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AQUACULTURE, FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCE MANAGEMENT 2008-11**

**LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAMME
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Minutes of the **WP6 – Lifelong Learning Core Group** - at the Annual Event (year 1)

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List of Attendees:

Name	Institute/company	Country
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Greg Charalambakis	KEK Diastasi	Greece
Frederick de Decker	Ghent University Association	Belgium

1. Review on the progress of year1

1.1 Round Table

The participants did a round table introduction since some were new to the group. They outlined their background, experience and interest in Lifelong Learning. The group were fortunate to have an expert also sit in on their core group meeting, Frederick De Decker from Gent University Association who was invited to the event to give a key note speech on the work they have been doing in the association.

1.2. Lifelong Learning Stakeholder and Education Surveys

An update on progress of the Work Package was given, and outstanding tasks were discussed. Particularly the several surveys (deliverables 6.2 and 6.3) were discussed in more detail. It was decided that the Stakeholder questionnaire will be distributed during the FEAP AGM in Finland (October 8 – 9), and that Catherine Pons and David Bassett are responsible. The Training providers questionnaire was handed out at the Annual Event registration desk at the start of the event, and TNET members completed it on the spot. The questionnaire will also be put online on LimeSurvey and send out to relevant partners not present. The participants spend some time discussing the training survey which had been distributed and had already received some responses. The strategy to collect and analyse the remainder of the surveys was discussed and agreed and work delegated across the core members.

1.3. VALLA Project

David Murphy introduced partners to the VALLA project, an EC pilot project to test the EQF using a sectoral approach. This was deemed relevant as the VALLA project has elements that would be very useful to the WP6 activities. Handouts were distributed and partners were encouraged to look at the project website and also attend the VALLA "Train the Trainers" workshop planned in November 2009. The Group seemed very interested in the project and its potential outcomes.

1.4 The University Charter on Lifelong Learning

The core group discussed the new charter on LLL which had previously been presented at the core group meeting in Crete. It was agreed that it was important to inform the full network about the Charter as it sets out the agenda for Higher Education institutes taking a role in LLL.

The partners also discussed the planned session on lifelong learning within the annual event agenda where both David Murphy and Frederick De Decker were presenting.

2. Stakeholder interaction and new considerations about WP3

The core group met with the stakeholders and answered a few questions related to Lifelong Learning. It was clear that many stakeholders agree that it is important but many were not

clear on how it could be carried out, assessed or accredited. There were probably not too many questions given that there was a full session on Lifelong Learning planned immediately after the stakeholder consultation.

3. Next meeting and deliverables

Next meeting WP6: The partners decided that the next meeting would be held in Q2 2010.
Deliverables: The coordinator will contact the partners and ask for assistance in completing the deliverables in time for the interim report.

Sonia Seixas agreed to take over the role of WP leader from David Murphy due to David not having enough time to dedicate to the leader role given other commitments.