

8th Plenary Meeting of ASEA-Uninet, Oxford/UK, 15-18 July, 2005

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I. Welcome and Report by Chairman

Prof. Norman Revell, Middlesex University, U.K., welcomed the participants reminding them that the tradition of formal and informal networking is a great feature of Asea-Uninet binding, i.e. learning by discourse. He gave an overview of the agenda and the U.K.'s university system. Oxford and Cambridge are the top U.K. universities and originated from religious foundations.

The three main areas of discussion will be:

- reports from the coordinators
- domestic business (elections, decisions)
- networking in thematic groups

The EU has recognised the increased importance of cooperation with the Asian area and is increasing the overall funding.

II. Report of Asian Coordinator

Prof. Prasert Chitapong, Prince of Songkla University, Songkla, Thailand

Prof. Prasert took over the role of Regional Asea-Uninet Coordinator for S.E. Asia when Prof. Kusmayanto Kadiman was appointed Minister of Science and Technology for Indonesia. Prof. Kusmayanto stepped back and Prof. Rode asked Prof. Prasert to take over this position, which Prof. Prasert accepted. Prof. Prasert asked the Asea-Uninet National Coordinators for Indonesia and Vietnam to give their reports. The National Coordinator for the Philippines was unable to attend due to elections for the new university President.

1. Report of the Indonesian Asea-Uninet Coordinator

Dr. Edwan Kardena, ITB Bandung

Dr. Kardena took over this position when Prof. Kusmayanto Kadiman became Minister of Science and Technology.

He stated that the five Indonesian universities in Asea-Uninet are the largest of the country's hundreds of universities and gave a brief profile on them.

Talent Scouting which is organized by Directorate General of Higher Education annually for state and also private universities is a big programme in Indonesia to promote Asea-Uninet and to bring talented students to apply for Asea-Uninet scholarships. Several Austrian

professors visited Indonesia last and also this year. There are Asia-Link projects and many multilateral programmes as well as several conferences in the field of technology.

Following the Tsunami catastrophe, there was immediate action from the Indonesian universities including UI-ITS-UNDIP, all members of Asea-Uninet. ITB sent out scientists and geologists and also some equipment such as mobile water treatment, UGM sent out medical doctors to treat the victims and teams. The Indonesian government recently established a commission on Aceh redevelopment, led by an ITB professor who was also the former of Minister of Mining and Energy, Prof. Kuntoro Mangkusubroto.

There is a serious energy crisis. The government is looking for renewable energy such as bio-diesel, extracting crude plant oils from plants such as Jarak (Jatropha Oil).

2. Report of the Vietnamese Asea-Uninet Coordinator

Prof.Dr. Ha Duyen Tu, HUT, Hanoi

Prof. Ha Duyen Tu looked back over some of the activities that have taken place during the past year:

a. Training human resource - Scholarship and exchange information:

The Austrian scholarship program for Vietnamese member universities has been maintained and following scholarships were assigned in 2005:

- 4 Ph.D scholarships (HUT, NEU, UPM);
- 4 for short term (HUT, NEU, UPM, Hanoi Nat. Conservatory of Music)

Summer courses for Austrian students were also held in Vietnam: students have learned about the historical, cultural and economic situation in Vietnam

- Course for students organised by the University of Innsbruck: Asian studies program
- Course for students organised by the University of Business Administration and Economics, Vienna

b. Joint research:

Viet-Net Project between 4 Vietnamese universities and 4 Italian universities:

Some joint research has been done, especially support for Ph.D students in training and research (Material science, Chemical technology, Medicine, etc.)

3. Report of the Thai Asea-Uninet National Coordinator and Regional Coordinator

Prof. Prasert Chitapong, Prince of Songkla University, Hat Yai

Joint scholarship programmes were carried out between Thailand and Austria.

Technology grants, research grants for faculty members with master degrees and short-term visits were granted to Thai scientists by Austria as well as a music scholarship.

At Phuket campus a 3-week intercultural workshop was held for students from Austria and Thailand.

PSU was involved with the effects of the Tsunami

Guest Professors and research students were invited from Austria

Cooperations were carried out with Utrecht, Italy and Spain

New activities for 2005:

The Asian region will share joint cooperations as they have similar problems such as the effects of the Tsunami which Thailand shares with Indonesia, energy crisis (also important for Indonesia and the Philippines) and peace studies with conflict resolution and peace-keeping expertise to solve political problems.

