



ASEA-UNINET National Coordinators' Meeting 2025

Meeting Minutes

10th-11th February 2025

held at Udayana University (Unud), Bali, Indonesia

PARTICIPANTS

11 Participants

EXECUTIVES

- Prof. **Roberto Ranzi**, PhD, ASEA-UNINET President (Italy)
- Univ.-Prof. Dr. **Wolfgang Obenaus**, ASEA-UNINET Vice President and Regional Coordinator for Europe (Austria)
- Assoc.-Prof. Dr. **Mohamad Farizal bin Rajemi**, ASEA-UNINET Vice President and Regional Coordinator for South-East Asia (Malaysia)
- Univ.-Prof. **A Min Tjoa**, Coordinator for Technology, Innovation and Sustainability Projects for Europe (Austria)
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. **Ngo Chi Trung**, Coordinator for Technology, Innovation and Sustainability Projects for South-East Asia (Vietnam)

NATIONAL COORDINATORS (in alphabetical order of country)

- Ir. **Muhammad Iqbal Djawad**, MSc, PhD (Indonesia)
- Prof. **Alessandro Capra** (Italy)
- Dr. **Patricia Nora Riget** (Malaysia)
- Dr. **Mullika Sungsanit** (Thailand)

GUESTS (in alphabetical order of country)

- **Eva Anggraini**, IPB University (Indonesia)
- **Vigneshree King**, Universiti Malaya (Malaysia)

AGENDA

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1. Welcome and Opening

Ranzi extends a warm welcome to all participants who arrived at UNUD and in Indonesia. **Ranzi** opens the National Coordinators' Meeting (NC Meeting) and presents the agenda, as listed above, as topics proposed by the ASEA-UNINET Executives and National Coordinators (NCs).

2. Itinerary of Plenary Meeting 2025

With the support of the participants, **Ranzi** reviews the preliminary itinerary and planning of the Plenary Meeting to be held in Brescia (Italy) from 8 to 12 September 2025. The participants brainstorm on a variety of topics related to the Plenary Meeting:

- Funding opportunity from Austria, Indonesia (government requires thematic research group funded by the government), Italy (national scheme for Master courses as Invest Your Talent in Italy and individual university members of ASEA UNINET), Thailand (e.g., funding from the Thai King for quantum physic, energy)
- Tailored scheme of funding that meet ASEA-UNINET
- The integration of science and technology and arts will push creativity
- The approach of working groups is to align the goals with the identification of potential collaboration and funding
- Look for data of joint research collaboration through Scival to build a University-University matrix of joint publications in different research areas
- Suggest inviting the representatives of each country (or Ambassador) to the Plenary Meeting. LOC will invite Vietnam Ambassador, the ASEA-UNINET Network Office will invite Austrian Ambassador, **Sungsanit** will invite Ministry Officers or Thailand Ambassador
- Welcome the country's representative to present any topics relevant for ASEA UNINET in the Plenary Meeting
- Cooperation with Laos is currently halted due to lack of activity. However, Thailand will try to approach a university from Laos. If they response positively, there will a chance for Laos to be included in ASEA-UNINET
- Cambodia could continue through the Institute Technology of Cambodia
- A need is identified to specify additional requirement for new members

Potential topics for the working groups are identified:

- i. Digital Humanism and Arts in Academia
- ii. Quantum Physics
- iii. Renewable Energy
- iv. Global Health and Sustainable Food Production
- v. Ecological Economics/Bioeconomy

The participants define the tasks and framework of the working groups:

- i. To do: Each NC proposes names of experts to be part of working groups in each area/topic
- ii. Conduct data analysis on joint publication through Scival
- iii. Collect information about joint publication, joint research and mobilities that have been implemented in those thematic areas
- iv. A working group comprises at least one university from EU and one from SEA
- v. The (specific) topic should be defined with possibilities of working together, agreement between scientist to scientist (what should be achieved in the next 1-2 years)
- vi. Working groups will start having online meetings to discuss or fulfill all of the tasks far before the Plenary Meeting and prepare PPT for presentation at the Plenary Meeting

3. Member Countries Highlights

No official contributions were shared from participants at this time. Individual country reports are planned to be presented as a programme point in the upcoming Plenary Meeting.

4. Topics of the ASEA-UNINET Executives & National Coordinators

i. Membership

a. Strategic Updates (Slovakia, Brunei, Singapore, Timor-Leste)

A discussion started on the extension to Slovakia and to the three countries in ASEAN not yet included in ASEA-UNINET: Brunei, Singapore, Timor-Leste. The NCs agree that **Ranzi** and **Tjoa** will invite UNTL in their forthcoming visit. **Farizal** and **Iqbal** will contact Brunei. For Singapore **Ranzi**, **Tjoa** and others will design a strategy.

b. Status (New Membership Requests, Recommendations for Candidate Member)

New membership requests were submitted by the following universities:

- [Palacký University Olomouc](#)
- [Universitas Negeri Surabaya](#)
- [Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin](#)
- [University of Torino](#)
- [Transilvania University of Brasov](#)
- [Western University of Timișoara](#)
- [University of Prayao](#)
- [Princess Galyani Vadhana Institute of Music](#)

Based on the recommendation made by the three Austrian music universities within the network, the Princess Galyani Vadhana Institute of Music is proposed to become a candidate member.

