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SELECTION OF JOINT EC/US HIGHER EDUCATION CONSORTIA

US Education Secretary Richard W. Riley and Antonio Ruberti, European Commission Vice President responsible for Science, Research and Development and Human Resources, today announced the selection of consortia of higher education institutions that will participate in an exploratory phase of EC/US cooperation activities.

Based on the assessment of independent academic experts and staffs on both sides, 23 proposals have been chosen for support, each involving a cluster of institutions in the EC and in the US. These 'demonstration projects' cover a variety of topics which provide a strong focus of common interest and promise to bring balanced benefits on both sides of the Atlantic.

Topics include: comparative studies of immigration issues, ethnic identities and refugee policies; environmental microbiology; groundwater protection as a global environmental problem; technology and international management; agriculture and agricultural policies in the EC and US; development of a graduate curriculum for the study of higher education; international marketing for SMEs.

The 23 projects will directly involve approximately 200 EC and US higher education institutions and campuses, providing a good regional spread on both sides. The range of activities to be pursued covers:

- organization of student mobility including industrial placements;
- teaching staff mobility;
- joint curriculum development;
- intensive seminars.

Measures to improve mutual recognition of academic credit are high on the agenda of all consortia, with a particular focus on the possible extension of the European Community Course Credit Transfer System (ECTS).

"This program will enhance cultural, political and economic relationships among our nations," said Riley. "Students gain an international perspective - an invaluable asset in today's global workplace."

Ruberti added, "The initiative is a new departure in international academic cooperation. On our side, it will draw on the considerable experience already gained in the Community from a wide variety of programs for cooperation in education and training. This shows that the European Community is not only concerned with the removal of barriers to the free flow of goods, services and capital, but also encourages the cross-border movement of scholars and ideas. We hope this cooperation will prove to be a major milestone in transatlantic relations."

Note to editors: A list of the selected consortia membership is attached.

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EC/US COOPERATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION
Final List of Accepted Projects
Academic Year 1993-94

International Management

EC institutes: I - Universita Commerciale Luigi Bocconi
 F - Ecole des Hautes Etudes Commerciales (HEC), Jouy-en-Josas
 B - Universite Catholique de Louvain
 E - Escuela Superior de Administracion y Direccion de Empresas (ESADE Barcelona)
 D - Universitat zu Kolin
 DK - The Copenhagen Business School
 NL - Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam

US institutes: University of Michigan
 New York University
 University of California at Berkeley

Agriculture and Agricultural Policy in the EC and the USA

EC institutes: I - Universita di Bologna
 F - Universite de Montpellier
 E - Universidad de Madrid
 I - Universita di Modena
 UK - University of Reading

US institutes: University of California at Davis
 University of California at Berkeley

Energy and the Environment

EC institutes: NL - Eindhoven University of Technology
 D - Tech. Hochschule Darmstadt
 IRL - University of Limerick

US institutes: Worcester Polytechnic Institute
 Howard University
 ECSEL Coalition

Chemistry; Biology, Biochemistry

EC institutes: UK - University of East Anglia
 I - Universita degli studi di Parma
 D - Universitat Stuttgart
 E - Universidad Autonoma de Madrid

US institutes: University of Missouri, Columbia/Kansas City/Rolla/St. Louis

International Business Studies

EC institutes: UK - University of Central England in Birmingham
 F - Universite d'Auvergne
 NL - Noordelijke Hogeschool Leeuwarden

US institutes: Black Hawk College
 Western Illinois Education Consortium
 University of Oklahoma

International Business Studies

EC institutes: F - Universite Jean Moulin, Lyon III
G - Universite d'Athenes
DK - Copenhagen Business School
IRL - Dublin City University Business School
E - Universidad de Granada
P - Instituto Superior de Ciencias do Trabalho e da Empresa
I - Universita degli studi di Torino
D - Universitat Trier

US institutes: Boston University
University of Georgia

International Relations at Home and Abroad

EC institutes: F - Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris
D - Eberhard-Karls Universitat, Tubigen

US institutes: Brown University
University of Minnesota

Environmental Microbiology

EC institutes: UK - University of Aberdeen
IRL - University College Cork
I - Universita degli studi di Udine
G - Aristotelian University of Thessaloniki
NL - Agricultural University Wageningen
NL - Institute for Soil Fertility Research Wageningen

US institutes: Michigan State University
University of North Carolina at Charlotte

History of the Atlantic World in the Age of Expansion

EC institutes: UK - University of Leicester
NL - Rijksuniversiteit Leiden
B - Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
B - Universiteit Gent
E - Universidad de Cantabria
P - Universidade Nova de Lisboa
F - Universite de Strasbourg II

US institutes: University of William & Mary, Williamsburg
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Consumer Attitudes to Environmental Issues

EC institutes: D - Universitat Potsdam
NL - Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

