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Minutes for the WP2 Core Group Meeting at the Annual Event (year 1)

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Minutes of the meeting

List of Attendees:

Peter Bossier	Ghent University
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Giovanni Sansone	CRIAcq- Università di Napoli Federico II
Giulina Parisi	Firenze University
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The core group has reviewed the current status of the planned work.

At the moment a PhD portal is operational, gathering information on finished PhD, including pdf files. (see <http://www.phdportal.ugent.be/>).

The received input so far is coming from core group members and a couple of institutes beyond the core group. At the meeting, it was decided that more momentum needs to be created around the website in order to become comprehensive. This will be done by

- links to EAS, WAS, FEAP, EATiP, ITN, EUA websites
- AquaTNetNewsletter
- Article for Aquaculture Europe and national magazines

It was also discussed how the new website can be efficiently organised.

Two actions were identified. Firstly the necessity was identified to organise a WP cross-cutting workshop/consultation on the design of the website, in order to assure a AquaTNET housestyle. Secondly, for the second part of the PhD portal, collecting dedicated PhD courses, a template needs to be developed. That template should contain the key information that should be visible on the PhD portal briefly describing PhD courses and allowing to have the bulk of the info on these PhD courses on the respective university websites.

A number of key feature were identified. Namely

- Features for the new PhD portal
 - Search function
 - Key words
 - Information uploadable by the partner institutes
 - AquaTNet partner password protected
 - discuss with AquaTT
 - reciprocal links

This topic needs to be further developed.

PhD courses

Awaiting the future website on PhD courses, the following actions need to be taken.

Again in order to create momentum on PhD courses, core group members are asked to provide information on current Phd courses. This information could be disseminated through the newsletter awaiting the new website.



When sufficient information is being gathered on a number of existing PhD courses the first evaluation in relation to tuning PhD courses can be made. It is anticipated that this tuning will contribute to the mobility of PhD students in the taught phase.

It is also necessary to make an inventory of the current availability of financial support for PhD student mobility.

Finally a review on courses on animal welfare needs to be made and recommendations need to be formulated

Next core group meeting will focus on PhD courses

The next meeting is planned in Firenze, Feb 25 -26th 2010