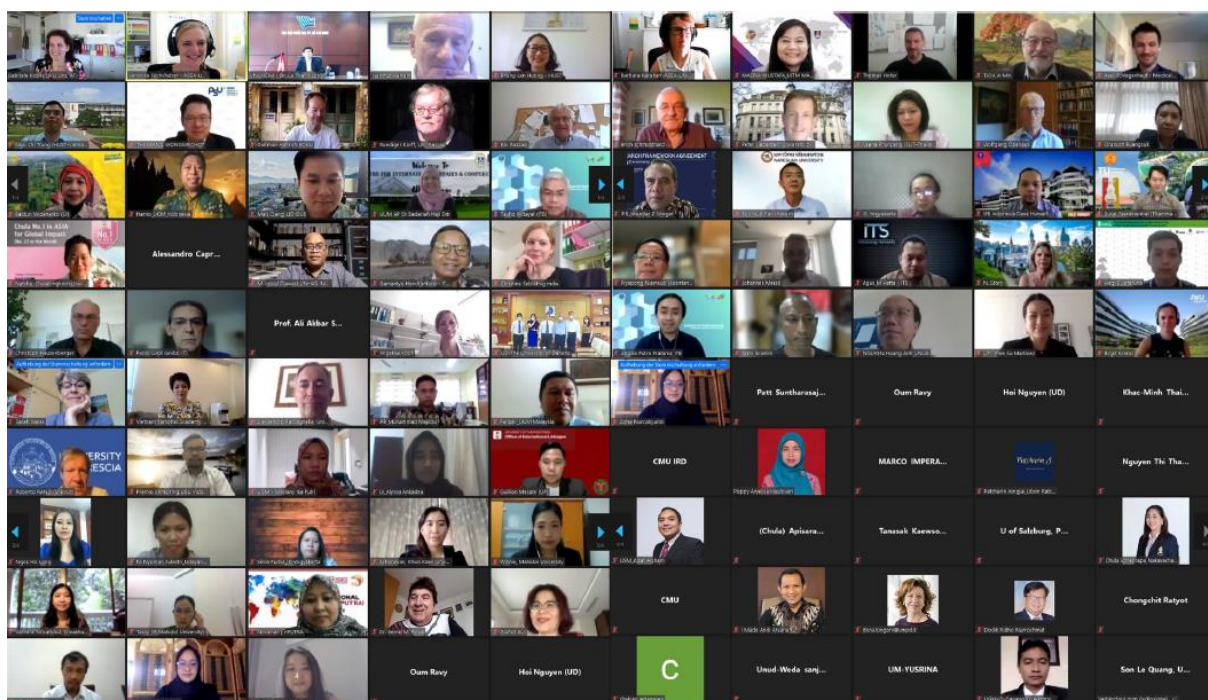
## 4. “150 Years University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU)”

**Haltrich** is asked to give a short outline on the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Vienna (BOKU) in 2022. Several celebration ceremonies will take place in Austria and in other partner countries in the upcoming year.

On this note, **Haltrich** asks the participants to inform him about opportunities or seminars taking place in their respective universities that could combine BOKU’s celebrations with meetings of the rector and vice-rector of BOKU with their counterparts in Asian member countries. Meetings and discussions with Alumni of these universities doing research in the fields of natural sciences and agriculture will also be very much appreciated.

On the question of a new rector of BOKU, **Haltrich** informs that the decision is not yet taken but will be made rather soon.

## 5. Group Photo



*Virtually being together – a group picture of the ASEA-UNINET family. (© Fuchshuber)*

The group photo is available [here](#) for download.

## 6. Funding Opportunities by the European Union

**Schneider** of OeAD gives a [presentation](#) on Erasmus+ funding opportunities in international mobility.



*Schneider informing about Erasmus+ funding for ASEA-UNINET countries*

Answering the question of **Haltrich**, only European partner institutions are able to apply for funds on behalf of their Asian partners.

**Zulina** is interested in the programme CBHE (Capacity Building in Higher Education), which Schneider refers to the homepage and explains that the next possibility to apply for CBHE will be coming soon as the European Commission is finalizing the new generation's programme scheme.

