



Central European Exchange Program for University Studies (CEEPU) – A joy of networking

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CEEPUS



- ▶ **Central European Exchange Program for University Studies**
- ▶ **AIM:** the cooperation among Contracting Parties in the field of higher education and related research, in particular inter-university cooperation and mobility
- ▶ **MEMBERS:** Albania, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia and Slovenia (Prishtina/Kosovo is also participating)
- ▶ **MAIN ACTIVITY:** university networks operating joint programs ideally leading to Joint Degrees, especially Joint Doctoral Programs
- ▶ **FINANCING:** an internal currency of "1 scholarship month" - each country pays its INCOMING students and teachers and has to pledge at least 100 scholarship months per academic year



CIII-HR-06 I I Network



- ▶ *Novel diagnostic and therapeutic approaches to complex genetic disorders*
- ▶ established in a. y. 2011/2012
- ▶ **members:** (Austria), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Serbia, and Slovenia
 - ▶ Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Beograd
 - ▶ Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Ljubljana
 - ▶ Institute of Laboratory Medicine, University of Pecs
 - ▶ First Medical Faculty, Charles University Prague
 - ▶ Medical Faculty Hradec Kralove, Charles University Prague
 - ▶ Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Sarajevo
 - ▶ Faculty of Pharmacy and Biochemistry, University of Zagreb
 - ▶ (Medical University of Graz 2011-2013)



CIII-HR-06 I I Network

- ▶ established on the foundations of the CEEPUS Network CII-HR-0044 *New Technologies in the Undergraduate and Postgraduate Education of Medical Biochemists* (coordinated by Professor Dubravka Juretić, Faculty of Pharmacy and Biochemistry, UniZg;)
- ▶ high contribution was provided by Professor Jana Lukač Bajalo (Ljubljana) and Professor Tamás Kőszegi (Pecs)





Aim of the CIII-HR-06 I I Network



- ▶ the **enhancement and improvement of collaboration and activities** focused on the studies in the field of **diagnosis, prognosis, and therapy of the disorders with complex genetic background**
- ▶ exchange of teaching and research experience in these fields
- ▶ enhancing student and teacher mobility
- ▶ collaboration on:
 - ▶ harmonization of existing and development of new PhD curricula,
 - ▶ preparation new joint PhD programs
 - ▶ contribution to the setting of uniform criteria for PhD degrees in Pharmacy and Laboratory Biomedicine in Central European area





Mobility - CIII-HR-06 I I Network



- ▶ 113 mobility months
- ▶ number of the awarded months strongly depends on the state financial support to the CEEPUS

Country	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015
Austria	10	4		
Bosnia and Herzegovina	5	2	4	4
Croatia	12	8	7	10
Czech Republic	8	3	4	6
Hungary	1	2	2	2
Serbia	1	1	1	2
Slovenia	12	14	12	4



Activities

- ▶ mostly students of the last semester or PhD students
- ▶ usually whole or partial Master Diploma work (several joint MSc diploma work)
- ▶ teachers mobility: lectures on the subjects not incorporated in the curriculum of the host institution
- ▶ possibility to perform obligatory professional practice





ESPT & CEEPUS Summer School



- ▶ together with the European Society of Pharmacogenomics and Theranostics (ESPT) co-organisation of the 1st ESPT Summer School on Pharmacogenomics and Theranostics, Ljubljana, August 20-26, 2012





CEEPUS Summer School 2014



- ▶ Portorož, August 23-29, 2014
- ▶ the main topics:
 - ▶ cardiovascular diseases
 - ▶ immune system diseases
 - ▶ metabolic disorderswith emphasis on pharmacogenomics and theranostics
- ▶ ~50 participants
- ▶ lectures, students' presentations, interactive workshops





Obstacles

- ▶ unbalanced number of mobility months per participation unit (PPU)
- ▶ disparity in the curricula (especially in the study of Medical Biochemistry)
- ▶ obligations of the students which do not allow absence during the semester
- ▶ low number of the courses in English
- ▶ dramatically reduced number of scientific novices (potential PhD students of the Joint PhD Programs)
- ▶ complex and demanding procedure of accreditation of (joint) PhD programs
- ▶ low number of mobility months (related to PhD studies)





