



Decisions of the latest BOVA board meeting

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Discussed topics

- ✘ Report on the BOVA activities, 2003
- ✘ Draft agreement between BOVA member universities on joint studies:
 - ✘ presentations of draft,
 - ✘ discussion,
 - ✘ positions of member universities,
 - ✘ proposals for final version)
- ✘ Funding of BOVA activities in 2005

Report on the BOVA activities, 2003

- ✦ Presented report on main BOVA activities in 2003 and 1st half of 2004
- ✦ Discussed importance of arranging PhD courses in Baltic States, PhD experience in Latvia and Lithuania from 2002
- ✦ Continuity of prepared MSc/PhD courses in Baltic universities
- ✦ Realized new funding opportunities after becoming true members of EU and the task for secretariat to look for additional external funds (small secretariat projects for preparing of applications, etc.)

Report on the BOVA activities, 2003 - continued

- ✘ Relations with agricultural universities in North West Russia region
- ✘ Legal status of BOVA
- ✘ Visibility of BOVA, focusing to web resources.

Decision: *BOVA Rector Board approves the report on the BOVA activities in 2003.*

MSc programs. Agreement between BOVA member universities on joint studies

- ✦ AGREEMENT on co-operation in the field of Joint BOVA study programmes
- ✦ Legal opinion about the Draft Agreement by the legal adviser Aiiis Liin
- ✦ No juridical base at the EU for the activity in joint master degrees, however, agreements between institutions welcomed if willing to cooperate in joint education
- ✦ Until the model of agreement is prepared from the side of European Commission Baltic universities may go forward with their own agreement

Agreement on joint studies – discussions and decisions

- ✦ Presented draft agreement still can be improved
- ✦ Principal decision if the joint study program activity should be continued on BOVA or not;
- ✦ Because of problems with registration and accreditation better to start from the already existing programs, involving the partner Universities;
- ✦ Responsibility of one leading university for the program
- ✦ External funding is necessary for serious development of joint program

Agreement on joint studies – discussions and decisions: continued

Decision: Lea Michelson will implement corrections to agreement according the remarks of meeting participants and will send it to the member universities. The Member universities commit to make a final revision till the 4th of October. The agreement will be signed in the NOVA-BOVA seminar on 28th of October, 2004.

Funding of BOVA activities in 2005

- ✦ decision of previous BOVA Rector Board meeting to have a joint financial pool for activity of BOVA network in 2005
- ✦ willingness to maintain cooperation with NOVA
- ✦ draft of budget for BOVA and BOVA secretariat activities in 2005:
 - ✦ costs of network administration
 - ✦ running of activities at faculty/department level
- ✦ ways of funding:
 - ✦ "Joint BOVA pool"
 - ✦ allocations at home universities

Funding of BOVA activities in 2005 - DECISION

Decision: *Rectors of Baltic agricultural and veterinary universities agree to take a political decision on allocation of internal funds according to proposed BOVA budget for 2004. 1-2 month are necessary for the passing all the procedures with this budgeted question at member universities. During the next meeting Rector Board could make the final decision aiming to the deadline of the 1st of December, 2004.*

Planning of the next Board meeting

- ✘ Have to be agreed during NOVA-BOVA seminar
- ✘ Aiming to the beginning of December, 2004