UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme

Progress Report

Period of activity: January- December 2007

UNESCO Chair in Informatics for the Humanities

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I. Activities

1. Academic activities

Education
During the 2007 activity year, the UNESCO Chair in Informatics for the Humanities offered courses on geographic information systems and latest multimedia technologies. Target group: postgraduate students in the humanities.

Trainings
Information and communication technologies in underdeveloped zones of Lithuania. Target group: professionals in the Humanities and members of rural communities.

Research
Projects on the use of information technologies for the preservation and restoration of cultural heritage and the dissemination of cultural heritage knowledge through digital media and the Internet.

2. Publications/Digital Material
The UNESCO Chair has supervised the making of video reportages on the training of rural communities in the use of digital and communication technologies. Several reports on the Chair’s fields of activity in Informatics for the Humanities and Community Informatics are available for distribution.

3. Partnerships
Centre for Social Studies, Vilnius University, Lithuania
Open Society Fund, Lithuania
Library of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences, Lithuania
National Library of the Czech Republic, Prague, Czech Republic
Institute for Advanced Management Systems Research (IAMSR), Finland
Cultural and Educational Technology Institute (CETI), Xanthi, Greece

II. Impact

During the 2007 activity period, the UNESCO Chair in Informatics for the Humanities organized regular workshops on the uses of digital and communication technologies for rural communities in Lithuania. The Chair has closely collaborated with partner institutions in Lithuania, Latvia, Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, Greece and Spain.

III. Forthcoming activities

The UNESCO Chair will continue to supervise the development of trainings on information technology for both the student community at the Institute of Mathematics and Informatics and rural communities in Lithuania. The Chair will promote the uses of modern technologies for the protection of cultural heritage in Lithuania and other parts of the world.