

MEMORANDUM

Of Evaluation meeting "Caucasus Network of UNESCO Chairs,
the perspectives of their functioning"
(3-6 March 2004, Tbilisi, Georgia)

During the meeting the representatives from Armenian, Azerbaijan, Georgian, Lithuanian and Russian Federation National commissions for UNESCO, Coordinators of UNESCO Chairs in Caucasus region, with participation of a number of professors from Tbilisi State, Technical, Pedagogical, Agricultural and Medical Universities made presentations of the state of UNESCO Chairs activity in the region. From this round of discussion the following bargains we made:

1. To collaborate with UNESCO Chairs in regional level; Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Lithuania and the Russian Federation and to maintain the relations in favorable format for the sides and in case of mutual agreement to join the given project with own funds the Participation Programme in the next biennium.
 2. It was brought into special prominence that although, at resent the Higher Educational Institutes of Caucasus countries have adopted the three-stage education system from western universities, the research and educational potential of a single country is not sufficient to prepare the science leaders (MS and PhD), according to the new international demands. Therefore, it is necessary to join the scientific, educational and material potentials of regional countries in organization of postgraduate education. However, the absence of the unique model for postgraduate education (according diploma) acceptable for different countries, is the main barrier for realization of such regional collaboration. It was suggested that this barrier could be removed by organization of Regional UNITWIN NETWORKS for international postgraduate education.
- 1.The proposal of UNESCO Chairs in Life Sciences (Armenia) and Flealthy Living (Georgia) on organization of joint UNITWIN Regional Network on Postgraduate Education in Life Sciences (with open participation of other interested countries) was unanimously accepted in the sense of making the necessary step to improve the Life Sciences Postgraduate Education in Caucasus, based on UNESCO Postgraduate Center (Armenia) with the participation of Tbilisi State Medical University and local Universities along the region. A working group composed by Prof. S. Ayrapetyan, Head of UNESCO Chair in Life Sciences, Armenia, Prof. B. Harutunian, Director of Research Institute of Balneology and Physical Medicine of Ministry of Health of RA, Prof M. Oganessian, Dean of Biotechnology Department of UNESCO Chair-LSIEC, Prof. R.Khetsuriani, Rector of Tbilisi State Medical University, Prof G. Simonia. Head of UNESCO Chair in Healthy Living at Tbilisi State University and Prof

G. Mrevlishvili, Head of Chair of Physics of Macromolecules, Department of Physics of Tbilisi State University was set. The mission of this working group is to carry out the following works:

- a. The compilation of the educational program (general and special courses) to prepare masters and PhD in Life Sciences on the bases of analyses and generalization of the corresponding programs of the leading institutions of developed countries.
 - b. The creation of an international team of lecturers and teachers among the leading regional scientists for conducting the educational programs, contacting with them under treaty, directly and with the help of the representatives of the Center in the regional countries.
 - c. The integration of the science-technical basis of the republics, involving the local leading laboratories and chairs in Life Sciences as a basis of the Center for fulfillment of the research works (thesis and dissertation accordingly for master and PhD degree).
 - d. The realization of international expertise of the dissertation works, carried out in the Center, sending them for review to the leading foreign scientific institutions.
- 4 To apply to the UNESCO Central office to consider the proposal of UNESCO Chairs in Life Sciences (Armenia) and Healthy Living (Georgia) on the reorganization of UNESCO Chair-Life Sciences International Educational Center (Yerevan, Armenia) as a UNESCO-affiliated Educational and Research Center of regional scope.
5. it was suggested to organize a Regional the UNITV/fN NETWORKS for postgraduate education!! 1 programs in other disciplines also hi future.

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