ERASMUS MUNDUS EXTERNAL COOPERATION WINDOW

Asia Regional 2

Lead Applicant: University of Nice Sophia-Antipolis, France

Partners:

University of Nice Sophia-Antipolis, France  
Bordeaux 1 University, France  
University of Heidelberg, Germany  
University of Padova, Italy  
International Institut for Geo-information Science and Earth Observation, Netherlands  
University of Warsaw, Poland  
Lucian Blaga University Sibiu, Romania  
University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain  
Middle East Technical University, Turkey  
Dhaka University, Bangladesh  
Ahsanullah University of Sciences and Technology, Bangladesh  
BRAC University, Bangladesh  
Royal University of Phnom Penh, Cambodia  
Jadavpur University, India  
NED University of Engineering and Technology, Pakistan  
University of the Philippines, Philippines  
Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines

Project Abstract:

- Objectives:
  
  The project objective is to develop cooperation between Asian and European higher education institutions, through the exchange of students and staff. As the consortium offers a wide range of thematic fields, any individual mobility demand will find the right educational programme or the right research team. The exchanges will contribute to enrich the educational environment in both sides and to prepare the future elites of the concerned countries to a better mutual understanding.

- Main Activities:
  
  - Dissemination of information on the programme in order to attract, among students, researchers and academic staff, as many good candidates as possible. Disabled or economically disadvantaged people will benefit from special care. All candidates will apply online.
  
  - All the application and selection process will be online, with individual accesses to the Emma Data Base (EmmaDB, http://math.unice.fr/EMMA/application.html) running at Nice. The final ranking will be done by the Board of Directors, on the basis of the double online rating by the sending and the hosting Organisation Bureaux. Deadline for application: 28th February 2009
  
  - The selection process will end in March 2009 with a list of people that will benefit from one semester, or one, two or three years of study abroad for students, ten months for post-docs, and two months abroad for university staff. Attention will be given to equal opportunity and gender balance.
  
  - Adjusting the demand and supply will help the universities involved on both sides to improve their educational programmes, research activities and international cooperation capacity.
  
  - A first meeting in Dhaka, on 9, 10, and 11 March 2009 of all partner universities will be the occasion to share the principles of the ECTS as a credit accumulation and transfer system and the recognition of study periods abroad. Information will be given on the Tuning project and its equivalents in South Asia.
A second meeting in Nice, on 3 and 4 September 2009 will provide the occasion to discuss how to improve the academic quality through the feedback received from the first beneficiaries and how to develop sustainable exchanges between the partners after the end of the programme.

- **Mobility flow:**

**Number of Individual Mobility Activities foreseen**

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- **Duration:** 45 months

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