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Editor's Desk



As we come to the end of what has been an eventful year, it is my pleasure to present the third and final edition of ANIE News this year. We set out to produce three editions of this newsletter in a year and we are glad to have lived up to our expectations and hopefully to the expectations of our members and partners. We thank all of you for your contributions and support in making our newsletter project a reality.

This year has had several highlights including the completion of our AAU/DFID funded MRCI research project, the growing interest in the ANIE portal and development of AFIRE (<http://www.anienetwork.org/content/about-afire>), additional support and good will partners and members especially from the Association for the Development of Education in Africa (ADEA), opportunities for ANIE to participate in various fora key to African higher education such as the COMEDAF, COREVIP, and most recently the joint ANIE/BC/NUC Conference in

Abuja. All the above would not have been possible without the support of our partners the AAU, ADEA, British Council and NUC and we sincerely thank them for this.

In this edition of the newsletter you will read about most of our activities for the last part of the year including the Abuja conference, the completion of the MRCI project, the Moi University-ISAS review project among other interesting articles. I hope you will enjoy your reading and I wish you a happy festive season.

Linda Lumbasi- Editor

About ANIE

The African Network for Internationalization of Education (ANIE) is an independent, non-profit making, non-governmental African network committed to the advancement of high quality research, capacity building and advocacy on internationalization of higher education with prime focus on Africa. ANIE is a membership based organization serving its members, their institutions and organizations, and others engaged in understanding internationalization. The network aims to be the leading organization in enhancing the understanding and development of the international dimension of higher education in Africa by expanding both knowledge and building, strengthening and sustaining a cohort of competent professionals in this field. ANIE is an autonomous institution whose secretariat has been set up at Moi University, Eldoret, Kenya.

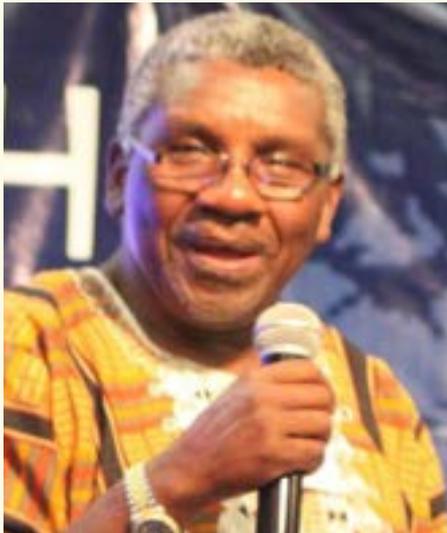
ANIE Mission

To develop and strengthen capacity for research, advocacy and professional development in the international dimension of higher education to meet the needs of individuals, institutions and organizations in Africa.

ANIE Vision

To be the leading organization in internationalization of higher education in Africa.

Message from ANIE Chair



The approaching end of year means a lot to us as ANIE family. It is fittingly a time for looking back and also a time to look forward. In looking back at 2011, we see both the achievements and challenges we had but we recognize with appreciation the support we received in many ways from our individual members, affiliate members, partners, experts and friends from other organizations that collaborate with us in different ways. Notable in our activities for this year was the joint ANIE/BC/NUC policy dialogue on internationalization of Higher Education in Africa that was held in Abuja, Nigeria. Over 130 delegates participated and we are most grateful for their contributions, suggestions and feedback on our activities.

We take pride in the successes that we have realized so far. Our projects mainly supported by AAU through the MRCI Project and by ADEA have progressed well and gave us commendable outcomes. As a membership organization, we recognize our members and fully realize that without their active participation and encouragement we cannot achieve our objectives. Through their support and that from other

partners, we have been able to cover some ground this year and also participated in various international fora on internationalization which has enhanced our publicity.

Notwithstanding these achievements, there are still a lot more strategic activities to be undertaken in the years ahead which will also include incorporating the lessons we learnt in the past year. I wish to sincerely thank the secretariat for being steadfast in their pursuit of success for ANIE. To our members and partners celebrating Christmas may I on behalf of ANIE and its Board members wish you and your loved ones a joyous and blessed festive season and a prosperous 2012.

