

Asian and European staff mobility

Sketch

Interviews with staffs and “almost” staffs.

Évora has quite a few staff mobilities to Asia, Vietnam, Laos, Thailand.

I took the the opportunity to talk also with some grantees, well in the thirties and forties, which are PhD-student or Postdoc.

Topics

1. Concrete information, what, where, when.
2. Principal activities
3. Consequences for the grantee
4. Consequences for Host
5. Consequences for Home

Asia - Europe

- Two staffs from Mongolia (Information by Anujin)
- Postdoc Mongolia – Évora
- Postdoc Vietnam – Évora
- PhD student Vietnam – Évora
- Master student Mongolia – Évora

Mongolia: Staff exchange

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- This staff beneficiary had a very good experience during her mobility.
- She had an interesting mobility, and was also involved in the administrative matters of EMMA. Her presence has benefited to the program, as she served as a link between YTU and UNS in the implementation

One drop-out S1

Mongolia: Staff Exchange Azjargal Ulziibayar

I spent one month working for International relations department at the University of Warsaw. “They were very quick in handling issues like stipend and accommodation. I had the chance to attend Staff training week at the University of Warsaw and received a certificate for it. During the training, I met many teachers from many different countries as well as people who look after international relations. I had no difficulties regarding my mobility.”

The Postdocs

The information given was very similar.

- 1) CITI – Évora, Mathematics and QNU – Évora, Chemistry, 6 months with extension.
- 2) Activities: research, prepare na article with home supervisor.
- 3) Consequences for grantee:

They were doing research which could not be carried out at home: lack of time, mostly due to necessary teaching activities. The chemistry postdoc was happy with computer facilities for numerical computing.

They expressed willingness to extend colaboration with the supervisors after the mobility.

4/5) Consequences for home/host

Concrete results like an article are useful for all kinds of reports.

Continued collaboration enhances sustainability possibilities.

PhD

1) 36 months Kontum (Danang) – Évora.

2) Activities: Research, improving English, writing of thesis.

3) Consequences for grantee: PhD.

Due to teaching load, which is necessary to fulfill for subsistence, it is considered practically impossible to prepare a thesis at home.

4) Consequences for host: research was carried out for which the supervisor neither had the time nor the talent. Results above expectation.

5) First PhD at the Mathematics Department at Kontum. After returning home, the grantee aims to send colleagues /students to get PhD.

Advanced Masters student

- 1) M11 Mongolia – Évora.
- 2) Activities: Writing research Masters thesis in Economics.
- 3) Consequences for grantee: She is disabled, in a wheelchair. For her it represents a serious obstacle to study and work. The thesis will be a big support.
- 5) Consequences for host: maybe awareness to deal with disabled.

The principal university buildings are historic, and in spite of country and EU rules do not offer access to disabled. After EMMA acceptance the candidate was refused two times to come. Diplomacy and modification of mobility into thesis preparation in appropriate building finally lead to acceptance.

Staff mobilities with home Évora

I. Thailand

1) 2 months Évora – Patani, mathematics

2) Operations Research, two seminars

3) Well, and also socially well received, but difficulty to leave the campus for security reasons.

4/5) No follow-up.

II. Vietnam

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 - 1) Évora – Danang, 2 months mathematics, with husband, physics.
 - 2) 2 seminars, participating in meetings, plan of videocourse, started accompanying a PhD-candidate.
 - 3) Consequences for candidate: though she went home enthusiastically, there was no follow-up: the PhD candidate fell short after 6 months. However the husband received 3 Masters students from Danang within another Erasmusmundus.
 - 4/5) The cooperation with these 3 Masterstudents.

II.

1 months, Economics.

The grantee supervised and supervises many EMMA-grantees, among others the Mongolian disabled person.

Report to be completed

III.

1 month, urbanism.

Now in the Board of Directors of another Erasmus+ program ICM with Asia, based in Évora.

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Laos

I. 2 months

1) Évora – NUOL, mathematics.

2) Activities: Contacts with staff and students, set-up of future cooperation. Colaboration in revision of part of Mathematics curriculum.

3)4)5)

Consequences: 6 mathematics students came to Évora, he was supervisor. Some of them participated in a Workshop in Amiens, coorganized by him.

Co-organization of research project on modelling plagues in rice-growth NUOL-Amiens-Évora, one EMMA-grantee participates in this project.

Co-organizing two international Workshops on Applied Mathematics at Nuol. December 2016: with SEAMS, January 2017: with CIMPA.

Another workshop organized at Savannakhat University.

Constructing common PhD program Évora-Amiens-NUOL.

Inspired some staff mobilities on nursing NUOL-Évora in both senses.

III.

6 months Postdoc of President of the Portuguese Mathematical Society, TG2, Open University, Lisbon.

TG2 to NUOL.

Involved in the workshops and PhD project mentioned above.

Conclusions

- **Asia-Europe:** Research cooperation established with perspective to the future
- **Europe-Asia:** Research and organizational cooperation established, some feel short. There are cross-overs to other Erasmus Programs and perspective of building new common programs.