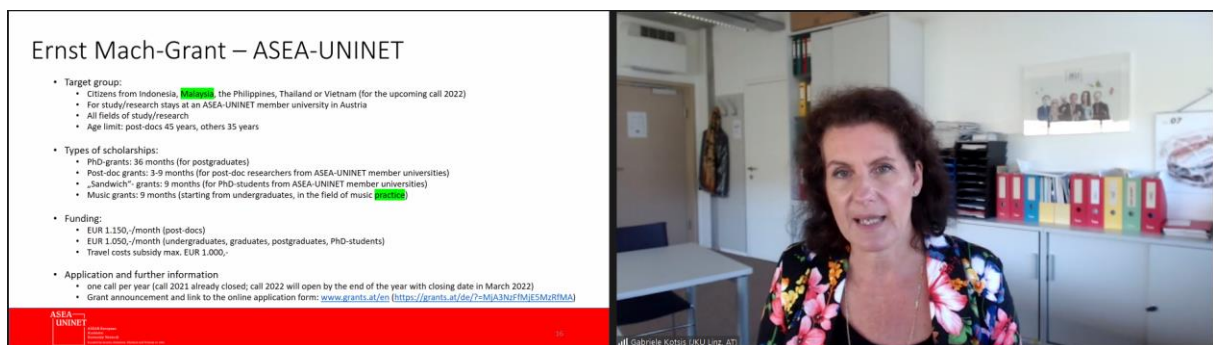
On the question of **Siswanto**, if there are specific themes or topics that are prioritized in the Erasmus+ programme, Schneider elaborates that every topic is welcome within the framework of the programme. The priority of the EU lies on sustainability.

The maximum duration of projects is 38 months for the on-going calls of 2018.2019 on-going projects have a maximum duration of 36 months. The Covid-19 pandemic effected the projects and most of them used the maximum possible timeframe. New calls have to be finished within three years.

## 7. National Funding Opportunities

### Austria

**Kotsis** presents the Austrian funding opportunities within the ASEA-UNINET for the upcoming year 2022 (see [presentation](#)).



*Kotsis giving her presentation*



She gives general information on the funding schemes of Ernst Mach Grants – ASEA-UNINET, Ernst Mach – ASEA-UNINET Short-term Research Grant, ASEA-UNINET project funding and the possibility to apply to the Bernd Rode Award. She stresses that in the upcoming call for applications for Ernst Mach – ASEA-UNINET grant, Malaysia will be eligible to apply and some clarifications regarding applications in the field of music were made. **Weiss** from the University of Music and Performing Arts, Graz, Austria, informs in this regard that applicants interested in music scholarships must know that the term “music practice” includes instrumental and vocal performance, composition, and conducting.

**Farizal** thanks **Kotsis** for the presentation and the opportunities for Malaysia to participate in the Ernst Mach – ASEA-UNINET grant programme in the upcoming scholarship call. He offers to advertise the information on Ernst Mach ASEA-UNINET grant in Malaysia. **Kotsis** further states that a certain number of participants and applicants is necessary in order for opportunities to be representable. **Obenaus** offers **Farizal** to explain the role of National Coordinators and University Coordinators in the application process for ASEA-UNINET funding opportunities in a separate meeting.

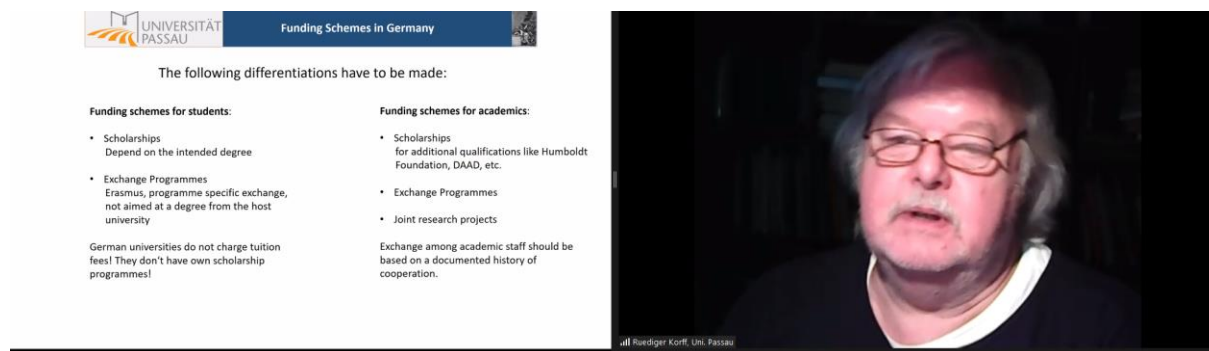
**Natcha** thanks for the presentation and asks if the funding is bound to specific topics. **Kotsis** answers that projects regarding sustainability are more than welcome, focal points are set on topics regarding sustainability. For the Bernd Rode Award, the topic is important in the selection process.

**Ngoc Ho Long** from the University of Danang notes that regarding Ernst Mach – ASEA-UNINET Short-term grants that the funding for 1 or 2 months is not enough, travelling costs should be refunded as the flight tickets are quite expensive. **Kotsis** explains that there are different funding options – available on the platform of the Austrian database for Grants and Scholarships ([www.grants.at](http://www.grants.at)) to check – however the funding for the Ernst Mach – ASEA-UNINET Short-term grant is provided by the Austrian Ministry for Education, Science and Research and it is not in the hands of the network to decide on the grant amount and on funding of travel costs. **Obenaus** further states that regarding short-term grants of 1-2 months, there is a possibility that some sending universities are able to provide some funding as well.

**Tjoa** suggests that in all projects’ proposals and papers submitted, a paragraph on the impact of the research should be present. For future applications, it would be very beneficial that all projects and research proposals are linked to the Global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). He appeals to all participants to think of the connection to the 2030 goals. This proposal was very well received by the participants.

## Germany

**Korff** of the University of Passau shares his presentation on German funding opportunities and the OeAD German counterpart, the German Academic Exchange Service DAAD, and its activities (see [presentation](#)).



The screenshot shows a presentation slide from the University of Passau titled "Funding Schemes in Germany". The slide lists differentiations for funding schemes for students and academics. To the right of the slide is a video frame showing Rüdiger Korff, a man with glasses and a mustache, speaking.

**UNIVERSITÄT PASSAU** Funding Schemes in Germany

The following differentiations have to be made:

<p><b>Funding schemes for students:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scholarships Depend on the intended degree</li> <li>• Exchange Programmes Erasmus, programme specific exchange, not aimed at a degree from the host university</li> </ul> <p>German universities do not charge tuition fees! They don't have own scholarship programmes!</p>	<p><b>Funding schemes for academics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scholarships for additional qualifications like Humboldt Foundation, DAAD, etc.</li> <li>• Exchange Programmes</li> <li>• Joint research projects</li> </ul> <p>Exchange among academic staff should be based on a documented history of cooperation.</p>
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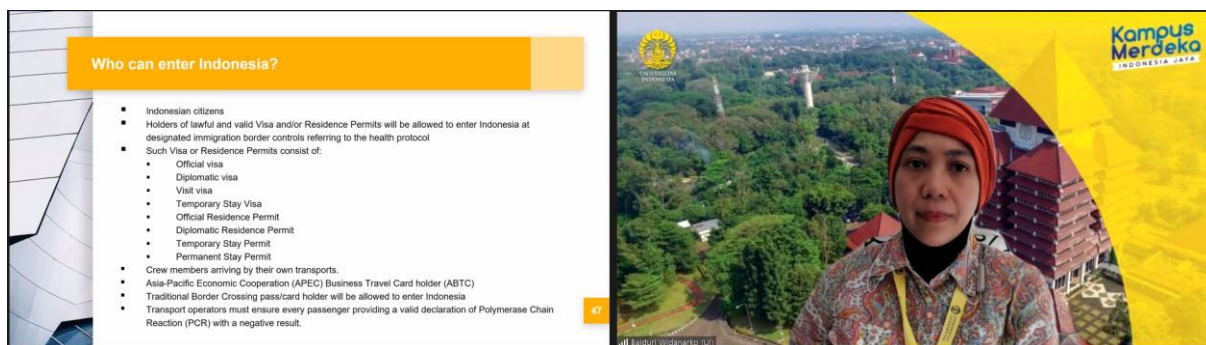
Rüdiger Korff, Uni Passau

*Korff presenting funding opportunities in Germany*

On the question by **Kotsis** on the standing of ASEA-UNINET in application processes of German universities and whether letters of recommendation by ASEA-UNINET could be helpful, **Korff** answers that it is useful to mention a university's participation in ASEA-UNINET to get more recognition in the selection, but ASEA-UNINET is not yet well-known in Germany.