Prof. Chacha Nyaigotti-Chacha

Message from ANIE Executive Director



Welcome to our 3rd Newsletter. By the end of this year, we will be three years up the scales, since ANIE was established. It is gratifying to see that we have kept the motion. The past has been quite eventful but not without hurdles. The future looks promising but there is quite much to be done to reach that promise. In 2011, we mainly tried to consolidate the organization by refocusing our activities and continuing with the publicity efforts to reach out to many more. I am happy that this year we registered 45 new members. We warmly welcome them to the growing ANIE family. In research, which is one of our key focus areas, we managed to successfully complete the 11 research projects under the MRCI project. This is an important outcome for us. We are currently discussing possibilities of publishing them in a book. We also successfully completed the implementation of the MRCI project. I take this opportunity to once again thank AAU for this support. At the same time, we completed the first phase of the ADEA supported project and we will soon embark on the second phase.

In 2011, our annual conference took an eventful twist. It was held jointly with British Council and National Universities Commission (Nigeria) and this partnership made it quite rewarding. During the year, we also participated in a number of activities on internationalization across the world. The gains have been important for our publicity and future progress. We are now in the final stages of planning our activities for 2012. These will include, among others, our 4th Conference to be held at the University of Pretoria, South Africa and a workshop for directors of international offices in African universities. We look forward to your participation and support in these events. I would like to urge members to initiate and also participate in the activities of the organization.

Finally, I would like to thank our partners especially the Association of African Universities (AAU), ADEA, British Council, National Universities Commission (Nigeria), the International Association of Universities (IAU), IUCEA, the European Association for International Education (EAIE) and Moi University for the support they have continually accorded us. My special thanks to the ANIE Board for their guidance and support. Lastly, I am indebted to my colleagues at the secretariat who have worked tirelessly to enable us have a successful year.

James Otieno Jowi

ANIE successfully completes inaugural Research Project



Research is one of the main activity areas of ANIE. The creation of ANIE was in part pegged on the fact that there wasn't much empirical research on internationalization emanating from Africa. ANIE embarked on this agenda from the onset. With a grant from the AAU under the Mobilizing Regional Capacities Initiative (MRCI) Project, ANIE supported eleven researches on internationalization with a focus on the role of the international dimension of higher education in the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Since one other aim of ANIE is to contribute to the development of a new generation of young researchers on internationalization, the funding was focused on young African scholars.

After their selection, the young scholars from seven African countries were taken through an orientation workshop in Kampala, Uganda in November 2011. They have gone through their researches successfully and submitted their outcomes to ANIE. All through the research process they worked very closely with Dr. Jane Knight of Ontario Institute of Studies in Education (OISE) and Prof. Chika Sehoole of University of Pretoria who guided them at different stages of the research. Their selfless contribution to the research project is inestimably appreciated.

While handing over the research outcomes to ANIE,

the supervisors appreciated the commitment and input by the young scholars that enabled them produce informative and revealing outcomes on internationalization in Africa backed with empirical analyses. For example, the research paper by Obamba and others looks into how university partnerships can address the MDGs and goes further to analyze some cases. Amutuhaire and Bekele utilized the case of Makerere University, Uganda and Gondar University in Ethiopia to demonstrate how internationalization opportunities can help in HIV/AIDS interventions. A comparative study by Kwaramba, Mukanjiri and Ms Badoo utilize evidence from South Africa and Ghana to discuss the role of internationalization in gender equality and women empowerment. This is closely related to the study by Amunga and Ojuku which focuses on Kenya and Cameroon. The other studies are equally revealing.

As a requirement of the project, these reports have been submitted to the AAU. However, ANIE is looking into ways of disseminating these research outputs further. Some policy briefs to IAU have also been made based on the project. In the ANIE session during the 3rd Conference in Abuja, participants were of the view that ANIE looks for ways of publishing these articles into a book. Any partners willing to work with us on this would be welcome.

