COPERNICUS Annual Meeting

November 25th 2011, Kerkrade

COPERNICUS Alliance Activity Report

November 24th 2011, Kerkrade
Maik Adomssent & Clemens Mader
Currently: 19 Members

- University of Graz; Austria
- University of Music and Performing Arts Graz; Austria
- University of Technology Graz; Austria
- WU Vienna University of Economics and Business; Austria
- Aalborg University; Denmark
- Leuphana University Lüneburg; Germany
- University of Bremen; Germany
- Open Universiteit in the Netherlands; The Netherlands
- London South Bank University; UK
- University of Gloucestershire; UK
- Medical University Graz; Austria
- Modul University Vienna; Austria
- University Innsbruck; Austria
- University of Eastern Finland; Finland
- Universitat Rovira i Virgili; Spain
- Bern University of Applied Sciences; Switzerland
- University of Teacher Education St.Gallen (PHSG); Switzerland
- Zurich University of Teacher Education (PH Zurich); Switzerland
- Schumacher Institute for Sustainable Systems; UK

Working Groups

- Implementation of Sustainability in Universities (Clemens Mader)
- Innovative Teaching & Learning (David Clemson)
- European Interdisciplinary Research on Sustainability (Jenneth Parker)
- Policy Lobbying (Maik Adomssent)
- COPERNICUS Alliance Management (Board)
- Student Involvement
- Outreach
Activities 2010/11

Events:
- COPERNICUS Alliance Kick-off Meeting
  July 2nd-3rd 2010, Graz
- 3-LENSUS Conference
  November 1st-3rd 2010, Thessaloniki
- “5th International Barcelona Conference on Higher Education”
  November 23rd-25th 2010, Barcelona
- “World Sustainable Development Teach-In Day”
  December 3rd 2010, virtual
- “PRISM Postgraduate Researchers Interested in Sustainability Matters Conference”
  May 19th-20th 2011
- COPERNICUS Alliance working group meeting “European Interdisciplinary Research on Sustainability”
  June 10th 2011, Bristol
- “4th International Conference on Higher Education for Sustainable Development”
  September 14th-16th 2011, Lüneburg
- Workshop on University Appraisal and Assessment for Sustainable Development
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Other:
- Good Practice Database (3-LENSUS)
- COPERNICUS Alliance Email-Newsletter
- elgg Communication Platform

- Publications
  - GUNI World Report on Higher Education 2011
  - ESD Journal – 2011/5/1, Launching the COPERNICUS Alliance

- Applications
  - ERASMUS Multilateral Project: European Quality Framework on Higher Education for Sustainable Development
Thank you for your attention!

COPERNICUS Communication Platform “elgg”

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Mario Diethart, University of Graz
Communication...

- 19 member institutions
- 7 Working Groups

www.copernicus-alliance.org
elgg

- Open Source Social Networking Software
- Website
- Flexible
- Private/Public
- Interactive
- Social
Next steps

Launch of [www.copernicus-alliance.org](http://www.copernicus-alliance.org)

- Files (Minutes, Working Groups, Sustainability Reports)
- Pictures
- News

New here?

Step 1: Register and log in to discover the benefits of this platform
Step 2: Set up your profile and upload your profile icon (‘My profile’)
Step 3: Check out what’s happening (‘Latest activity’)
Step 4: Join a working group and become active
Step 5: Set your preferred option for email notifications (‘Settings’)

Thank you for your attention!
2012-13 Strategic Programme

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Daniella Tilbury & Clemens Mader

Overview

- Status Quo
- Strategic Pathways
- Priority Actions for 2012 & 2013
- Feedback and Questions
The Status Quo

Strengths
- COPERNICUS Alliance has long history and good reputation
- Defined management structures
- Established Working Groups
- Functioning communication platform
- A committed and passionate membership

Challenges
- Financial stability
- Benefits to members are not always clearly communicated.
- Lack of participation in global and inter-regional dialogues
- There are few opportunities for members to engage actively through the network or working groups.

Strategic Pathways for 2012 & 2013

Develop financial stability:
- Increase membership from Southern European countries. DT has access to Spanish, Italian and Portuguese Universities currently engaged in Sustainability and ESD. Also reach out to Scandinavian countries
- Review membership fees so that signing up to the Alliance becomes more attractive to potential members
- Better articulate the benefits of becoming a member

Develop a more engaged membership:
- Create a portfolio of activities which will: i) respond to members specific needs; ii) appeal to different interests of the membership; and iii) offer develop a professional development opportunities to members.

Become an opinion leader in the sector
- Improve profile of the network in University circles
- Improve understanding of University leadership on matters of sustainability
- Inform policy and sector dialogues as well as international initiatives (e.g. DESD, Rio Plus 20)
- Form alliances with AASHE, ACTS and GUNI
Priority Actions for 2012 & 2013

- **Revise membership fee** and define membership benefits more clearly

- **Rio +20**
  - Hold a RIO plus 20 joint **side event** with AASHE, ACTS, GUNI
  - Develop a **publication** which showcases the efforts of all its current members. The intention is to have this ready for distribution at Rio plus 20
  - Continue to **engage** with the UBUNTU Alliance and take advice of the UNESCO Chairs who are members of CA.

- Hold an **annual seminar** to support the professional development needs of members.

- Hold **face to face meetings** at conferences where members are likely to gather during the course of the year.

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Priority Actions for 2012 & 2013

- **Provide opportunities** for members to engage with the Sustainable Futures Leadership Academy for Higher Education Programme.

- **Apply for European Funding** grants to support the working group activities and encourage exchange visits amongst members

- **Strengthen the COPERNICUS Charta 2.0**

- **Support research students** in this area (bringing together PRISM, PhD academies) and providing a platform for student organisations

- **Provide regular communication** about new initiatives and opportunities via quarterly newsletter as well as a **defined officer** to support members needs.
Programme (ideas) for 2012

- January 2012
  - Office movement
- February 2012
  - ESD Leadership Academy – Salzburg, Austria
  - RCE & COPERNICUS Seminar – Prague, Czech Republic
  - Sustainability Summit – Lüneburg, Germany
    • CA Scientific Board Meeting
- May 2012
  - Side Event @ Rio+20 Summit, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- July 2012
  - Sustainable Futures Academy for Higher Education
- Dates & Place tba
  - Annual Meeting
  - CA session @ Global RCE Conference
  - CA session @ European RCE Meeting
  - Young Scientists Seminar on ESD research
  - Professional training on ESD seminar

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