III. Report of European Coordinator

Prof. Rode, University of Innsbruck, told the plenary about the National Coordinators' meeting last year in Oviedo, Spain. Unfortunately the National Coordinator of Spain, Prof. Rifa was unable to attend and Prof. Rode welcomed the new European member applying for membership from Spain, the University of Murcia represented by Dr. Matias Balibrea.

At the National Coordinators' Meeting it was decided to expand the region covered and admit associate members outside the geographical region of the Asea-Uninet network, such as Pakistan and Taiwan, who applied for membership but could not attend the meeting personally.

The activities are mainly on a bilateral basis, i.e. one country in Europe with one country in Asia. He would like to see more multilateral activities, especially organised jointly such as the Summer Schools.

The Austrian-Thai cooperation celebrated its 20th Anniversary of university cooperation both in Austria and in Thailand, with academic and cultural events, and a song composed and performed by Michael Tschuggnall, for HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn of Thailand, patron of this cooperation.

Many member universities have applied for Asia Link projects and a lot were granted. The procedure for procuring financial support from the EU programmes (Asia-Link programmes) is still difficult, but will be discussed at a separate session later.

Problems have arisen with some member countries. Whilst the coordinators survive changes, some rectors have different attitudes such as in Greece where the University of Ioannina has suspended membership for the time-being.

The Austrian Minister visited Athens on an official visit and the European Coordinator was a member of the Delegation. At the request of the Greek Minister of Education he was requested to introduce Asea-Uninet to the Greek Rectors' Conference in May 2005 evoking a positive response. This should enhance the relations for Asea-Uninet in Greece.

Following the Tsunami, the Rector of Innsbruck University who was in Phuket at the time of the catastrophe, collected money and Asea-Uninet provided the infrastructure to help, especially in Indonesia which was the poorest and most hard hit country, with 2 Ph.D. and 2 post-doc scholarships in Geology – Geodynamics. Furthermore a handbook on Disaster Prevention and Disaster Management edited by university groups (medicine and psychology) on a multidisciplinary basis on how to deal with such crises was translated and distributed in Indonesia and presented to Minister Kusmayanto on his official visit to Austria.

In order to support the work of large university networks, specifically in our case Asea-Uninet and Eurasia Pacific, AUNO (Austrian University Network Office) was established with the support of the Austrian Government to facilitate the visits of colleagues, to provide support for the increasing number of delegations and to promote activities. Six people are employed: Margaret Ostermann for Asea-Uninet, Nicole Müller and Michael Dengg for both networks, and three more for Eurasia-Pacific. The main purpose is to assist universities in academic cooperations. The second task is to form an interface to the business level, to bring together visitors with enterprises and industry, to obtain third party support for network activities and to provide industry with the infrastructural facilities and contacts of the network. The team also comprises Mr. Reichenbach from the Chamber of Commerce with connections to the Chamber of Industry. Visits, such as Minister Kusmayanto Kadiman's to Austria, are partially coordinated by this office (Austrian University Network Office).

Pakistan has been able to place students to perform full Ph.D. studies in Austria. At the present time approx. 200 are in Austria at the expense of the Pakistani Government. One aim is to upgrade the Pakistani university teaching staff in Pakistan. This programme is running on an all-European basis and other European Asea-Uninet universities are invited to consider accepting Pakistani Ph.D. students. Should students prove to be unsuitable, they can be sent back.

Asea-Uninet offers a unifying structure which is the infrastructural backbone for many projects.

Asea-Uninet has predicted many developments. The two continents of Europe and Asia as the base of many cultural areas are predetermined for many cooperative developments. This has become more apparent in the past two decades.

1. Report of the Vice-Coordinator for Europe

Utrecht has successfully concluded one Asia Link and one AUNP funded project in the field of Veterinary Medicine which included partners from Thailand , Indonesia and Sweden.

For the 2005 call for applications two projects have been submitted, one in the field of Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome Relief Aid for Tsunami effected Areas and one in the field of Distance Learning. Two other Asia Link proposals for the 2006 call for tenders are under preparation. For the coming 6 months visits will be made by several UU staff to Indonesia , Thailand and Malaysia.