ANIE at MRCI Workshop in Accra, Ghana

ANIE was one of the participants in the MRCI Projects meeting held in Accra, Ghana from 6th to 7th October 2011. The Mobilizing Regional Capacity Initiative (MRCI) is funded by the Department for International Development (DFID) of the United Kingdom through the Association of African Universities (AAU).

The project which commenced in 2007 aims to build regional capacity to support African higher education institutions in promoting sustainable development, meeting the Millennium Development Goals (MDGS) and poverty eradication in the continent.

The two day workshop provided a context for presentation of progress within the different projects and at the same time gave an opportunity for project leaders to share experiences. It also discussed project results, novel outcomes and some challenges experienced in the implementation of the projects. The participants also got training on how to write policy briefs which was a requirement for all the projects.

Within this program, ANIE implemented a project on Developing a Framework for Sharing of R & D resources on Internationalization of Higher Education in Africa. The project had four main components with the main goal of looking into how internationalization of higher education in Africa could contribute to the attainment of the MDGs. The expert team commended the implementation of the MRCI project by ANIE and the outcomes that had so far been achieved.



AAU Secretary General, Prof. Olugbemiro Jegede (centre) with participants at the MRCI workshop, Accra, Ghana

British Council and ANIE pay courtesy visit to NUC offices



NUC Deputy Executive Secretary Mr. Agbaoye (Front, 3rd from left), with ANIE, British Council and NUC representatives

While in Nigeria, the conference organizing team from ANIE and British Council paid a courtesy visit to the National Universities Commission (NUC) offices. ANIE was represented by James Jowi (Executive Director) and Linda Lumbasi (Programme Officer for Research). British Council was represented by Marketa Motsi (Higher Education Manager, Sub

Saharan Africa), Pauline Gangla (Programmes & Business Development Manager, Kenya) and Bola Olaoye (Project Manager, Abuja). The team was hosted by the NUC Director for Students Support Services, Uwani Yahya and the Chairperson of the Nigeria Working Group on Internationalization of Education, Prof. Funmi Bickeresteth. They also had a meeting with the Deputy Executive Secretary of the NUC, Mr. A. S. Agbaoye who represented the Executive Secretary, Prof. Julius Okojie.

Mr. Agbaoye welcomed the team to Nigeria and appreciated the work they had done in preparation for the conference. On behalf of NUC, he said that they were

honored to host the conference, were giving it all the necessary support and were sure it would be a great success. He appreciated NUC's ongoing partnerships with the British Council and ANIE and hoped that the conference would be the beginning of many joint initiatives between the three organizations.

Joint ANIE/BC/NUC Conference held in Abuja, Nigeria

The African Network for Internationalization of Education (ANIE) held its third annual conference in Abuja, Nigeria from 25- 26 October 2011. The conference was jointly organized with the British Council and the National Universities Commission-Nigeria. It brought together more than 130 participants from 15 African countries, including 60 African vice-chancellors. The theme of the conference was "Internationalization of Higher Education in Africa: Where to focus funding and create real impact". The aim was to bring together university leaders and policy-makers from Africa to discuss the next steps universities should take to reposition themselves to respond to internationalization. The other main focus was to identify the areas of weaknesses that required support so that African universities could benefit more from internationalization.

is driving far greater mobility of students and staff across the continent, and increased use of information and communication technologies. A strong message from the conference was that universities need to first focus on internationalization within Africa



Participants at the Conference

Among the trends identified were growing collaboration between African universities, which

and then through this develop a common framework for engaging with higher education systems beyond Africa.

In his opening presentation Professor Olugbemiro Jegede, Secretary-General of the Association of African Universities, underscored the realities, opportunities and threats that internationalization poses to Africa. Internationalization was an urgent priority, Jegede said, and urged African universities to strengthen collaboration between each other to develop stronger institutions that can respond to challenges facing the continent. Professor Olusola Oyewole, a senior expert in higher education challenged African universities to become part of the global knowledge society by urgently developing a new generation of well-trained and innovative academics to respond to a chronic brain drain and

to replace ageing pioneer African scholars. Recent developments in ICT in Africa were considered as opportunities that could enhance collaboration between African universities and between them and other universities around the world. Neil Butcher of OER Africa recognized the enormous possibilities ICT offers the higher education sector. African universities were urged to connect to global knowledge networks by strengthening their capacity and enhancing ICT infrastructure.

There was recognition of ongoing intra-Africa internationalization including growing student and staff mobility and research collaborations. Professor Aggrey Abate, vice-chancellor of Juba University in South Sudan, urged African university leaders to strengthen these networks for universities to work with each other to respond to the continent's challenges. Main discussions also focused on the Arusha Convention, the development of the African Union-driven Pan-African University and the Mwalimu Nyerere Scholarship Program.

Participants appreciated ANIEs role in promoting discussions on internationalization in Africa. African universities were encouraged to strategically focus on internationalization activities amongst themselves to develop a common framework for engaging with higher education sectors beyond Africa. They were also encouraged to develop institutional strategies for internationalization and work with regional bodies to develop frameworks for collaborations.



Participants at the Conference

ANIE 4th Conference goes South to Pretoria

After a successful conference in Abuja, Nigeria, ANIEs 4th Annual Conference goes South to Pretoria, South Africa in 2012. The Conference will be hosted by the University of Pretoria. The decision was made during the 3rd ANIE Conference in Abuja, Nigeria. University of Pretoria's Vice Principal for Research and Postgraduate studies, Prof. Stephanie Gail Burton thanked participants for choosing to hold the event at University of Pretoria. She made a brief presentation of the university's facilities and programs. Also present were the University's head for Corporate and International relations, Mr. David Farirai who is also an ANIE Board member, and Prof. Chika Sehoole, Head of Department Education and Policy Studies and also a founding member of ANIE.

In beautiful images, Prof. Burton presented the history of University of Pretoria and some of the attractions the delegates will be interested to visit while there. She thanked ANIE for according them the opportunity to host the conference and assured the delegates of a wonderful event.



Prof. Stephanie Gail Burton speaking at the conference

The conference is scheduled for September 2012 and the precise dates, themes and call for papers will be communicated in due course. We look forward to you joining us in Pretoria.

African Union launches Pan African University

The Pan African University was officially launched on December 14, 2011 in the Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa, headquarters of the African Union, which has been driving the initiative. Mooted in 2005, the Pan-African University is designed to boost education standards, science and technological innovations across Africa to facilitate faster regional integration and development. The event transformed into reality the dream of creating centers of excellence across Africa to conduct research and train the high-level professionals desperately needed for development. The ceremony was chaired by Jean Ping, president of the African Union Commission.

The ambitious reach of the Pan-African University (PAU), which will focus on research and postgraduate training, will be achieved through five regional centers, each specializing in a key field and comprising an academic and administrative core at a host university and networks of academics and students from elsewhere in Africa working in the same areas. In the arrangement, South Africa will host the space science component of the university with oil rich Algeria hosting the college of water and energy sciences. Kenya's Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT) is expected to take in the study of basic sciences, technology and innovation. Nigeria's University of Ibadan will host the college for life and earth sciences. Representing the Central Africa region is the University of Yaoundé in Cameroon that has been offered the school for governance, humanities and social sciences. To ensure

coordination and smooth operation of the different components will be the AU Commission for Human Resources, Science and Technology.

