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**MEETING OF THE BFUG
Berlin, Germany, 5-6 March 2007**

**EURASHE UPDATE
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1. Third EURASHE Seminar on Life Long Learning and the Intermediate Level in Higher Education: “Shared Interests of Employers and Life Long Learning”:

The seminar will be organised by EURASHE in close cooperation with ESA, the Association of European Schools of Higher Education in Administration and Management in the German speaking countries.

Representatives from industry and the world of employment generally, in dialogue with AD graduates and representatives from degree-awarding institutions in different European countries (Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, ...) on the inclusion of the intermediate degree in the first cycle degree.

Venue and time: Haus der Wirtschaft Stuttgart, (Baden-Württemberg, Germany), 12 March 2007.

2. EURASHE Seminar on Institutional Quality Assurance in Professional Higher Education:

(EURASHE will seek the cooperation of the other E4 Group members in this seminar.)

It will be a combination of seminar & workshop including the following activities:

a) a seminar with presentations on the philosophy, standards & practicalities pertaining to the QA system being developed within the framework of the Bologna Process.

b) a workshop/training session, incorporated in the seminar, on the implementation of the institutional internal QA and its relationship to an external QA review, with practical case studies,

The event will be a joint exercise both for QA representatives from 'partner countries' (regions outside Europe, cfr item 4) and from member countries of the EHEA.

Venue and provisional time: Brussels, 7- 8 May 2007

3. EURASHE Annual Meeting and Conference:

Venue and time: Copenhagen (Denmark), 25-26-27 April 2007,

EURASHE's 2007 annual conference in Copenhagen wants to highlight two issues that are particularly relevant for the sector of professional higher education, and which are also among the stresses we are making at the next meeting of the Ministers of Education of the Bologna countries, 17-18 May 2007 in London.

The social dimension of Higher Education, encompassing the concept of Life Long Learning, and including fair Access to HE, the furthering of democratic processes in the New Bologna Countries, and QA issues

Research & Innovation, focusing on a culture of cooperation of stakeholders in HE in a regional setting, on varying interpretations of research and innovation among universities and professional HEIs, and on the expectations of professional Higher Education concerning new initiatives like the EIT.

The conference wants to highlight the variety in the typology of HEIs, with all its implications.

4. Eurasian Conference on QA in a Trans-national Context:

This conference which will be set up in cooperation with national and transnational providers of HE in the Eurasian region, and in partnership with enterprises operating in the region, has the support of the Tempus programme of the European Commission. It will treat diverse themes related to the overall quality of higher education such as institutional QA in professional HE, involvement of all stakeholders in HE, and relevance of the developed Standards and Guidelines in QA for the region.

VENUE: Almaty, Kazakhstan

TIME: 2-4 July 2007.