General

General developments in the Netherlands: The Netherlands is one of the ten European countries that fully comply with the legal requirements within the framework of the Bologna declaration, stressing once again that the Netherlands higher education institutions are a

frontrunner in the Bologna process. Besides the UK, the Netherlands offer the highest number of English taught programmes in Europe. In the framework of developing the Netherlands into a knowledge based society the Dutch government is planning to open Netherlands Education Offices in Malaysia , India, Vietnam and Thailand, besides the already existing ones in Taipei, Beijing (and soon also in Shanghai) and in Jakarta. A new national scholarship scheme will come into effect, please consult the links for the Netherlands at the Asea Uninet site for the latest scholarship updates.

IV. Introduction of New Members

1. University of Murcia, Spain

Presented by Dr. Matias Balibrea Gonzales, Director of International and Institutional Affairs Office.

The University of Murcia has approx. 30.000 students, 1.000 international students and 2.000 members of staff. Murcia is not only a place of learning but also offers a large variety of leisure time facilities. In the past cooperation was mainly with Latin America. Since 2002 cooperation has taken on importance with Asia (incl. China, Thailand and India).

On behalf of the Rector of Murcia University, Prof. José Ballesta Germán, Dr. Balibrea presented an impressive film documenting the many aspects of his university.

2. Hue University, Vietnam

Presented by Prof. Dr. Nguyen Vien Tho, President of Hue University.

Hue is situated in the centre of Vietnam and is the old Capital. Hue University was founded in 1957 and now has over 1.000 teaching staff, 16.000 full-time students, 20.000 part-time students and distance-learning students in many fields.

There is a strong motivation to improve quality and service and this university is, therefore, looking forward to joint research and training programmes.

Rector Tho's presentation was also illustrated by a video documentation.

3. Hanoi National Conservatory of Music, Vietnam

Presented by Prof. Ngo Van Thanh, Deputy Rector.

Hanoi Conservatory of Music was founded in 1956 as the first training centre of music in Vietnam and has trained 8.000 students in traditional music, Western, Jazz and Classical music since its foundation. The three main areas are training, performing and research.

A video showed the various programmes carried out at Hanoi Conservatory of Music and the plenary as able to enjoy listening to the orchestra and musicians playing at international concerts. There are already many international cooperations and many students and music ensembles have won prizes.

All three universities applying for membership were accepted unanimously by the plenum.

V. Asia Link

Joelle Noirfalisie, Europe Aid Cooperation Office, Brussels joined the meeting and explained the two main programmes:

Asia Link for higher educational partnerships and Asia Pro Eco for environmental issues.

A lively discussion followed this presentation. Prof. Rode stated that the amount of work involved to apply for support would be understandable if € 10,000,000 were at stake but this amount of work is too much for small amounts. The evaluation of projects (not peer-reviewed) and their worthiness to be carried out is also questionable. It is suggested that the EU use the expertise of long-standing experts to compare good practice won by experience.

Despite Joelle Noirfalisie's acceptance of imperfections still existing in the system, there have been considerable improvements since it started up. The general opinion still prevailed that it is too bureaucratic and time-consuming.

Joelle Noirfalisie added that the programmes have to be transparent because the EU is responsible to the tax-payers, assessment is done by recruiting experts but there is a wide range of projects to cover and there is a priority of certain areas over others.

The experts are not specialized experts with vast understanding sufficient to select.

Prof. Leibetseder mentioned the workload of filling in an EU application and suggested a 25 page proposal rather than 150 pages. A two-step application was suggested, i.e. the first step in the form of a short exposé and preselection, the second step with a more elaborate application.

Joelle Noirfalisie advised that procedures are under discussion but the strict timetable in the EU administration and financial regulations make it impossible to have sufficient time to introduce applications on a general and then more specific basis. The same procedure is applied regardless of amount. If documentation is not available (such as annual accounts), this can be stated on the application.

Prof. Bolhar quoted an EU officer who said that the evaluation process reflects the reality that the EU does not prefer to help these Asian countries as much as indicated by the programme.

Joelle Noirfalisie talked about an additional board that has been installed to survey the evaluations. There is no re-assessment even in the case of an objection.

Prof. Tjoa asked about extra points in preferred social fields such as gender issues.

Joelle Noirfalisie negated this. There is no concord with the destination country's interest such as human rights etc.

Prof. Rode talked about the experience of Asea-Uninet with the execution of projects. The level of flexibility should be increased. He suggested a round table between experts from Asea-Uninet and the EU.