AU chief Jean Ping said that the realization of Pan-African University marked the positive achievement of the union's dream. Core funding for the Pan-African University will be provided by the African Union Commission, and it is expected to earn income from research and tuition fees, as well as voluntary contributions from member states and the private sector. It is also expected that substantial donor funding will be secured to support the university's themes and the training of high-level researchers and professionals. Several donors have expressed a willingness to provide support. Germany is interested in the North African institute for water, energy and climate change, and Japan has announced support for Kenya's work in basic sciences, technology and innovation. India will help to fund Nigeria's institute of life and Earth sciences, and Sweden has said it will assist Cameroon's institute of humanities, social sciences and good governance. It also appears that other donors including the European Union and Belgium are ready to assist. The commission said that these five partners are poised to help finance up to two-thirds of the budget necessary for the first stages operation of the PAU's regional nodes.

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ANIE participates at EAIE Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark



Mr. David Farirai, Mr. James Jowi and Prof. Chacha at the conference

ANIE participated at the EAIE conference in Copenhagen, Denmark from 13-16th September 2011. The conference brought together more than 4200 international higher education professionals from 87 countries to exchange ideas and discover new trends and best practices in international education. The opening session saw HRH Princess Marie of Denmark welcome participants to Denmark and talk about her own internationalization experiences. Keynote speakers Christian Stadil and Stine Bosee captivated participants encouraging them to think on the edge of the box and dismiss stereotypes.

ANIE participates at EAIE Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark ...continued

ANIE was represented by Prof. Chacha Nyaigotti Chacha- ANIE Chairman and James Otieno Jowi –ANIE Executive Director. ANIE hosted a session on Internationalization of higher education in Africa and Europe: What are the common interests and challenges?

Prof. Oyewole introduced the session by presenting on the historical developments and essence of internationalization in Africa, including some of the emerging challenges.

Mr. Jowi followed with a presentation on current trends on internationalization in Africa and the common interests and challenges for Africa and

Europe.

The presentation mainly focused on what Africa wants from internationalization and how collaboration with Europe could support the attainment of this. Elizabeth Colucci of European Universities Association discussed internationalization in Europe and the growing role of European Universities in development cooperation and capacity building partnerships. She underscored the many opportunities for mutual collaborations between Europe and Africa. The session was attended by about 100 participants.

EAIE to collaborate with ANIE

During the last European Association for International Education (EAIE) conference in Copenhagen, Denmark, ANIE was part of the African higher education organizations that held a meeting with the Board of the EAIE. The purpose of the meeting was mainly to discuss ways through which EAIE could work with African higher education organizations. In this meeting,

ANIE was represented by Prof. Chacha Nyaigotti Chacha (ANIE Chair), James Otieno Jowi (Executive Director) and David Farirai (Board Member). The meeting was also attended by Prof. Olugbemirio Jegede (AAU) and Prof. Mayunga Nkunya (IUCEA). ANIE appreciated the support that EAIE has given it over the last three years through Education with Developing Countries (EDC) which has supported the participation of ANIE in the last three EAIE conferences. Gudrun Paulsdottir, President EAIE, reaffirmed growing commitment of EAIE to work with institutions and organizations in Africa. It was also discussed



EAIE President & Board members meeting with ANIE, AAU and IUCEA leaders in Copenhagen

that EAIE and ANIE continue working together on common internationalization activities. Possibilities included participation in ANIE future activities, support with expertise to facilitate workshops and support to main speakers for ANIE conferences. The meeting was also attended by representatives of the EDC group of EAIE. Marit Egner, Chair of the EDC group assured ANIE of closer collaborations even in the future.

Moi University undertakes ISAS review

Moi University, Kenya which is also the seat of ANIE, has been undertaking a self review of its internationalization activities and policies over the past few months. ANIE has been part of this process since inception. This project was supported by the International Association of Universities (IAU) under the framework of their Internationalization Strategy Advisory Services (ISAS) Program.

Over the past six months, there have been a number of activities including selection of expert team, identification of the terms of reference for the exercise and an initial visit by the chair of the expert team. Moi University then carried out a self review which culminated into a report which was sent to the expert team. The Expert team included Dr. Madeleine Green (Senior Fellow, IAU, and former Vice President for International Initiatives, American Council of Education), Prof. Ghoolam Mohammedbhai (Former Secretary General, Association of African Universities), Andree Sursock (Senior Advisor, European University Association and former Deputy Secretary General, European Universities Association) and Ross Hudson (Programme Officer, IAU). The team visited Moi University from 9th-11th

November, 2011. They met and discussed with key stakeholders of the University including the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Richard Mibey, Deputy Vice Chancellors, deans, directors, department heads, members of the International Office Board, student representatives and project coordinators of various international projects.