## Indonesia

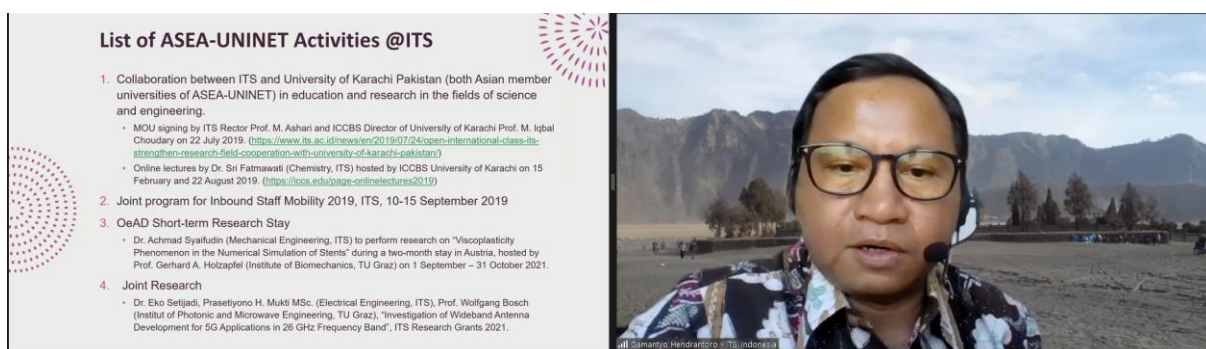
**Widanarko** presents a country report with funding opportunities in Indonesia (see [presentation](#))



*Widanarko informing about funding possibilities in Indonesia*

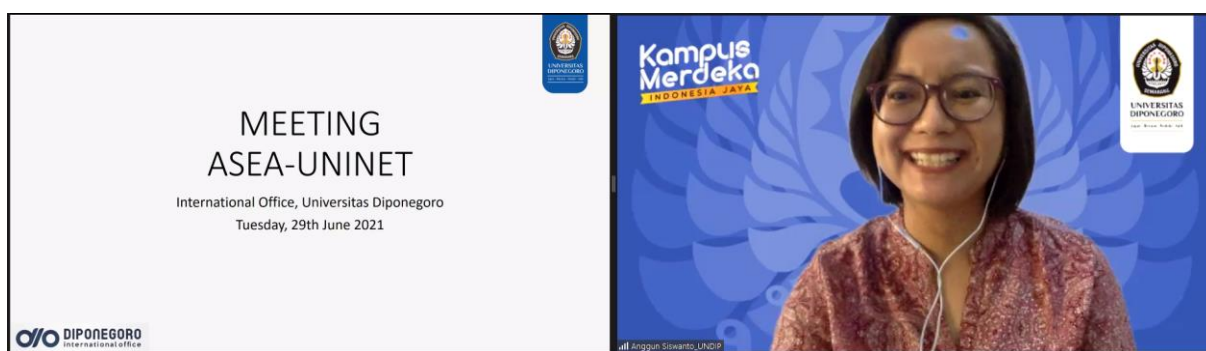
**Rode** brings forward the issue of entry and visa difficulties for Austrian scholars to go to Indonesia due to the Covid-19 restrictions. Especially in the case of vaccinated people this is difficult to understand. Rode started the initiative of writing partner institutions on making exceptions for academic exchange students in the framework of vaccination and testing. He appeals to the Asian partner institutions to find solutions for academics to entry the countries and getting in touch with their respective ministries. Scholarship holders need governmental and judicial support by the host countries. **Kotsis** thanks **Rode** for this initiative.

A presentation for funding opportunities at the ITS is given by **Hendrantoro** (see [presentation](#)), followed by a presentation by **Siswanto** on UNDIP scholarships on behalf of Utama (see [presentation](#)).



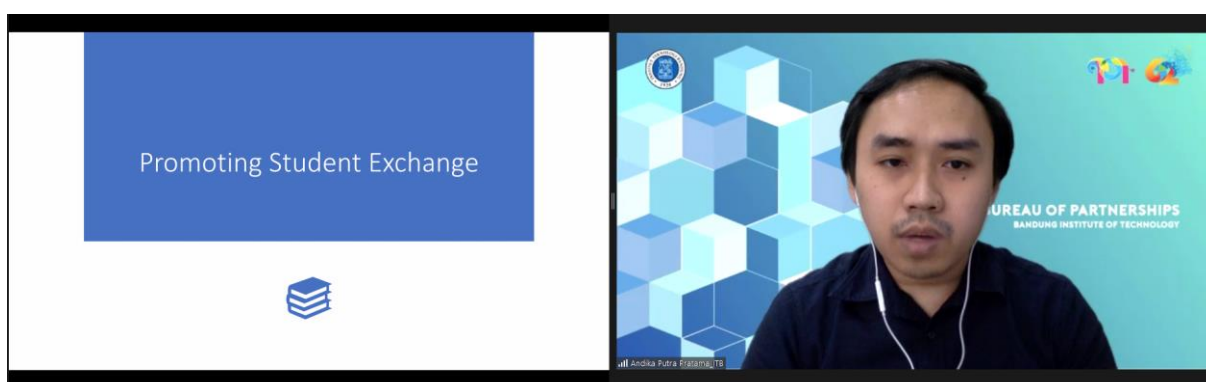
*Hendrantoro holding his presentation*





*Siswanto presenting funding schemes by the Universitas Diponegoro*

**Pratama** gives a presentation on the scholarships at IT Bandung (see [presentation](#)) and informs in the chat about the international virtual courses 2021 by IT Bandung which can be found on these websites: <https://asea-uninet.org/international-virtual-courses-2021-by-institut-teknologi-bandung-free-of-charge/> and <https://admission.itb.ac.id/home/summer-courses>.