Prof. Thöni asked Joelle Noirfalisie if the EU is aware of the changes in universities in the Asian destination countries. He thought the bureaucracy in Brussels is too technical. He asked if the EU evaluates its programme.

Joelle Noirfalisie negated the last question.

Prof. Revell asked if the EU will focus more on areas outside Europe in the longer term.

Joelle Noirfalisie expects more applications from Asia in the future but there will be no drastic increase in funding of these programmes.

VI. Future Planning

The members were then requested to think about the future pattern of the network.

- Do we go on as we have so far?
- Who will be the next Chairman? (on the alternating principle to be chosen from S.E.Asia)
- Based on this, where and when will the next Plenary Meeting take place?
- Who will be the Regional/Country representatives?

The Chairman suggested that:

- The membership fees remain unchanged.
- The local administration (bank account and accounting) should stay in Innsbruck to ensure the continuity.

VII. Focus Areas

The plenum met up in groups under the guidance of:

1. Science and Technology, *Prof. Dr. Ha Duyen Tu, HUT, Hanoi*
2. Economic & Social Sciences, *Dr. Pattiya Jimreivat, Mahidol, Bangkok*
3. Health, Pharmacy and Medicine, *Assoc.Prof. Neti Waranuch, Naresuan Univ. Thailand*
4. Humanities, *Prof. Ngo Van Thanh, Hanoi Conservatory of Music, Hanoi*

1. SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY

During the last one and a half years, many activities in the science and technology field have been carried out between Asea-Uninet members. The cooperations are very active in some fields, such as: Computational Chemistry, Automotive Engineering, Inorganic Chemistry, Applied Mathematics, IT, etc.

The members agree to rename some fields and add new focus areas:

(The areas are open for participants of all ASEA-Uninet member universities.)

Computational Chemistry, Chemometrics and Physics

Contact Person : B. M. Rode, UInn, Austria

Participating Universities :

CU, HCM, HU, HUT, ITB, ITS, KMITNB, KMUTT, MSU, PSU, SUT, UB, UGM, UInn, UIoann, UVIE,

Automotive Engineering

Contact Person : H. Kahlert, TUG, Austria

Participating Universities :

HU, HUT, HCM, ITB, ITS, KMITL, KMITNB, KMUTT, TN, TUG, TUV,

Material Sciences and Nanotechnology

Contact Person : Ha Duyen Tu, HUT, Vietnam and Kahlert , TUG, Austria

Participating Universities :

ITB, ITS, HU, HUT, HCM, KMITNB, KMITL, KMUTT, MSU, PSU, SUT, TN, UIoann, U.Leo, UU,

Environmental Engineering and Sciences

Contact Person : Kardena Edwan, ITB, Indonesia

Participating Universities :

BOKU, HCM, HUT, ITB, ITS, KMITL, KMITNB, KMUTT, KU, MSU, MU, PSU, SUT, SWU, TN, TUG, TUV, UB, UG, UIoann,

Geographical Information Systems and Geodetic Engineering

Contact Person : A Min Tjoa, TUVienna, Austria

Participating Universities :

ITB, ITS, KU, MSU, PSU, TN, TUG, TUV, UG, UInns, UL,

Transportation and Tunnel Engineering

Contact Person : H. Kahlert, TU Graz, Austria

Participating Universities :

ITB, ITS, KMITL, KMITNB, KMUTT, KU, PSU, UG, UInns,

Physical Chemistry

Contact Person : G. Grampp, TUG, Austria

Participating Universities :

HUT, KMITL, KMITNB, KMUTT, KU, MSU, SUT, SWU, UInns, UIoann, ULPS,

Applied Mathematics

Contact Person : Giancarlo Spinelli, PTM, Italy

Participating Universities :

HCM, HUT, ITS, KMITL, KMITNB, KMUTT, MSU, PSU, PTM, SUT, TN, TUG, TUV, UB, UG, UGM, UInns, UIoann,

Information Sciences & Technology

Contact Person : A Min Tjoa, TUVienna, Austria

Participating Universities :

HCM, HUT, ITB, ITS, MU, KMITL, KMITNB, KMUTT, KU, MSU PSU, SUT, TN, TUV, UGM, UI, Ioann, UL,

Structural Engineering and Mechanics

Contact Person : Ricardo Zandonini, Univ. Trento, Italy

Participating Universities :

HCM , HUT, ITB, ITS, KMUTT, MSU, SUT, TN, TUG, TUV, UInn,

Biomedical Engineering

Contact Person: N.V. Tho, HU, Vietnam

Participating Universities:

HCM, HUT, HU, ITB, ITS, KMUTT, KU, MU, PSU, SUT, TUG, TUV, UInn, UL,

Energy

Contact Person: H. Schnitzer, TUG, Austria

Participating Universities :

HCM, HU, HUT, ITB, ITS, KMUTT, KU, TUV, TUG, MU, PSU, SUT, UInn, UL,

Photonic Engineering

Contact Person: A Min Tjoa, TUVienna, Austria

Participating Universities :

HCM, HU, HUT, ITB, ITS, KU, KMUTT, MU, PSU, SUT, TUG, TUV, UInn, UL

Textile Engineering

Contact Person: Ngo Chi Trung, HUT, Vietnam and T. Bechtold, UInn, Austria

Participating Universities :

HCM, HU, HUT, ITB, ITS, KMUTT, KU, MU, PSU, SUT, TUG, TUV, UInn UL

Agriculture and Food Technology

Contact Person: Ralph Gretzmacher, BOKU, Austria

Participating Universities :

BOKU, HCM, HU, HUT, ITB, ITS, KMUTT, KU, MSU, MU, PSU, SUT, TUG, TUV, UInn, UL,

List of Abbreviations:

BOKU University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Science, Austria

CU Chulalongkorn University, Thailand

HCM Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam

HU Hue University, Vietnam

HUT Hanoi University of Technology, Vietnam

ITB Insitut Teknologi Bandung, Bandung, Indonesia

ITS Insitut Teknologi Sepuluh November, Surabaya, Indonesia

KMITL King Mongkut's Institute of Technology Lakrabang, Thailand

KMITNB King Mongkut's Institute of Technology North Bangkok, Thailand

KMUTT King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi, Thailand

KU Kasetsart University, Thailand

MSU Mahasarakham University, Thailand

MU Middlesex University, London, United Kingdom

PSU Prince of Songkla University, Thailand

PTM Politecnico di Milano, Italy

SUT Suranaree University of Technology, Thailand
SWU Srinakharinwirot University, Thailand
TUG Technical University of Graz, Austria
TUV Technical University of Vienna, Austria
UB University of Barcelona, Spain
UGM Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
UGraz University of Graz, Austria
UInn University of Innsbruck, Austria
UIoann University of Ioannina, Greece
UL University of Linz, Austria
ULEo University of Leoben, Austria
ULPS Universite of Louis Pasteur/Robert Schuman, Strasbourg, France
UTN Universita Degli Studi di Trento, Italy
UU University of Utrecht, the Netherlands
UVie University of Vienna, Austria

2. Economic and Social Sciences

Participants:

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Prof. Wolfgang Obenaus, WU
Prof. Peri Pierangelo, UT
Ms. Phacharavadee Paerattakul, KU
Prof. Supachok Wiriyacosol, PSU
Ms.Cholrudee Thepnamtip, CHE
Dr. Pattiya Jimreivat, MahU
Ass.Prof.Dr.Hoang Van Hoa, NEU
Prof.Dr. Truong Quang Duoc, HCM

I. Ongoing Collaboration:

1. Research and training in tourism, involves Austria, Vietnam, Thailand, Philippines, Indonesia.

Training courses on tourism are being held at the moment.

Public administration - Austria has only initiated Public Administration in a collaboration with Indonesia. PSU is interested in this topic and would like to join in the programme.

No collaborative research is being implemented at the present time.

2. Short-term courses

- a. Area Study: Asian Studies Programme are being carried out in Thailand, Indonesia, Vietnam and the Philippines for Austrian students
- b. European summer course, Cooperation between University of Utrecht and University of Indonesia, .All the participants would like to join in this programme and suggest enlarging it by inviting many universities in Europe to join.