The team's report acknowledges the key steps that Moi University has made in internationalization, strategic institutional decisions, structures created and how internationalization activities have even gone beyond the university to local communities. While there were areas of success, areas of weakness were also identified for the university to focus on for improvement. This exercise is important for Moi University in its steps to conclude the strategy for internationalization and align it to the overall university strategic plan. ANIE is proud to be part of the project and in future hopes to do this with other African universities.



The ISAS Expert team with ANIE representatives and members of Moi University International Office Board

IAU Conference held in Nairobi



The IAU 2011 International Conference on Strategies for Securing Equity in Access and Success in Higher Education was held in Nairobi from 16th to 18th November 2011. The conference was hosted by Kenyatta University and mainly discussed the extent to which government and institutional policies and programs seek and succeed in responding to the imperative of increasing equitable access and success in higher education. The conference was opened by Dr. Kilemi Mwiria, Assistant Minister for Higher Education, Science & Technology,

Kenya. He challenged African countries to expand quality university education to offer more opportunities for access. In his welcoming address, IAU President, Juan Ramon de la Fuente affirmed that equitable access and success was an important topic in higher education and needed more attention by all stakeholders. In her closing remarks, IAU



IAU Secretary General Eva Egron-Polak speaking at the event

Secretary General Eva Egron-Polak re-emphasized that the world's collective future depended on opening access to quality education to more populations and reducing all forms of exclusion. The Executive Director of ANIE, James Otieno Jowi attended the conference.

Norway restructures Education support for Developing Countries

Norway has developed a new program to support higher education in low and middle income countries (LMICs). The Norwegian Program for Capacity Building in Higher Education (NORHED) is NORAD's (Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation) new program for capacity building in higher education and research in developing countries. The program aims to build higher education and research capacities in low income countries as a means to enhance sustainable conditions for societal development and poverty alleviation. In a meeting with ANIE Director at Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in Higher Education (SIU) offices in Bergen, Norway, Ragnhild Hutchison explained that NORHED builds on and will replace Norway's NUFU and NOMA programs. The program will be based on equal partnerships between universities in developing countries and those in Norway. The program is financed by NORAD and will be administered by SIU. The first call for proposals within this program will be made in March 2012. African universities are urged to apply.

International ad-hoc expert group to rethink internationalization

Internationalization is a term that means different things to different people. IAU has been tracking the evolution and development of the internationalization process over the past decade. Tremendous changes have occurred both in terms of the intensity with which internationalization is pursued by nations and institutions and in the breadth of activities taking place. There have been growing debates on whether there is a common understanding of internationalization, whether the often used definitions do not miss anything and whether it would be worthwhile to pursue a new prescriptive definition and what elements need to be stressed.

In a truly dynamic exchange with many contrasting points of view, a consensus was reached that it was time to re-examine, or rethink the concept of internationalization. Researchers and practitioners have questioned and debated the ways in which internationalization has been misinterpreted and/or compared or contrasted to other processes, most

frequently globalization.

IAU has brought together an international ad-hoc expert group to continue gathering other perspectives and answer these and related questions. Now with over 30 members, with individuals and groups from every region, this group aims to bring together views from all parts of the world in order to: assess the extent to which internationalization activities fit the current conceptual umbrella; critically examine the causes that lead to questioning and even criticism of the concept; and investigate the ways to address these concerns. So far the group has met virtually and begun discussions on these general questions. Africa is represented in this team by Prof. Olugbemiro Jegede, Secretary General AAU, Piyushi Kotecha of SARUA and James Otieno Jowi of ANIE.