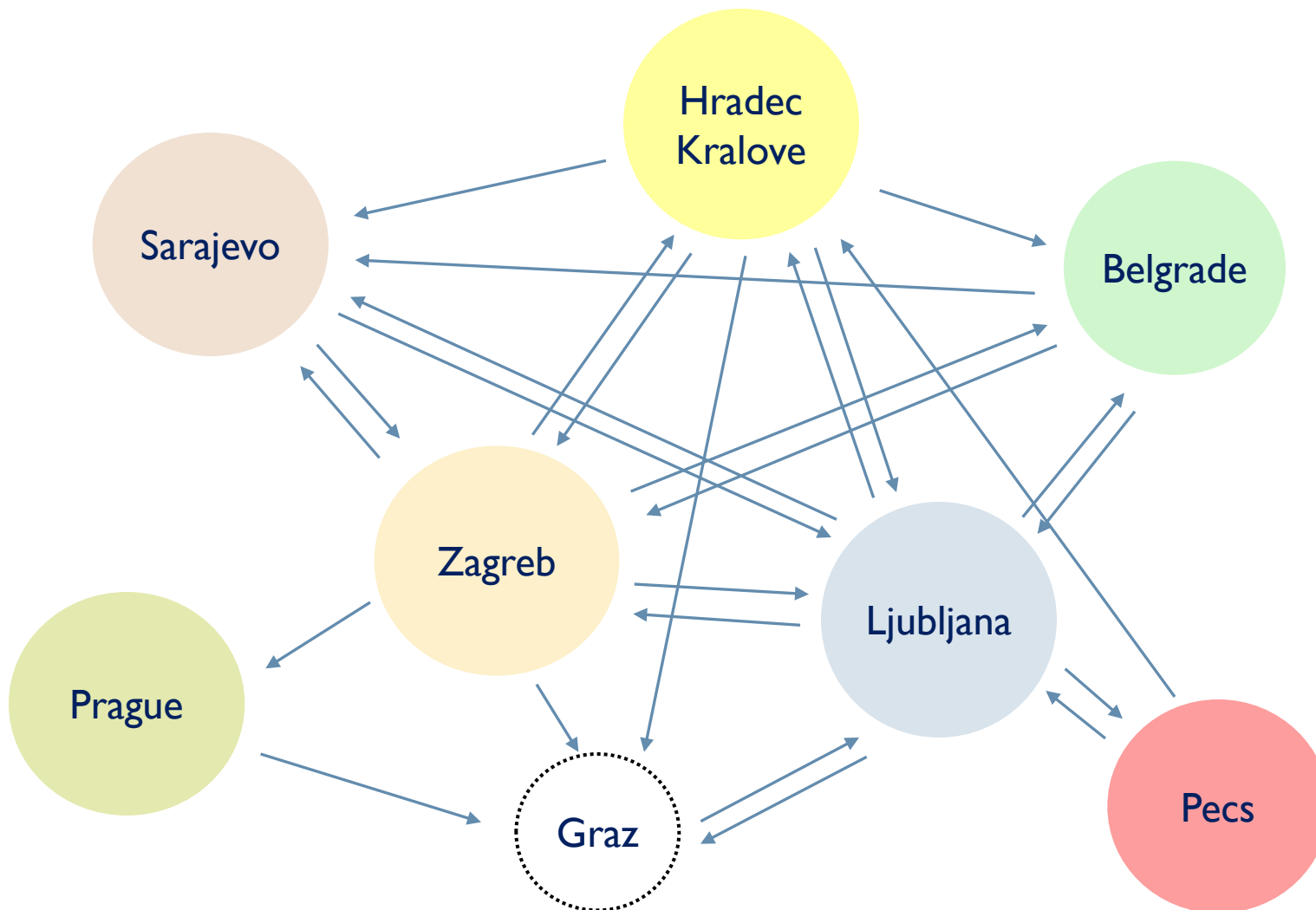
Challenges

- ▶ to increase number of PPU's
- ▶ to increase number of mobility months (by improving and intensifying the Network activities)
- ▶ to enhance the awareness of the students about the CEEPUS activities and the possibilities which CEEPUS provides
- ▶ to create and propose the Joint PhD Program at least between 2 PPU's
- ▶ to encourage teachers to actively participate in hosting students from abroad





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Instead the conclusions

- ▶ to use the opportunities provided by CEEPUS for establishing new networks in the field of pharmacy
 - ▶ to intensify students' and teachers' mobility
 - ▶ to develop new PhD curricula
 - ▶ to prepare new joint PhD programs
 - ▶ to contribute to the setting of uniform criteria for PhD degrees



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