



Annual Event 2010

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WP2: PhD curriculum development

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WP2 Main Objectives

Overall Aim: Developing common standards and structure for PhD programmes

Tasks:

- *Bring partners (University + Research Institutes /Industrial Partners) together to identify where new multidisciplinary PhD programmes are needed and where necessary create structures to enable implementation of joint research (needs analysis)*

WP2 Main Objectives

Overall Aim: Developing common standards and structure for PhD programmes

Tasks:

- *Develop a common standard/structure and guidelines for PhD programmes (methodology, content, uniformity of evaluation).*
- *Bring PhD supervisors together to identify common elements required by the new taught components of PhD programmes with a view to sharing courses and resources and where required, up skilling of lecturers to deliver such elements (training of trainers).*

WP2 Main Objectives

Tasks:

- *Further develop the PhD database to include information on courses available (entry requirements, taught aspects, assessment instruments)*
- *Carry out a review of current PhD methodologies/experimental design with a view to standardising techniques (e.g. statistics packages, welfare requirements etc) to allow for valid comparison and group analysis of research results.*

WP2 Main Objectives

Tasks:

- *Facilitate the interaction between PhD student and PhD supervisor with the aim of evaluating and possibly upgrading draft PhD programmes (in accordance with Bologna recommendations)*
- *To monitor the important work of the European Association of Universities related to PhD programmes and disseminate their outputs to network*

Activities to date

➤ Meetings: 3 mtgs with variable (unworkable) attendance

➤ Outputs

➤ PhD portal:

➤ <i>Ugent</i> :	21
➤ <i>Agrocampus Rennes</i> :	57
➤ <i>NTNU</i> :	54
➤ <i>SAMS</i> :	4
➤ <i>STIRLING</i> :	59
➤ <i>Florence</i> :	3
➤ <i>Univ Murcia</i> :	16
➤ <i>WUR</i> :	36
Total	<u>250</u>

Activities to date

- Input on the design for the new portal site worked out at the Florence mtg.
- Core members provided information on established dedicated PhD courses as input for the new portal site
- New portal site being designed, currently being tested and will be shortly up and running

Annual Meeting 2010

- Aim during this meeting
 - Organise the data gathering on questionnaire on animal handling (delay)
 - Interaction with the horizontal work packages about the deliverables
 - Discussion on criteria how to evaluate quality of PhD courses. Are the criteria proposed by the core group sufficient?
 - Summarise the EUA work at the PhD level

Challenges for the future

- Aims and challenges for the future
 - Succeed in making a complete inventory of existing dedicated and specialised PhD courses, making use of the new interactive PhD portal
 - Evaluate the existing PhD courses
 - Identify the need for new courses
 - Identify universities/institute willing to design and develop new courses.