ANIE joins EM-iDEA project

ANIE is part of an Erasmus Mundus project christened iDEA Project i.e. Disseminate Exchange and Act. This is within Action 3 of Erasmus Mundus. ANIE will play an important role in the project component on External Cooperation. This will be mainly to do publicity and bring ideas and experiences of African institutions to the project. Mr. James Otieno Jowi represented ANIE in the first meeting of the project which took place at Ghent University, Belgium on 23rd November 2011. The project mainly brings together coordinators of Erasmus Mundus projects to share experiences within their projects and create possibilities for new collaborations. The workshop was opened by the Rector of University of Ghent Dr. Paul Van Cauwenbergher who welcomed participants to the workshop emphasizing that this was a novel opportunity for

sharing experiences, discussing the attractiveness of Europe's higher education and how it could contribute to the development of higher education in third world countries. Prof. Boaz Erez of Bordeaux University, France is the coordinator of the project. He underscored the role of the project in bringing together the Erasmus community which presented even more possibilities. There were presentations of different projects and insightful discussion sessions. Most projects decried the low number of African applicants for the scholarships. During the workshop, Mr. Jowi presented a paper on how Africa perceived the Erasmus Mundus program. This project, which ends in 2014, also gives more publicity for ANIE in the participating institutions.



Insights from EAIE

By Alva Bruun

The fact that the EAIE conference in Copenhagen 2011 catered, in various ways, for the professional needs of more than 4000 participants is strong evidence of the great expertise involved. As the association has been growing, also the number of Professional Sections and Special Interest Groups has increased. For those new to the EAIE, these groups

and their way of operating might at first seem somewhat unclear. After having followed the activities of many professional sections earlier years and now having taken part of the work of the EDC board in Copenhagen I will, however, be quick to say that the professional sections are the very engine of the association, an internal quality assurance mechanism if you will.

Insights from EAIE ...continued

The board's work speaks volumes of the working culture of the EAIE - a passionate, yet humble and welcoming atmosphere where there's plenty room for discussion and critical thought.

EDC stands for Educational Cooperation with Developing Countries. Its agenda invites its members to Engage, Discuss and Criticize on themes often linked to sustainable development or the millennium development goals. These topics in particular often require a broad perspective; considering historical and political development. As the name implies, many of EDC's topics are about collaboration between Higher Education Institutions in Europe and in developing countries, in view of increasing the quality and capacity to provide education in developing countries, and fostering mutual exchange of ideas, experiences, students, teachers and staff between European HEIs and those in developing countries.

I dare to suggest that EDC's importance and role has grown the last few years, proven by the growing number of sessions and workshops in this field. No one will anymore argue that the global development and events wouldn't affect Europe just as much as the events within Europe. Education and knowledge, if anything, is global business. But the crucial aspect often brought forward as the key to successful development cooperation is the ownership of "the South"; the southern higher education institutions and partners; the people from and in the south. Hence, a major task of this professional section is to give a voice the south. EDC has grasped this challenge, in trying to enable a bigger number of southern participants into sessions, workshops and events especially during the yearly conference. Fortunately the section now has more directly allocated funds for this purpose.

Although the number of participants from developing countries was relatively low in Copenhagen, many were in my view able to speak from the hearts of their respective continents, enriching the conversation in many ways. A challenge for next year, again, will be to bring forward input, questions or criticism from the southern participants. They are the essence of EDC's activities, without whom it's not fruitful to discuss issues concerning the "rest of the world". But apart from engaging more of these Southern participants, it might be the time for Europeans, if resources allow, to increasingly take part and be active in events like the EAIE yearly conference outside Europe.

ANIE, the African Network for International Education, organized the third yearly conference in Nigeria in October this year with a total of six European participants, a slight increase from earlier years. Despite efforts, the network has experienced a major challenge in attracting Europeans to their conferences and events in Africa.

