

NOVA/BOVA Seminar
“Development and Planning of Joint International Intensive Courses on Master level”
August 17-18, 2009
Lithuania, Kaunas
Lithuanian Veterinary Academy

Purpose

The two networks NOVA and BOVA generally focus on inter-university cooperation in education, one of the dominant activities being Master level education. Internationalization of studies is prioritised in the member institutions of NOVA and BOVA as a way to provide students with a wider understanding and more skilled knowledge in selected areas with Nordic and Baltic dimension.

Many years of experience shows the extreme need to develop international intensive short-term courses of up to 2 weeks and make them available for a bigger number of MSc students as they like to move from their home institutions for shorter periods in comparison with long-term mobilities. Great attention is paid to the development of distance learning part in these courses to achieve more effective outcomes .

NOVA and BOVA have had good experience in the development of such courses in the areas where well functioning academic networks have been created. But a lot of areas could be developed even further if interchange are foreseeable.

Such courses fit the national curricula in the partner institutions. Thus this process will lead to the improvement of existing national curricula and, in the long term, could lead to the development of Joint study programmes.

This seminar will gather administrative representatives as well as teaching staff from NOVA and BOVA with the following two major aims:

- (i) to discuss the possibilities for maintaining and developing joint intensive master level courses, including future priority areas, coordination set-up, and realistic options for internal and external funding;
- (ii) to plan concrete joint NOVA-BOVA Master level courses by joint Baltic-Nordic academic teams for the coming years (provisory in 2010-2011).

Participants

- Teachers, researcher who were involved in the organisation of BOVA or NOVA master courses in the previous years or those who would like to create the joint courses in the future; (max. 20)
 - BOVA coordinators, NOVA or Nordplus coordinators, other administrative staff involved in international education; (max. 10-12)
 - Representatives of NOVA KUF and BOVA CC are desirable; (max. 3-4)
 - Students’ representatives. (max. 5)
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Preliminary time frame:**August 17 (after lunch):**

- Plenary session: 2 hours
- Parallel workshops, 4 hours

August 18 (until lunch):

- Workshop reports, 2-3 hour
- Summing-up the seminar, 1 hour

Expected outcomes:

Results of the seminar will affect the future development of NOVA-BOVA cooperation in the field of Master studies bearing in mind the possibility for Joint Master Programmes in the area of agriculture, forestry and veterinary sciences.

A number of joint courses will be initiated and performed by the joint forces of NOVA and BOVA member universities with the help of Nordplus programme support.

The mobility between NOVA and BOVA member universities will rapidly increase and the students will widen their knowledge in Nordic-Baltic dimension.

Time

The seminar will last from lunch to lunch; therefore the participants are expected to arrive:

From the Baltics:

a) on Sunday evening, August 16 or b) on Monday morning, August 17 before lunch.

From the Nordic countries:

a) fly to Kaunas on Monday morning (August 17) before lunch

(There will be AirBaltic service operating to/from Kaunas with the main connection via Riga by the time of seminar - possible arriving time 12:20).

b) fly to Vilnius on Monday August 17 early morning and drive to Kaunas.

(Driving time from Vilnius to Kaunas is 1,5 hours.)

Last seminar day will end with a social programme at around 15:00 in Kaunas. Nordic participants will be taken to the Kaunas or Vilnius Airport.

Place

Seminar place: Lithuanian Veterinary Academy, Kaunas, Tilzes g.18. Main building

Accommodation: Reval Hotel Neris, K. Donelaičio g. 27, Kaunas

www.revalhotels.com/lt/Hotels/Lithuania/Reval-Hotel-Neris

Financial arrangements

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Registration to the seminar until June 20, 2009

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