

# ASEA-UNINET 14th Plenary Meeting in Innsbruck

Austrian Activities  
2013-2014



## **General Data and Facts 2013/2014**

- ❖ Exchange of numerous researchers and students for outgoing and incoming projects
- ❖ Important visits of delegations of several governmental bodies and partner universities
- ❖ More than 200 ASEA-UNINET projects of the Austrian member-universities were financially supported in 2011 and 2012
- ❖ Continuation of the Thai-Austrian Program for Laos and Cambodia  
(Graduate scholarships at Thai universities with co-funding from Austria)

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- ❖ Organisation of the ICT-EURASIA Conference at UDAYANA University with participation of ICT-experts from ASEAN, EU (together with IFIP/UNESCO)
- ❖ Preparation for the establishment of an Austrian – ITB Software Engineering Center. Participating Austrian Universities: Vienna University of Technology (Prof. Biffl) and University of Linz (Prof. Küng).
- ❖ Official visit of deputy minister Agus Sartono to Vienna (ASEA-UNINET alumnus)
- ❖ Further active membership of ASEA-UNINET within the ASEM Education Hub (AEH) represented by Prof. Erich Thöni
- ❖ Request of additional Indonesian universities for ASEA-UNINET membership (Airlangga and Sumatra Utara). Preparation of memberships of universities in Myanmar
- ❖ ASEA-UNINET Workshop on Building Institutional Collaborations for Philippine HEIs (Organized by Prof. Gisela Concepcion) in Manila .
- ❖ National Coordinator Meeting in Ioannina (29<sup>th</sup> April – 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2012)
- ❖ Database which includes persons (>1200 entries of alumni, scholarship holders, scientists involved in projects) and projects (>100)

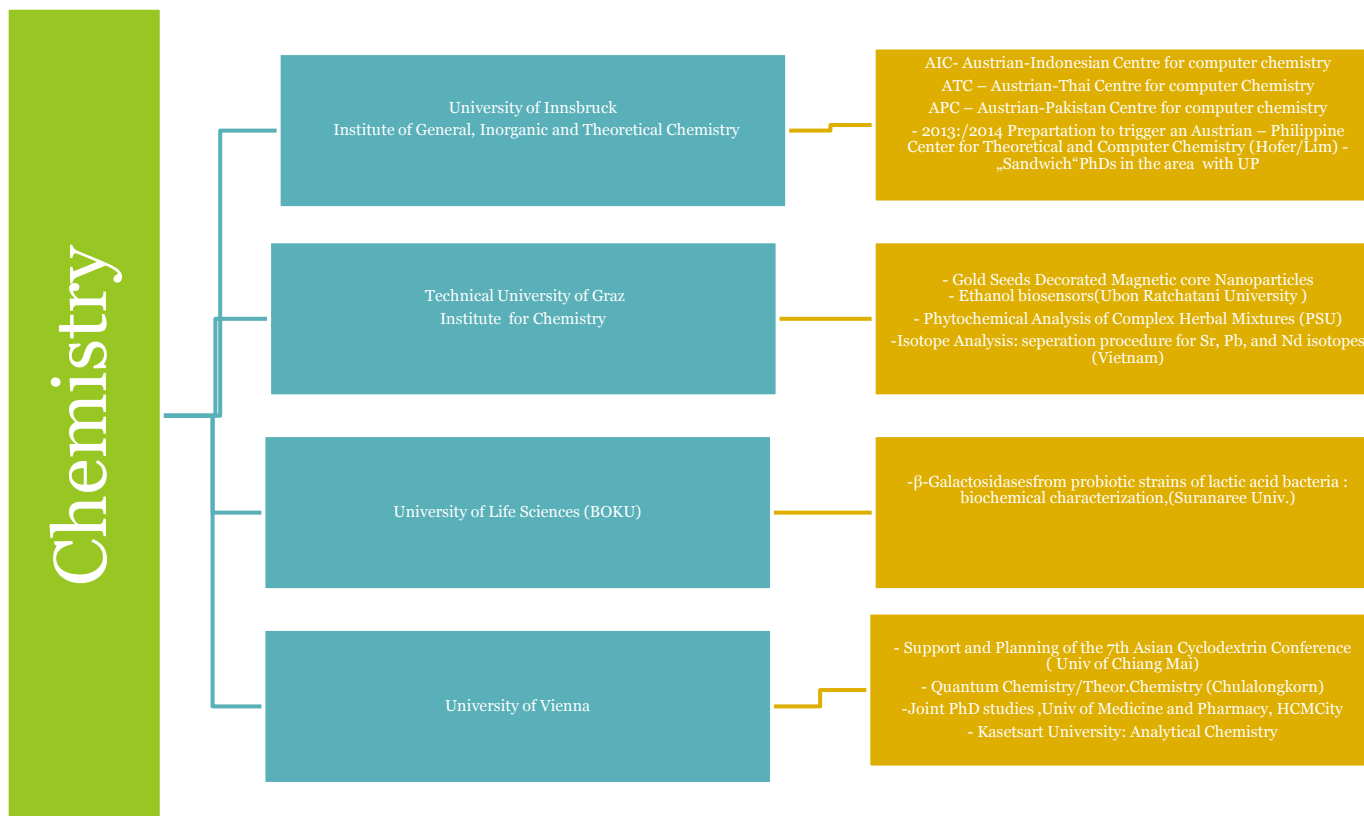
# ASEA-UNINET



More than 200 projects for the years 2013 and 2014

## Some examples of cooperation.....

## in the field of Chemistry



# University of Vienna

**with universities**

- Faculty of Chemistry
  - Thailand, Vietnam
- Faculty of Life Sciences
  - Thailand, Vietnam
- Faculty of Chemistry
  - Thailand, Vietnam
- Faculty of Chemistry
  - Thailand, Vietnam
- Department of Education
  - Thailand
- Department of Development Studies
  - Thailand
- Department of Communication
  - Thailand, Indonesia, Vietnam
- Department of Geodynamics and Sedimentology
  - Thailand
- Department for Nutritional Research,
  - Indonesia
- Department of Geography and Regional Research
  - Thailand
- Institute of Mineralogy and Crystallography
  - Thailand
- Multimedia Information Systems Research Group
  - Thailand, Indonesia
- Faculty of Physics
  - Thailand
- Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology
  - Thailand
- Institute of Philosophy
  - Thailand,
- Department of Pharmaceutical Technology and Biopharmaceutics
  - Thailand,