US institutes: Indiana University

International Business Studies

EC institutes: D - Universitat Gesamthochschule Kassel
E - Universidad de Alcala de Henares

US institutes: University of Maryland
Washington University

Curriculum for the Study of Higher Education

EC institutes: NL - University of Twente
UK - Open University

US institutes: Pennsylvania State University
The University of North Carolina

Natural Sciences and Mathematics

EC institutes: G - University of Crete
B - Universite Libre de Bruxelles
DK - Danmarks Tekniske Højskole
F - Universite Paris VI
F - Universite Toulouse III
G - Panepistimio Patras
I - Universita di Pisa
NL - Universiteit van Amsterdam
F - Universite de Bourgogne
B - Limburgs University Centrum
G - FORTH
D - European Molecular Biology Laboratory

US institutes: Iowa State University
Rutgers University
University of Texas at Austin
Harvard University
New York University
Courant Institute of Mathematical Science

Technology and Intercultural Management

EC institutes: F - ESC de Grenoble
UK - Henley Management College
NL - University of Twente - School of Management

US institutes: Georgia Institute of Technology
State University of New York at Buffalo

Chemistry

EC institutes: UK - University of Derby
D - Universitat Osnabrück
E - Universidad del País Vasco

US institutes: The City University of New York-Lehman College
Including other CUNY campuses

Immigration Issues, Refugees Policies and Ethnic Identities

EC institutes: NL - Universiteit van Amsterdam
D - Rheinische Friedrich Wilhelms Universität
UK - University College London
E - Universidad Autónoma de Madrid

US institutes: University of Minnesota (Twin Cities)
University of Colorado, Boulder

Environmental Science and Engineering

EC institutes: NL - Rijks Agrarische Hogeschool te Leeuwarden
D - Fachhochschule Wilhelmshaven

US institutes: Rice University
Texas Technical University
University of Illinois

EC/US Relations and European Integration

EC institutes: NL - Universiteit van Amsterdam
UK - University of Sussex
D - Georg-August-Universitat Gottingen
E - Universidad Complutense de Madrid
F - Universite Pierre Mendes France, Grenoble

US institutes: Univ. of California: Berkeley/Davis/Irvine/Los Angeles/Riverside/San Diego/Santa Cruz/Santa Barbara

Economics and Business Studies

EC institutes: E - Universidad de Valladolid
UK - Liverpool John Moores University
P - Universidades Tecnica de Lisboa
F - Universite de Reims Champagne
UK - Glasgow Caledonian University
B - FUCAM, Mons
UK - University of Ulster at Coleraine
B - Universite de Liege
UK - Kingston University
F - Universite de Lille I

US institutes: California State University-Sacramento
Iowa State University
Georgia College
San Diego State University

Natural Sciences: using ECTS to improve EC/US academic recognition

EC institutes: UK - University of Strathclyde
B - Universite de Liege
D - Friedrich Schiller Universitat Jena
E - Universidad del Pais Vasco
F - Universite Joseph Fourier de Grenoble
G - University of Ioannina
IRL - Trinity College, Dublin
I - Universita degli studi di Pavia
NL - Universiteit van Amsterdam
P - Universidade de Aveiro
UK - University of Lancaster
DK - Aarhus Universitet

US institutes: University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
University of Texas at Austin
Purdue University
University of Colorado at Boulder
Franklin and Marshall College, Pennsylvania
Michigan State University
Texas A & M University

International Marketing and SMEs

EC institutes: UK - University of Teeside
 F - ESC de Saint-Etienne
 NL - Haagse Hogeschool
 E - Universidad Politecnica de Valencia

US institutes: University of Central Arkansas
 Texas Technical University

EC/US Studies

EC institutes: NL - Universiteit Utrecht
 DK - Aarhus Universitet
 B - Universitaire Instelling Antwerpen
 D - Ruhruniversitat Bochum
 I - Universita degli studi di Bologna
 P - Universidade de Coimbra
 IRL - University College Cork
 UK - The University of Hull
 D - Universitat Leipzig
 F - Universite des Sciences et Technologies de Lille
 E - Universidad Complutense de Madrid
 F - Universite Louis Pasteur/Strasbourg I
 F - Universite des Sciences Humaines/Strasbourg II
 F - Universite Robert Schumann/Strasbourg III
 G - Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
 NL - Hogeschool voor de Kunsten/Utrecht

US institutes: Southern Illinois University at Carbondale
 University of Kansas
 Kansas State University
 University of Oklahoma
 Oklahoma State University
 Iowa State University
 University of Missouri - St. Louis
 University of Nebraska - Lincoln
 University of Nebraska - Omaha
 University of Florida
 Purdue University

Groundwater Protection

EC institutes: DK - Danmarks Tekniske Højskole
 NL - Universiteit Utrecht
 E - Universidad de Granada
 NL - International Institute for Aerospace Survey and Earth Sciences, Enschede

US institutes: Northern Illinois University
 University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana