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NEWSLETTER

Dear colleagues & friends,

It is our pleasure to inform you about further developments of interdiac in new newsletter format ! Specifically, we would like to draw your attention to a short name of the academy (interdiac) and to the interdiac logo. We are happy to have this public relations tool that will appear in all our public relations materials and documents. In this newsletter we want to introduce you the activities that we organised since October 2008 and the activities that are planned till the end of 2008. We invite you to enjoy the visual design and reading the newsletter!

Training of Trainers 27th—30th October 2008

We successfully completed Training of Trainers for the pilot module “Social Inclusion and Participation”. The training was attended by the representatives of diaconia institutions from Slovakia, Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary, Ukraine, Serbia and a university representative from Romania. The training was launched with the introduction and team building activities. Working session on “Discovering interdiac” aimed at finding the appropriate solutions to the questions hidden in envelopes. Different non-formal learning tools were available in order to complete the task. The participants very much enjoyed this way of learning, that was chosen instead of the usual up front presentation.

Interdiac vocabulary with specific expressions on our learning approach was introduced and discussed. Being familiar with the common language is an important starting point for working out the study units of the pilot module “Social Inclusion and Participation”. The second working day was devoted to the work on study units that had been discussed in outline in the previous workshops. Three study units were prepared taking into account the Diak criteria.

We would like to inform you about

- **Training of trainers**
- **Executive Board meeting**
- **Public Relations Activities**
- **Prepared activities and meetings till the end of 2008**

During the third day the participants worked on different elements of study plan, firstly the contact teaching days and secondly the “in-between” periods. The student's tasks were also worked out (e.g. assignments, placement, etc.) Following the study plan, the participants elaborated the different roles in the programme. For the next training of trainers we will define the professional profile needed for each role. Then, using this, the already available human resources in the “resource bank” will be invited to join our next sessions to prepare the delivery of the pilot module.

The last day of Training started with defining the profile and requirements of interdiac student participants in the pilot module. The action plan for the preparation and delivery of the pilot module was also elaborated. All the participants felt a strong commitment to follow future events.

We all are exciting to welcome the first interdiac students in September 2009 !

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Public Relations

interdiac has its own e-mail address. Please, send your e-mails to
office@interdiac.eu

In the next days we will publish all the relevant information about interdiac on our web site. We will keep you informed about the date of access to the web site.

An information leaflet introducing interdiac is in preparation. Please contact the office if would like to receive copies.

Executive Board meeting, 31st October 2008

The Executive Board members of interdiac met on line on Friday, 31st October 2008. The outcomes of the Honorary Council and Training of Trainers were highlighted in order to ensure further activities on programme and infrastructure development. The working version of Memorandum of Understanding and Criteria for the membership in Honorary Council of interdiac will be agreed at the latest in the middle of November and published on the interdiac web side. The information on the process of interdiac registration at the regional court were provided by Jana Adameova. The registration is still underway. The first proposal of for the interdiac statute was introduced and the Board's comments will be discussed with the lawyer. It is expected that the final version will be worked out before the next Executive Board meeting in December 2008.

We would like to say THANK YOU very much to all of you who put efforts to interdiac activities so far and looking forward to further common discussions and personal meetings.

Your comments and ideas for the initiative are more than welcome !

If you are interested in cooperation with interdiac, please, do not hesitate to contact interdiac office.

Planned activities

- **Next Executive Board meeting will be held on—line on 16th December 2008.**
- **Interdiac website will be published by the middle of November 2008.**
- **Information leaflet on interdiac will be produced and distributed by the end of this year.**

The Executive Board asked Jana Adameova to elaborate the Work Plan, Budget and Human Resource Plan for the year 2009.

The accreditation issue in the Czech and wider international context was discussed. Diak has agreed that the pilot module can be accredited and included in the autumn 2009 study programme of the Diak Open University. To proceed with the accreditation in national context, meetings with the representative of Accreditation committee and university representatives will be arranged.

The infrastructure development in future perspective was analysed and potential financial resources for the needed investment will be searched for. Meanwhile the Interdiac library will be equipped with furniture by the end of year at the latest.

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