



Workshop for Improving the Romanian Higher Education System

Focus on: Research Management

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Workshop Agenda

September 8-9, 2011

Thursday, September 8, 2011

Venue: Politehnica University Bucharest, the Senate Hall, Splaiul Independenței, nr. 313, Sector 6, Bucharest

8:30 – 9:00 Registration

9:00 – 9:50 Welcome and Introductions

Moderator: Dr. Remus Pricopie - President of the Board of Directors, Romanian-U.S. Fulbright Commission

Ms. Edwina Sagitto – Cultural Affairs Officer, Embassy of the United States

Dr. Marian Gheorghe – Provost, Politehnica University of Bucharest

Dr. Adrian Curaj – General Director, Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding (UEFISCDI)

Dr. Mihai Korka - Member of the Board of Directors, Romanian-U.S. Fulbright Commission

Dr. Andrei Ruckenstein - Vice President and Associate Provost for Research at Boston University

Session I

10:00 – 10:45

- ▶ Introduction: name, position, if you learn one thing from the workshop what would that be?

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee break

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- ▶ Three break-out groups: define the main issues with which you are struggling in the Romanian context

11:45 – 12:30

- ▶ Three designated leaders summarize the findings of the groups (15 minutes each)

12:30 – 13:30

- ▶ Choose ten of these issues for more detailed discussion (by vote)
- ▶ Define the framework (talent development, infrastructure development, building core competency of the country as a whole, individual vs. team research, humanities vs science & engineering, role of government, university, and industry in building research enterprises)

13:30 – 14:45 Lunch

Session II

15:00 – 16:15

- ▶ Develop a Research Administration/ and Compliance Programs
- ▶ Ethical code for conduct of research (Rules are there to facilitate rather than limit research)

16:15 – 16:30 Coffee Break

Session III

16:30 – 17:45

- ▶ Management models (top down?, bottom up?)
- ▶ Funding models
- ▶ New Community Focus
 - Interdisciplinarity
 - Technology Development
 - University-Industry collaborations

19:00 – 20:30 Reception

Friday, September 9, 2011

Session IV

9:00 – 9:30

- ▶ Comments and issues on previous day's discussions

9:30 – 11:00

- ▶ Talent recruitment and retention
- ▶ Team building
- ▶ Research vs. teaching
- ▶ The role of the diaspora

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 – 12:00

- ▶ Session dedicated to the presentation of Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding (UEFISCDI) and Politehnica University of Bucharest

Wrap up Session

12:00 – 13:30

- ▶ Deliverables
- ▶ Romania's Global Involvement
- ▶ AER's personal views on building Romania's reputation

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch

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