- c. Workshop on Intercultural management and international business - involves Austria, Thailand, Vietnam (UInn, WU, NEU, PSU) and is a 3-week course (60 hours) for Austrian and Asian students

3. Joint Degree Programme –same as reported in 7th Plenary Meeting report

Joint degree programmes:

- a. Groningen and ITB:
 - MS Biomedical Engineering
 - MS Chemical Engineering
 - MS Actuarial Science
- b. Groningen and Gadjah Mada University:
 - MS Biomedical Engineering
 - MS International Management
 - MS Public Health
 - MS Regional and Local Planning

II Future Collaboration

1. Bilateral programmes should be expanded to become multilateral programmes with many universities involved and having more students from different universities to participate in each programme. More discussions are required to make concrete suggestions.
2. Research Programme: This programme is very important and very useful especially to get more collaboration between member universities. The result from research will be new knowledge for academic institutes and also the supporting knowledge for creating or developing new curriculum programmes. Furthermore it may be useful for some countries for their social development projects. Some proposed research topics are:
 1. National Resource Management by KU and NEU and HCM
 2. Islamic Study, Peace Study and Conflict Management by PSU with Austrian support
 3. Social problems, Current Sociological Study of UT
 4. Environmental Economy by MahU, PSU and NEU
 5. E-tourism with GIS and E-commerce by Austria, PSU. MU should be invited to join.
 6. Socio-Cultural and Economic Impacts, Health Problem and Technology Transfer in the Tsunami Area (KU, PSU, Austria)

List of Abbreviations:

HCM – National University of Vietnam, HCM City, Vietnam
 KU – Kasetsart University, Bangkok, Thailand
 MahU – Mahidol University
 NEU – National Economics University, Hanoi
 PSU – Prince of Songkla University, Hat Yai, Thailand
 UInn – University of Innsbruck, Austria
 UT – University of Trento, Italy
 WU – University of Economics, Austria

3. Health, Pharmacy and Medicine

Participants:

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Prof. Josef Leibetseder, VetMed

1. Postgraduate Students Education Exchange
2. Exchange of Professors
3. Research Projects
4. Seminars/Workshop
 - Avian Influenza
 - Nanoparticles for Drug/Cosmetics
 - Animal-Human Relationship
 - Phytotherapy

The decision was made to use ASEA UNINET's Notice Board as a forum for Eurasia Pacific and Asea-Uninet for posting results.

List of Abbreviations:

KK – Khon Kaen University, Khon Kaen, Thailand
Med HCMC – University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
MedVienna – University of Medicine, Vienna, Austria
MedInn – University of Medicine, Innsbruck, Austria
MedGraz – University of Medicine, Graz, Austria
VetMed – University of Veterinary Medicine, Vienna, Austria

4. Humanities, Culture and Music

At the present time Austrian professors visit Thailand and Vietnam to award a small number of scholarships. This means that only single students benefit from the scholarship. It is suggested that Austrian professors come to Vietnam to hold master classes thus producing a greater benefit for a wider number of students.

The Ministry of Education in Thailand and Ministry of Education in Vietnam have experienced language problems when exchanges take place. English is the main language for teaching.

Humanities and social exchange – conductors and musicians.

VIII. Elections

Election of Chairman of ASEA-UNINET 2006-2007

- Prof.Dr. Ha Duyen Tu, HUT, Hanoi was elected as Chairman

Election of Asian Coordinator

- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Piniti Ratananukul, Srinharinwirot University, was elected as the Asian Coordinator.

Prof. Prasert who has carried out this function for 3 terms of office has decided to put the responsibility into younger hands. He praised Asea-Uninet as a good framework for student and lecturer exchange. Our thanks are due to Prof. Prasert who has given Asea-Uninet his untiring support throughout the years.

Vice Asian Coordinators:

- **Vietnam:** Dr. Ngo Chi Trung, HUT, Hanoi
- **Indonesia:** Dr. Edwan Kardena, ITB, Bandung

Election of European Coordinator

- Prof.Dr. B.M.Rode, Univ. of Innsbruck, Austria

Vice European Coordinator

- Drs. MARRIK Bellen, Univ. of Utrecht, Netherlands

Election of National Coordinators

Following changes have taken place:

- **Vietnam:** Dr. Ngo Chi Trung, HUT, Hanoi, Vietnam
- **Netherlands:** Drs. MARRIK Bellen, Univ. of Utrecht, Netherlands
- **Italy:** Prof. Carla Locatelli, Univ. of Trento, Italy

IX. Various

Place and date of intersessional meeting

The intersessional meeting will take place in Innsbruck or Vienna in spring (May) 2006

Place and date of next plenary meeting

The next Plenary Meeting will take place in Vietnam in February 2007

X. Final Words

The new Chairman, Prof. Ha Duyen Tu thanked the network for the trust he has received and promised to do his best to fulfil his mission.

The present Chairman, Prof. Revell closed the meeting.

APPENDIX: List of Participants and their Addresses

- Europe
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