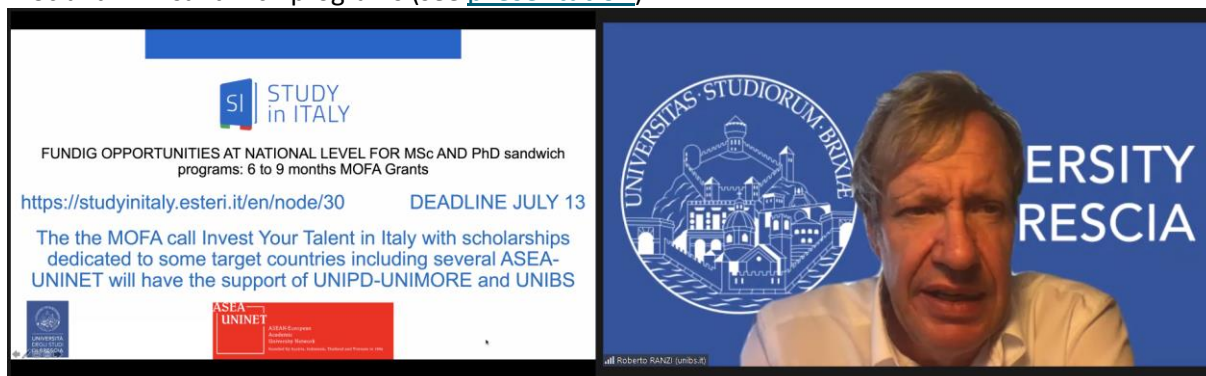
*Pratama sharing funding opportunities offered by the Bandung Institute of Technology*

**Dase Hunaefi** of IPB University uses the chat to share information about summer courses at IPB online directly via email at the address [on the flyer](#).

**Harno Depe** (UGM Indonesia) shares his contribution of a photography poetry book entitled [“Crystal of Memory”](#) to commemorate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the cooperation between Universitas Gadjah Mada and the University of Innsbruck (Indonesia-Austria). One of his poems in the book is about ASEA-UNINET (please see [version in English](#), [version in Indonesian](#))

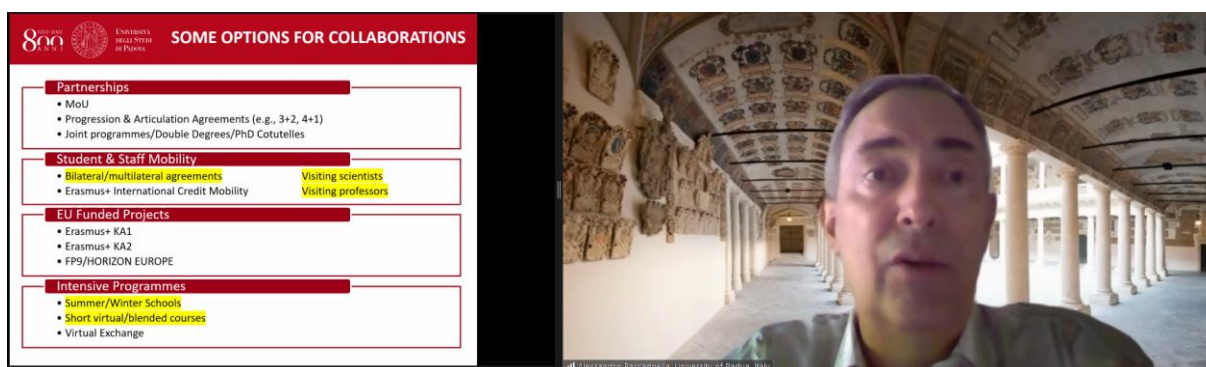
## Italy

**Ranzi** from the University of Brescia speaks about the funding opportunities on the national level for MSc and PhD sandwich programs (see [presentation](#)).



*Ranzi presenting funding opportunities at the University of Brescia and in Italy in general.*

Presentations by **Paccagnella**, University of Padova and **Capra** of UNIMORE follow (presentation could not be shared due to technical problems).



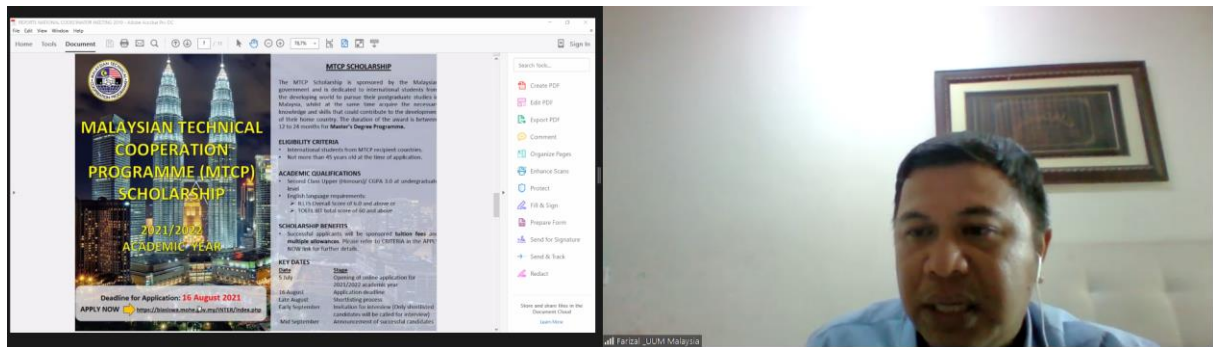
*Paccagnella's presentation on funding options by the University of Padova*



*Capra sharing funding possibilities by the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.*

## Malaysia

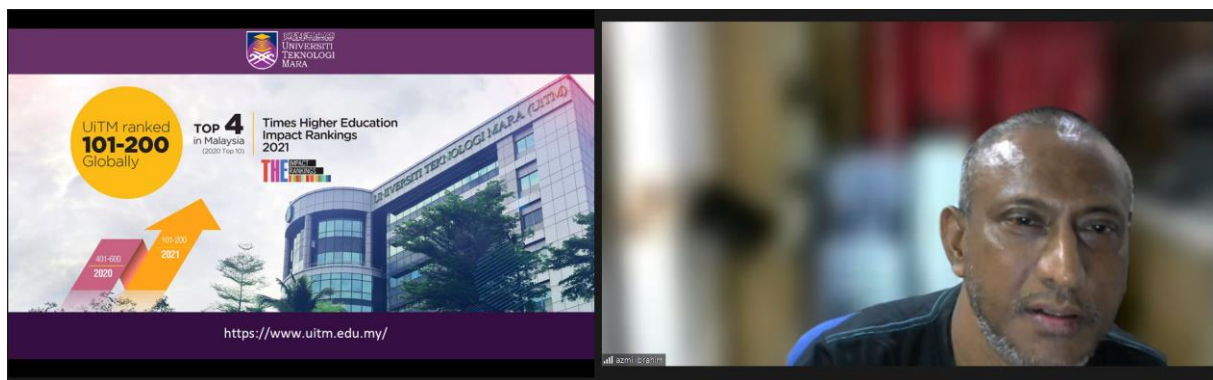
**Farizal bin Rajemi** of UUM gives a presentation on funding schemes in Malaysia (see [presentation](#)).



*Farizal bin Rajemi during his presentation on Malaysian funding schemes.*

He stresses that the eligibility to apply for the Ernst Mach Grant – ASEA-UNINET is a great opportunity for Malaysia. According to **Obenaus** the eligibility of candidates from Malaysia will increase the visibility of ASEA-UNINET within the Austrian scholarship programmes. From the current call (March 2021), 16 PhD candidates from Asian countries were selected. With the participation of Malaysia, ASEA-UNINET is expecting an increasing number of scholarship holders. **Farizal** says that Covid-19 only in part has negative effect on applicants. He will disseminate the information on the scholarship in Malaysia.

A presentation on UiTM funding schemes held by **Mustafa** follows after some introducing words by **Azmi Ibrahim** (see [presentation](#)).