Universitas of Negeri Surabaya and University of Prayao are not suggested for candidate membership at the next Plenary Meeting.

The remaining five universities, namely Palacký University Olomouc, Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin, University of Torino, Transilvania University of Brasov and Western University of Timișoara are suggested to become candidate members and present their universities during the Plenary Meeting in Brescia.s

Regarding future membership, the following points are discussed and agreed upon as a strong recommendation by participants:

- i. For Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam, the number of members should be kept at the current level.
- ii. For new member countries, the potential acceptance of candidate members will be decided at the NC Meeting
- iii. A new application should have the recommendation of the National Coordinator

The following recommendations, and updates, are given on the current candidate members:

- i. Prof. Dr. **Gabriele Kotsis** (NC for Austria) has been informed by Jönköping University that they are no longer pursuing full membership of ASEA-UNINET.
- ii. National University of Laos has been inactive for quite some years. It is agreed to cancel its membership in the event of non-participation in the Plenary Meeting.
- iii. Posts and Telecommunication Institute of Technology and Universitas Padjajaran are proposed by **Tjoa** to become full members at the Plenary Meeting, supported by the NCs.
- iv. University of Arts Linz: The NCs recommend this university for full membership at the next Plenary Meeting.
- v. Sharif University of Technology, Shiraz University and University of Tehran: Have been inactive for some years. As such, NCs agree to revoke membership in the event of non-participation in the Plenary Meeting.
- vi. Vietnam National University, Hanoi: It is agreed that if the university does not attend the Plenary Meeting in Brescia, its candidate membership will be revoked.
- vii. Vidyasirimedhi Institute of Science and Technology: NCs recommend the university for full membership at the next Plenary Meeting.
- viii. Walailak University: Based on their request, the NCs recommend that its candidate membership may be extended for another one and a half years.

In total, the following 4 universities are recommended to become full members: Posts and Telecommunication Institute of Technology, Universitas Padjajaran, University of Art Linz and Vidyasirimedhi Institute of Science and Technology.

These universities are required to send a letter to the ASEA-UNINET Network Office, issued to the President of ASEA-UNINET, confirming their attendance at the Plenary Meeting and their willingness to become full members. Each member university may decide whether they want to pay the membership fees annually or bi-annually (at the beginning of the two-year period).

c. Two Year Membership Model Proposal

It is proposed and approved that membership can be renewed on a one-year or two-years basis.

ii. ASEA-UNINET Homepage

a. Update: Funding Page

If there is any university funding dedicated for ASEA-UNINET or a national funding programme specific for ASEA UNINET countries, it can be published on the ASEA-UNINET website. After completing the virtual [Scholarship/Grant Declaration Form](#), the ASEA-UNINET can post information on the funding on the ASEA-UNINET website (e.g., the most recent [scholarship information](#) for the scholarship programmes of the University of Brescia and the National Programme Invest Your Talent in Italy).

b. Publications Page

A goal is identified to display publications resulting from projects or scholarships funded under the framework of ASEA-UNINET.

Kotsis will coordinate a small team to highlight the publications that are produced as the result of ASEA-UNINET cooperations, and report on this topic at the Plenary Meeting in Brescia.

5. Further Agenda Topics and Meeting Closure

i. National Funding Programmes Update

An update on national funding programmes is discussed by participants:

- A follow up will be made on funding opportunity from the Thai government.
- In the long-term, the network should seek cooperations with enterprises who can attract funds for ASEA-UNINET.
- Other alternative scholarship funding should be considered other than the government agency example from the government related agencies or private industries.
- A need is identified to present ASEA-UNINET universities to the sponsors to garner their support and fund the students to study at those universities.
- **Trung** reports on the scholarship selection within the 89 projects (see Appendix).
- **Capra** presents the National scholarships programme Invest Your Talent in Italy for Master courses with Indonesia and Vietnam as beneficiary countries, open until February 28.

ii. Alumni Association

An alumni section for the website is considered very important. A proposal for this is invited with consideration also for data privacy regulations. For the time being, NCs are asked to continue with the Alumni association in each country and report on developments at the Plenary Meeting in Brescia.

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APPENDIX:

[NC Meeting Agenda](#)

[Preliminary Programme Draft of the Plenary Meeting 2025](#)

[Scholarship Selection: 89 Projects](#)

[Scholarship/Grant Declaration Form](#)

[Change of Contact Form](#)

NC Meeting Photos