# Vienna University of Technology

## Faculty of Informatics

- Thailand, Indonesia, Vietnam

## Faculty of Architecture and Regional Planning

- Indonesia

## Institute of Software Technology and Interactive Systems

- Vietnam, Indonesia, Thailand

## Institute of Transportation

- Thailand

## Faculty of Mathematics and Geoinformation

- Indonesia, Vietnam

## Projects in the Area of Music 2013/2014

Mahidon  
University

University of Music and  
Performing Arts (Vienna)  
Master Classes (Trumpet,  
Violine Chamber Music,  
Voice)

Cultural Center  
der University  
of Malaya  
&  
Universiti Putra  
Malaysia

International Summer  
School Malaysia –  
Austria „Local Folk Music  
and Folk Dance Revival“.  
University of Music and  
Performing Arts (Graz) and  
University of Vienna



# Austrian Scholarships 2014

- Indonesia:
  - 4 Full PhD-Scholarships (36 months) by the Austrian Techn. Grant
  - 5 DIKTI-OeAD Full-PhD-Scholarships (36 months)
- Thailand:
  - 5 Ernst Mach Postdoc Scholarships (3-6 months)
  - 1 Full PhD-Scholarship (36 months)
  - 2 Ernst Mach „Sandwich“ scholarships (9 months)
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- Philippines
  - 1 Ernst Mach Postdoc scholarship (6 months): Disaster Relieve
- Vietnam
  - 10 MOET-OeAD scholarships (pending)
- Laos/Cambodia:
  - 7 On-place scholarships

# Austrian ASEA-UNINET Participation in ERASMUS MUNDUS

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- Bridging the gap (just successfully completed)  
<http://www.bridging-the-gap.eu/en/>
- One More Step  
<https://www.one-more-step.eu/en/>
- Swap and Transfer  
<http://www.swap-transfer.eu/>
- Eurasia2  
[www.eurasia2.cz](http://www.eurasia2.cz)
- ALFABET  
(kick-off October 2014)
- ASKASIA2  
<http://askasia.culs-prague.eu>
- TECHNO2  
[www.techno2-em.org](http://www.techno2-em.org)

# National Coordinator Meeting 2013 on PhD Studies

## SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS AT ASEA UNINET NATIONAL COORDINATORS MEETING, UNIVERSITY OF IOANNINA, 9-10 September 2013

	Accomplishments and Good Practices: Past and Present (Strengths)	Areas of Improvement (Weaknesses)	Areas of Expansion and Focus (Opportunities)	Recurring Problems and Competing Interests (Threats)
PhD Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joint interview, evaluation and selection of graduate students for scholarship by European and ASEAN universities has ensured successful high quality PhD graduates</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Co-supervision of PhD students by professors in host and source universities</li> <li>PhD dissertation panel should have an external reader</li> <li>Explore double degree, mixed graduate programs, similar to ACTS on the undergraduate level</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Select students for PhD or MS scholarship or for sandwich programs (thesis stint in foreign university) who are part of a research group</li> <li>Initially establish linkage between faculty in two universities as basis for long-term research collaboration and student exchange</li> <li>PhD graduate returns to the research group of his/her mentor, research group receives funding support for the new PhD who expands the interests and expertise of and strengthens the research group</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PhD graduates lack funding when they return and do not belong to a research group; do not pursue research and publish, do not pursue postdoctoral studies</li> <li>AUN has more advanced student mobility but focused on the undergraduate level, ACTS credit transfer practiced widely, linked with US, Japanese, Korean, Russian universities and funding agencies</li> </ul>

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<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>				
Recruitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Standard process requires letter from university sent to National Coordinator to Regional Coordinator to Chair</li> <li>Healthy recruitment and growth of membership each year</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expand criteria for membership</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Invite Myanmar universities as new members; pursue multiple node network to development of academia in MM where so far university graduates don't acquire skills, acquire just knowledge or concepts; MM perceived to be with great potential</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ASEA UNINET facilitation and placement role competed out by DAAD</li> </ul>
Minimum Qualifications and Requirements			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Look into qualifications of Myanmar as associate or full member</li> </ul>	
Levels of Affiliation			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore concentric circles: 1st circle of full members; 2nd circle of associate members, 3rd circle of universities unlikely to be admitted to AUN; and circle to recognize other universities involved in research program, e.g. Erasmus Mundus, as research affiliates</li> </ul>	
Active Participation			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Each member university should host a big or small event annually, announce it on the Notice Board, use ASEA UNINET logo, involve a partner in Europe or ASEAN in the event</li> </ul>	

# Future perspectives

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- Involvement of Myanmar
- Double/Joint-degrees on Masters/(industrial?)PhD level amongst the ASEA-UNINET partners
- Internship programs
- Joint-lab initiatives
- Strengthening cooperation within the ERASMUS-MUNDUS program