*Introducing words by Ibrahim*

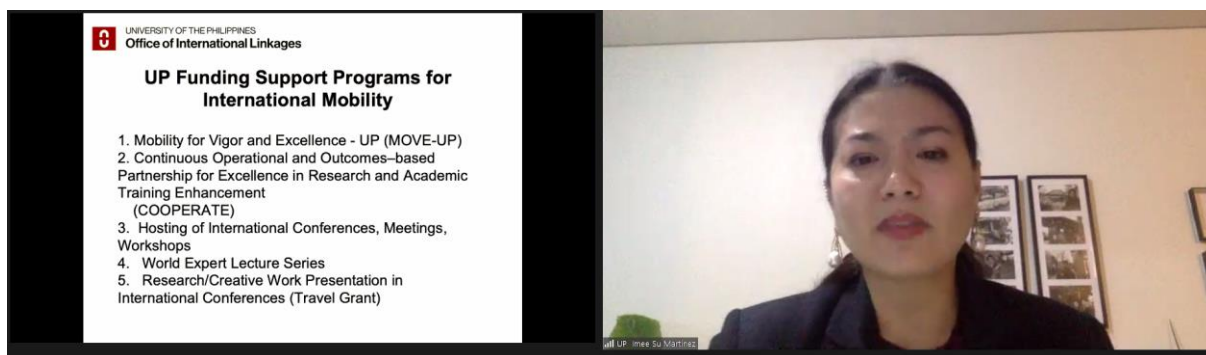


*Mustafa giving a presentation on UiTM funding possibilities*



## Philippines

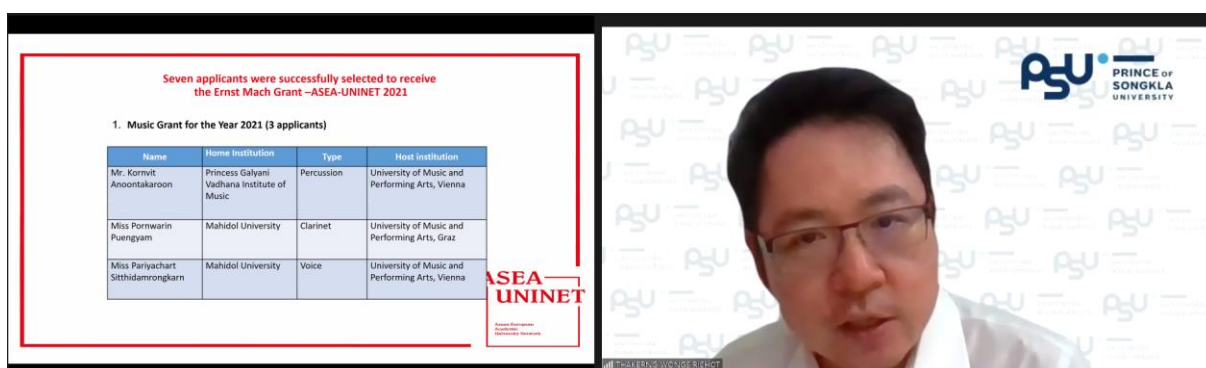
**Martinez** of the University of Philippines shares details on Philippines' funding opportunities (see [presentation](#)).



*Martinez during her presentation on funding by the University of the Philippines*

## Thailand

**Wongsirichot**, Prince of Songkla University gives a short presentation on funding options in Thailand (see [presentation](#)). He informs the participants that additional funding by the Royal Golden Jubilee PhD Programme could be possible in future for ASEA-UNINET.



*Wongsirichot informing about funding schemes in Thailand*

## Vietnam

**Ngo Chi Trung**, Associate Professor at the Hanoi University of Science and Technology informs about the Proposal 89 decision by the Vietnamese government (see [presentation](#)).



*Trung during his presentation of the Proposal 89*

**Tjoa** raises the question on the future procedure to animate more Vietnamese PhD scholars to Austria. Due to the experiences with the 911 programme, the workflow needs to be defined precisely by MOET. Contact and a basic communication on simplifying the visa conditions is necessary. Furthermore, a minimum/maximum count of PhD candidates helps to avoid mistakes of the past and gives a clear outlook on expected travel requirements. This must be a joint venture to prevent dropouts and raise the number of Vietnamese applicants.

**Trung** affirms **Tjoa's** point and explains that within the Proposal 89, a joint programme between Austria and Vietnam is requested by the government. A contact to the respective embassies in Austria and Vietnam is a next step.

**Ho Long** from the University of Danang raises the issue that students have a great problem of getting supervisors and that it is important for applicants to find supervisors before applying. Help is needed.

**Obenaus** replies that the personal contact to possible supervisors must be established by the candidates themselves. ASEA-UNINET Coordinators should be part of the conversation so that they are able to provide service in convincing supervisors or assist to some extent. However, ASEA-UNINET cannot help to find supervisors, this is not the role of ASEA-UNINET coordinators.

