Best Practices in University Development through International Cooperation

February 2-4, 2010
Hotel Elizabeth
No. 1 J. Felipe St. cor. Gibraltar Rd., Baguio City, Philippines

RATIONALE:

Saint Louis University and Benguet State University are organizing an international conference to cap 10 years of fruitful partnership under the Vlaamse Interuniversitaire Raad (Flemish Interuniversity Council)-Philippines Institutional University Cooperation Program. The collaboration between SLU and BSU is the only one of its kind among all the Flemish IUC programs, in that it involves two universities in a single partnership. Despite the differences in structure and development objectives, SLU and BSU worked successfully together in various projects covering Institutional Management, ICT, Library Services, Socio-Economics, and Health and Environment. Thus in this conference, the VLIR, SLU and BSU aim to share best practices in university development cooperation based on the PIUC experience which could serve as a model for other institutions. This will also bring views from all over the globe on the opportunities and challenges of international university development cooperation.

TARGET PARTICIPANTS:
The expected participants are individuals who have actual experiences and useful insights in university development cooperation programmes in their capacity either as university officials and programme or project managers, leaders, coordinators, implementers, and government officials, or donors. The international conference is also open to other interested participants.

OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES:
The conference attempts to gather individuals and institutions involved in international collaborations in higher educational institutions worldwide in order to:

- exchange experiences in the field of developing higher education through collaboration;
- present models and case studies in international university collaboration; and
- share the challenges and opportunities encountered in university development cooperation.

The following issues will be discussed during the conference:

- Models of University Development Cooperation
- University Development Cooperation from an Intercultural Perspective
- Strategic Considerations and Opportunities in University Development Cooperation

The outcome will be posted on the conference website and published in the conference souvenir programme. Further details on registration and other information are posted on the conference website http://www.uidc_conference.slu.edu.ph

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3:20-5:00 pm Plenary Session 2: (Santorini A Ballroom)

UNIVERSITY DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION FROM AN INTERCULTURAL PERSPECTIVE

Plenary Speakers

PROF. DR. SEPP DECKERS
Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium

“Lessons learnt from 15 years North-South collaboration in the dry lands of Ethiopia: Case of sharing minds - changing lives on managing soil, water and biodiversity”

PROF. DR. DIDAS KIMARO
Sokoine University of Agriculture, Tanzania

“Promoting sustainable integrated natural resource management through effective governance and farmer-market linkages in the highlands of East Africa”

Day 3: February 4, 2010

9:00-10:15 am Plenary Session 3: (Santorini A Ballroom)

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS & OPPORTUNITIES IN UNIVERSITY DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

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10:30-12:30 am  Breakout Sessions:  BEST PRACTICES and EXPERIENCES in DEVELOPMENT of UNIVERSITIES through INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

Group 1:  ICT and Library Cooperation  (Santorini A Ballroom)
Chair:  PROF. DR. TOM DHAENE  Ghent University, Belgium

Group 2:  Research and Service to Society  (Santorini B Ballroom)
Chair:  PROF. DR. JACQUES VIAENE  Ghent University, Belgium

Group 3:  Issues in International Education  (Veranda)
Chair:  PROF. DR. GERRIT JANSENS  University of Hasselt, Belgium

12:30-1:30 pm  Lunch Break  (Cafeteria)
1:30-2:30 pm  Synthesis  (Santorini A Ballroom)
Moderator:  DR. NOEL DE LEON  Vice President for Academic Affairs, SLU

2:30-3:30 pm  Special Roundtable and Panel Discussion on the VALUE OF LOCAL PUBLICATIONS  (Santorini A Ballroom)

Panelists:  DR. LAWRENCE LIAO  Hiroshima University, Japan
DR. ARMANDO CRISOSTOMO  University of the Philippines Manila - Philippine General Hospital
PROF. DR. DIRK DE WAELE  Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium
DR. NOEL PABALAN  Mt. Sinai Hospital, Canada

Moderator:  PROF. DR. RAF DEKEYSER  Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium

3:30-3:45 pm  Coffee Break  (Cafeteria)
3:45-5:00 pm  Open Forum on Roundtable Discussion  (Santorini A Ballroom)
5:00-5:30 pm  Closing Program

Impressions  Asian Representative
European Representative

Closing  DR. ROGELIO COLTING  President, Benguet State University

6:30-9:00 pm  Dinner & Cultural Show  (Santorini A Ballroom)

Registration Fees:  inclusive of conference kits and meals

Regular Rate:  PhP5,000 (local participants)
US$300 (international participants)

Early Bird Rate:  (until Jan. 15, 2010 only)
PhP4,500 (local participants)
US$270 (international participants)

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US$240 (international participants)

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