When speaking about internationalization, the need for global representation is intercontinental so to speak, and requires, perhaps, more effort and attention. And inevitably the question arises: might there one day (when most major European cities proudly have acted host) be a possibility to organize the EAIE conference in the South, simply to step outside Europe and approach issues relevant to not only EDC but all the professional sections of the EAIE from a truly global perspective? Perhaps this could spice up the dialogue, networking and cooperation; in best of cases make it possible to rethink and – where need be – to remake various tools in internationalization of higher education in Europe.

ANIE member awarded Fulbright Scholarship



Dr. Laban Ayiro has been awarded the Senior Fulbright Fellowship for teaching and Research at Texas A&M University for one year. His area of research is "Leadership, Emotional Intelligence and School Turnarounds in Kenya". He is also working on the book "Quantitative, Qualitative and Mixed Methods in Educational Research: A Functional Approach". Before his award, Dr. Ayiro was a Senior Lecturer in the department of Educational Management and Policy Studies of Moi University. ANIE joins other scholars and friends in congratulating Dr. Ayiro for winning this auspicious scholarship award and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

Our membership has continued to grow. In 2011, we registered 45 additional members as listed below. We hope that in the coming years the membership will continue to grow. As we continually strive to be relevant to our members, we urge them to participate in initiation and implementation of activities of the network.

	MEMBER	INSTITUTION	COUNTRY
1	Bekele Workie Ayele	Addis Ababa University	Ethiopia
2	Joshua Amunga Esuchi	Bielefeld University	Germany
3	Foster Ofosu	World Wide Education	Ghana
4	Christiana Ago Badoo	Ghana	Ghana
5	Prof. Duwiejua Mahama	National Council for Tertiary Education	Ghana
6	Araba Botchway	Association of African Universities	Ghana
7	Odhiambo Clarie	South Nyanza Sugar Company	Kenya
8	Dr. Laban Ayiro	Moi University	Kenya
9	Dr. Lydia C. Kipkoech	Moi University	Kenya
10	Andrew Rasugu Riechi	Kenyatta University	Kenya
11	Laura Lalampaa	Methodist University	Kenya
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Partners' Upcoming events for 2012

January 20, 2012

What's New in Brussels? Recent developments in European policies and programmes. Brussels, Belgium

<http://www.aca-secretariat.be/index.php?id=549>

February 12-17, 2012

ADEA Triennale 2012. Theme: Towards education and training systems at the service of Africa's sustainable development. Ougadougou, Burkina Faso.

<http://www.adeanet.org>

February 20-22, 2012

AIEA 2012 Conference. Theme: Building a Secure World through International Education. JW Marriott, Washington DC

<http://www.aieaworld.org>

March 13-15, 2012

Going Global 2012. Theme: Changing Education for a Changing World. The Queen Elizabeth II Conference Center, London, UK

<http://ihe.britishcouncil.org/going-global>

May 27-June 1, 2012

NAFSA 2012 Annual Conference and Expo. Theme: Comprehensive Internationalization: Vision and Practice. Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau, Houston, Texas, USA

www.nafsa.org

July 10-12, 2012

56th World Assembly of the International Council on Education (ICET). Theme: The Changing Global Perspectives on Teacher Education and Leadership Development. University of Cape Coast, Ghana

<http://events.aau.org/introduction.php?id=35&/lang=en>

August 29 - September 1, 2012

16th Annual International Education Association of South Africa (IEASA) Conference 2012. Theme: Promoting Higher Education Internationalization through International Research Collaborations, Partnerships and Innovative Teaching. University of Capetown (UCT), South Africa

www.ieasa2012.cmc.uct.co.za

September 11-14, 2012

24th Annual EAIE Conference. Theme: Rethinking Education, Reshaping Economies. Convention Centre Dublin (CCD), Ireland

<http://www.eaie.org/dublin/>

November 13-16, 2012

14th IAU General Conference. Theme: Higher Education and the Global Agenda: Alternative Paths to the Future. Inter-American University of Puerto Rico San Juan, Puerto Rico

<http://www.iau-aiu.net/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=45>



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