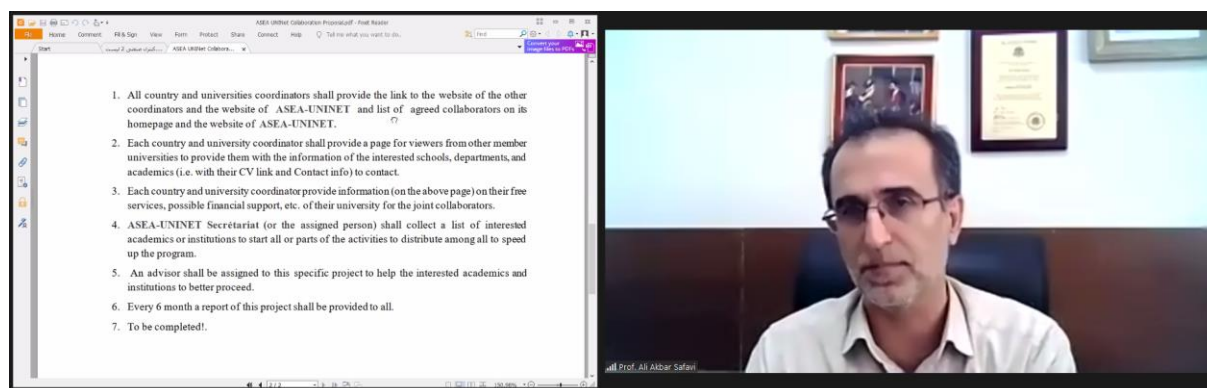
A presentation by **Son Le Quang**, University of Danang about the university and its demand to promote international cooperation follows (see [presentation](#)).



*Son Le Quang during his presentation on the University Danang and collaboration proposals*

## 8. Further Topics and Meeting Closure

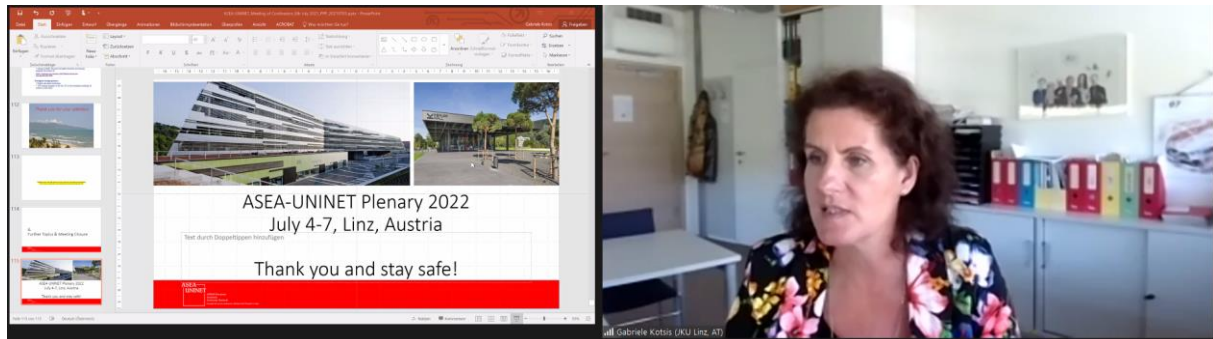
**Safavi** offers a presentation on Iran's action plan of ASEA-UNINET Virtual Collaboration Project ([see document attached](#)).



*Safavi proposes his plan for virtual collaboration within the ASEA-UNINET*



**Kotsis** invites the ASEA-UNINET National and University Coordinators to save the date for the upcoming ASEA-UNINET Plenary Meeting which will be held on 4-7 July 2022 in Linz, Austria, at the Johannes Kepler University Linz. She is looking forward to welcoming the coordinators to a physical meeting which originally was planned to be held in 2020 but had to be postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.



*A cordial invitation by Kotsis to the upcoming ASEA-UNINET Plenary Meeting in Linz, Austria*

She further announces that in fall 2021 an ASEA-UNINET National Coordinators Meeting will be held in an online format where the proposal for virtual collaboration within the network should be discussed.

**Kotsis** thanks all participants for their participation and endurance, as it is very difficult to attend such kind of online meetings and closes the meeting.

*Meeting Minutes by Angelika Köpf,  
assisted by Veronika Fuchshuber*

#### **APPENDIX:**

- [Agenda](#)
- [Presentation shared by Kotsis during the meeting](#) (incl. coordinators' presentations submitted in advance)